# RAININGHOPE

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

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Peter is our first graduate from post secondary school. He has been a part of us since the early days of our ministry. After he graduated from secondary school, he left Uganda and went back to Rwanda to put himself through law school. He graduated as the top male of his class! After experiencing the trauma of the Rwandan genocide in 1994, we are rejoicing with him to see how God has continued to guide him as a tremendous young man of God. Peter has lived out Jeremiah 29:11, knowing God had a "plan to prosper him and not harm him, to give him a future and a hope".

Peter and Agnes had postponed their wedding last year due to COVID-19. They were married on March 6, 2021. Due to the restrictions in place due to the continued pandemic, they were only allowed twenty people to be in attendance. You can see by the photos that it was a very beautiful day!

We will be sending Peter and Agnes a monetary gift to celebrate their wedding. If you would like to contribute towards that gift, please mark your gift "Peter & Agnes" or contact Carol John.







#### **MARCH 2021**

# Third Term School Fees, Boarding & Internship

Secondary School Candidates for promotion		<b>Dreams &amp; Goals</b>
Joel	Senior 6	Musician
Maria	Senior 4	Chef
Sophia	Senior 4	Fashion & Design
Zuluta	Senior 4	Accountant
Difasi	Senior 4	Tour Guide

# **Primary School Candidate for promotion**

Jemimah Primary 7 Doctor



#### **Kindergarten Class**

Норе			Vivian
Sub-total for Sch	\$1304		
Total for Boardin	\$ 507		
Post Secondary S	School/Trade School - Internship	•	\$ 630
Vivian	Hotel & Tourism	Pastry Chef	
Post Secondary School/Trade School - Internship			\$ 526
Joan	Social Worker	Social Worker	

#### **GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING: \$2,967**

All fees are currently due now. They have already returned to school.

#### **ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2021**

### **Secondary School**

Sharon	Senior 3	Singer	
Joanne	Senior 3	Nurse	
Tamarah	Senior 3	Accountant	

#### **School Fees and Requirements**

\$ 589

The government is opening up schools slowly. More of our students have gone back to school this month. We thank you for your understanding and support as we all navigate a challenging situation. The additional **school fees are due now** for the secondary school students. They were not given much notice to return to classes. More will be required as soon as the candidate students complete their national exams. Because we are given such short notice, it helps us to be prepared so they are not sent back home. You can make a donation towards school fees by noting it on your check or contact Carol John if the donation is by credit card. **Godfrey asked for continued prayers for Uganda to have guidance and direction especially** 

when it comes to keeping our students safe as schools open and fighting COVID.

#### **MARCH 2021**

# AN UNEXPECTED MIRACLE

In the February 2021 special edition newsletter, we had an article about our desire to send Godfrey on a **spiritual retreat** to spend time with the Lord to rest and recharge. **Due to COVID restrictions and other unavoidable circumstances, we agreed this was not the right timing.** Godfrey and I have been communicating daily and have created an alternative to fill the need for now until we can send him on a retreat. The times of reflection together are building our faith and strengthening our ministry.

During this time we also have faced the obstacle of needing a new van. The repairs are more frequent and are just a bandaid until we can raise enough money to purchase another one for the ministry. With the focus of rising food costs and budget increases with the pandemic, a new van was lower on the priority list.

What happened next can only be **explained by the miraculous**. Here is Godfrey's testimony:

"I had planned to go on a spiritual retreat for about two weeks, but our van was not in good shape. I shared with my friend who helps me sometimes when I need transportation because our van continues to break down. He had a used car that he had bought but it was in good shape. He told me to use that for my trip. When I postponed the trip, I didn't take back the car. Since the **van had broken down**, he allowed me to use the car for the needed transportation. When the time came, I took it back to the owner. The surprise was he **gave me back the car keys and wanted me to have it to help me as I serve the Lord.** He reminded me of the accident I had with the van when the brakes failed on my way to do ministry in Kampala. He said since that "almost accident" he was praying and he believes he bought this car for me. He had even forgotten that he gave it to me to use. At first I thought he was joking, but he kept insisting that I am the new owner. Finally he gave me the signed documents to transfer the ownership into my name! I finally overcame my doubt. I was in awe of this MIRACLE. One thing that came to my mind was that God knows how to reward those who are committed to his work. This came at a point when I was into so much and so it was like God was telling me "I am with you my son, don't be discouraged".

