

RAINING HOPE

“And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture.” Zechariah 10:1

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We would like to thank all those who gave so quickly to meet the immediate needs of the Raining Hope family and the parents and guardians of our children. We thank you for your sacrificial giving at such a time of great need.

The June 2021 newsletter contains information on the secondary lockdown that has affected the entire country of Uganda. Things have not changed much from what we reported last month. They highly anticipate the lockdown will not lift entirely after 42 days. **We need your continued prayers as they continue to quarantine for a second time.**

This newsletter is dedicated to you, our sponsors who care so deeply for the Raining Hope family. There are letters of thank you from Godfrey and many of our children who delivered the food (gifts) you provided to their families.

The situation in Uganda has been given a nickname in Luganda - “Buli Muntu Agumye Mune”. Translation - “Every person should encourage each other”. This statement sums up the serious suffering that is happening in Uganda now. Pray for Raining Hope as we encourage our community and our nation with the HOPE of Christ. We love you! *Mama Eydie Kisakye*

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing,” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

JULY 2021

UGANDA NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN An Extraordinary Thank You for Caring



Greetings to you our dear sponsors and partners.

Thank you so much for supporting the parents of our children with food and supplies. As a nation, we were forced to go into the second lockdown due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases. Many people began dying and others hospitalized because of COVID-19. Our president decided for us to be totally locked down again for the next 42 days (until July 31, 2021).

This lockdown has affected many people as compared to the first. Our people were just recovering from the effects of the first lockdown and boom another comes before they recover. With our economy as a nation, it is very difficult to be in the lockdown. Most of the population here depends on **hand to mouth** kind of living. This shows how devastating the COVID-19 virus has affected many aspects of life, from **poverty to hunger and eventually death**.

For you to **support the families of our children with food and supplies**, it shows great encouragement and love. I appreciate the manna of your lives and the great compassion. Your kindness is not in vain. God will surely reward your generosity. As a leader and parent to these children, I am so happy to have this support. It gives me great joy to **see these children smiling and encouraged**. They are all motivated knowing well that **even their parents are taken care of**. Therefore, I extend my sincere thanks to you for all the love and support. We know that **together** we shall overcome this COVID-19 virus and as **you stand with us, we shall feel less of its effect**.

We shall continue to seek God even on your behalf that He will intervene in all situations. We send our sincere condolences and comfort to those of you who have lost your loved ones in the fight against COVID-19. May God comfort you.

We love you dearly and praying for you always. May God keep you and encourage you.

Shalom,
Godfrey - Raining Hope Ministries Uganda

We have been able to **help the families of our children with food for the month of July. Relief funds that we continue to collect** will be needed for a **few more months**. The approximate cost right now to take care of their families is \$600 a month. Our children have been relieved that their parents and guardians had food to eat due to your sacrificial giving. There are testimonies of thanksgiving from some of our children on page 3. The Raining Hope website and my Facebook page will post videos of some of the families receiving their gifts of food. There will be more testimonies of thankfulness in the months to come. Each one of our children deeply thank you for your compassionate giving at this challenging time.

Godfrey is working with a council of the other ministries in Jinja to make sure that needs are being met throughout the city. Right now, our focus is on our home and the parents and guardians of our children.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR CHILDREN



Dear Sponsors:

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so thankful for your lives having been always a blessing to us. We came to learn about your generous giving towards the support of our parents during the facing of a second lockdown in Uganda. Some of our people have been struggling all through this pandemic testing time. We therefore thank God who heard our prayers that **through you He came to our rescue.** We love you so much and may God surely continue to bless you all the days of your lives. May the Lord keep you strong. Stay safe. We love you.

Grace and Peace, Hillary



Hello Sponsors:

I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope you all are doing well. I am doing well too.

I want to thank you for the prayers, support and love towards us. May God bless you. I am very happy for the gifts that you have given to our parents since **they are not working because of the lockdown.** This means a lot to me. Thank you so much. I once again thank you for your prayers. My greetings to all your family members and I will always put you in my prayers.

Love, Vivian



Dear Sponsors:

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you so much for your prayers and support to me and my family. I thank you for the gift that was given to my mum and my family. Thank you so very much. May the God of the heavens see you through all and bless you more than I hope or even think. Thank you so much. I pray that God will bless you and cover you with joy and peace all the days of your life. Thank you so, so much. I am really so thankful.

I love you so much and **pray for you each time I am in my war room.** Thank you so much. I love you so very much. Always praying for you. I love you.
Sophia

Dear Sponsors:

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are doing well there and are staying safe. I personally thank you for the gifts you have given to my mom. The truth is things are not good in Uganda. **Parents are suffering looking for what to feed their children.** I thank you for supporting my mum. We are so happy and so glad to have you in our lives as a family.