It's a great privilege to **share this MIRACLE with you** that brought so much joy in my heart. **This is an answer to prayer.** I now feel safer on the road as I carry on the work of God by His grace. I strongly believe that God is still in the office of blessing me as a sign of his great love and kindness. We together with Raining Hope share this miracle from God and believe that as we **serve His purpose**, **He remains faithful to us.** 

May this provision humble us more and help us to trust God knowing well that He knows what we exactly need." Praise the Name of the Lord! Shalom - Godfrey

When Godfrey called me to tell me the good news he was **overcome with emotions.** When he told me the car had three previous owners I was expecting something much older. When he sent me these photos, I was the one who was speechless! Godfrey said this man listens to his radio ministry and said he is benefiting from the messages. The man was overcome with his own emotions knowing this is why he had bought the car was to bless Godfrey and our ministry.

Godfrey told me the van is on its last legs and he is praying for the timing of being able to sell it and purchase something more dependable. We are still in need of a van for the home in order to transport the family. But the new gift of this car has





bought us some time. Godfrey can now safely drive to Kampala as well as do the work needed in town. For now the van has been repaired but he can be selective in its use in order to preserve it a little longer.

God not only provided for a need, He gave His best ... better than we could have even imagined. We stand in awe today of this miraculous gift!

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. FOOD SUPPLY - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget to an average of \$1,900 a month. For the last eleven months we have been able to send Godfrey the full budget at the beginning of each month due to the generosity of all our supporters. Pray for the budget needs that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of each month.

#### 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 **through February 2020.** Continue to pray for the **monthly \$135** airtime fee for the local program. The National Radio program is at no charge. We are in need of covering March 2021.

**Testimony:** "People are growing in their faith and turning to the Lord. A man was listening in a town 40 minutes away from Jinja. He prayed to receive Christ after listening to the preaching on the radio. There are many people calling in asking for prayer for their families, for jobs and financial breakthrough. Others seek counseling based on their situation. Many are growing in their walk with God as they listen to the radio program. Thank you for your continued support of the radio ministry. It is making an eternal difference!"

- **3. COMPLIANCE -** COVID-19 also stopped the process of our coming under compliance to receive our official license. Please be in prayer for the needed funds to finish projects and pay fees
- **4. REMODEL OF KITCHEN** To come under compliance one of the areas we are required to complete is the remodel of the kitchen. We have a **balance of \$247** to complete this project.
- 5. SCHOOL FEES Pray for the additional school fees for the secondary school students of \$589. All fees are currently due.
- 6. PRAY FOR THE GENTLEMAN WHO GIFTED US WITH THE VAN. He desires to remain anonymous. Pray the Lord blesses him for his kindness and generous heart and prospers him in his business.



I wanted to thank everyone who joined us for the Raining Hope Fundraiser with Pampered Chef in January. There were some who accepted the invitation on Facebook after the party had concluded.

If anyone is interested in Pampered Chef products, you can always visit: <a href="https://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/tess4031">https://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/tess4031</a> at any time! Tess Bloyer Rolf is an amazing Pampered Chef consultant and a very dear friend. You can to order from Tess at any time. She is the very best! We thank her for her support of the Raining Hope Family!

#### **ANSWERED PRAYER!**

**VAN REPAIRS - COMPLETE!** The necessary repairs were made to our van!

**ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING - COMPLETE!** The necessary repairs were made at the home!

#### **HOW TO MAKE A DONATION**

CHECKS: Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as SCHOOL FEES 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 our offices in Ventura

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