I am so happy for the gifts you have given to our parents. I know they are very thankful to you our sponsors. Thank you for the support. We love you and we pray for you. Stay safe. Zuluta (Sophia's sister)

Note: **Sophia & Zuluta's mum is HIV positive. She is very sick with kidney issues.**



COVID-19 LOCKDOWN PRAYER POINTS



Food Supply:

1. The situation is hard because people literally don't have the money to buy food which is causing **hunger** among the population. There will be **more deaths due to hunger** not from the COVID-19 virus.
- 2.. Because of travel restrictions, it is difficult fo transport food from fields to the market. This is causing **food prices to skyrocket**. In some cases **prices are three times the normal amount**. Those who can not buy food are going hungry.
3. The central market is open. However, the vendors are allowed to stay open only if they sleep there as well because of the travel restrictions. **Pray for our regular vendors** who also need support.
4. This lockdown unlike the first one is more difficult because the government and other organizations will **not be providing any food or funding to help individuals**. This will cause an **increase in crime** as people get desperate. **Continue to pray for our safety** in our compound.
5. Most Ugandans live from **hand to mouth and don't have any savings built up**. They only eat when they have worked. That is why the lockdown has affected so many this time.
6. The **exchange rate is also unstable**. It was a much lower rate which caused the last wire to be \$100 less in shillings.

Healthcare System:

7. Healthcare system is **overwhelmed** - Hospitals can not keep up with the new cases.
8. Pray for **doctors and nurses and all healthcare workers**.
9. **Medicine costs have skyrocketed**. Godfrey's words are it is "unpatriotic". EG. Malaria treatment usually around \$40 - now \$110.
10. Pray for **healing and cure** for COVID-19
11. Pray for comfort for those who have **lost loved ones**.
12. Pray for **wisdom and discernment for the government** as they make decisions.

Schools & Churches:

13. **Schools are closed** until further notice.
14. **Churches are closed to in-person gatherings**.
15. Our **radio ministry** continues to be the main source of spreading the gospel in a time that HOPE is critical. Our church has an average of over 200 attending on Sunday (pre-COVID). The radio ministry began during the pandemic to reach the Raining Hope congregation. Most do not have the ability for online services but everyone has a radio. God has taken this ministry from just our congregation and unexpectedly extended it to reach throughout the entire country of Uganda!
16. Pray for Godfrey as he **preaches on Sunday through the radio ministry**. Pray for Godfrey as he encourages the population as he preaches and prays with people. Praying for **repentance and lives to be transformed**.



On June 23, 2021 we lost a dear friend of ours. Chris was our original driver from our early trips to Uganda. He was 49 years old. He leaves behind his wife and children. He also had lost a brother and had taken in his some of his children. When Godfrey talked with the wife to offer our condolences, he discovered that they also lost one of the nephews just last week.

Please keep the entire family in your prayers at this time of extreme loss. He will be missed.

Touch Uganda

GRACEFELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, July 11, 2021, Grace Fellowship in Duarte, California announced a **two-week emphasis on prayer and giving in support of Raining Hope as well as Wells of Hope** (another one of their ministry partners in Uganda). Grace Fellowship has been one of our faithful monthly supporters for many years. After reading about the challenges in Uganda in our last newsletter and seeking direction in prayer, Pastor Doug felt led by the Lord to do more, over and above their regular giving.

Their two-week call to prayer falls in the midst of the 42-day lockdown. We are thankful for Grace Fellowship for calling for **extraordinary prayer and extraordinary giving** at a time our Ugandan family needs extra encouragement. They are dedicating the next two weeks to **pray daily for the needs in Uganda**. Please join us as we **continue to lift up Raining Hope during the 42 day lockdown** and the extraordinary needs at this unprecedented time.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. FOOD SUPPLY** - Last month our budget increased to \$2,200 due to the lockdown. Even with the increase we were able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month due to the generosity of all our supporters. Pray for the increased budget needs that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of each month. **Due to the current lockdown we anticipate food prices and medical bills will temporarily increase the budget substantially.**
- 2. RADIO MINISTRY** - The radio ministry continues to have a huge impact on the local community and the nation. Through the gifts from three generous donors we have been able to cover the local radio program fees. Continue to pray for the needed **monthly \$135 airtime fee for the local program**. **Currently we have one person who has been giving towards this need. The National Radio program is at no charge.**
- 3. NEW PLATES & UTENSILS** - We are in need of buying new plates, cups, utensils, pots, kitchen supplies, etc. It has been a couple of years since we were able to purchase these needed items. Godfrey said because plates etc. have broken they are not all eating at the same time in order to share plates. **Cost: \$521**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

CHECKS: Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as RELIEF etc. or BUDGET and send to our stateside office. If multiple donations come in for a specific need, funds will be placed in the budget to cover the needs. If there is no designation it will go in budget to use at our discretion.

CREDIT CARD: You can also make credit card donations on our website - www.raininghope.org.

TEXT TO GIVE: If you would like to send a text to give to Raining Hope by credit card, just send a text to 844-544-7171 and text RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts and you will receive a receipt! **Text to Give has no additional charges.**

If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - 805-377-7387

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

IMPORTANT UPDATE;
Checks can be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John or
To our offices in Ventura

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