

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## RAINING HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

In the June/July edition of the Raining Hope Newsletter, we gave a very detailed report as to the new regulations, requirements and closures of various children's homes across Uganda. Godfrey and I agree that with the closure of so many homes this will create a need to help more and more families in the community.

As I did more research on the sudden decision to close 569 homes, I was surprised to find it was more than just about illegal homes siphoning money from donors at the expense of the Ugandan children. Hearing that some are using homes for conduits of child trafficking, abusing children's rights for selfish gain brought and "amen" to the closure of these illegal homes.

But as I continued my research I also discovered there is a move towards transitioning from institutional care to home based or community-based care systems. There is a growing movement to take children back to their families and their communities. Rwanda has plans to close all of their orphanages. The government of Malawi intends to close 400 orphanages and take children back to their communities by the end of 2018. (All Africa - May 16, 2018)

In many "orphanages" children can be institutionalized for their whole school life. They call it in Uganda, "keeping them in the gates." So when they turn 20 they suddenly don't know how to cope with the real world. They grow up in an environment not having a sense of community or family. They are disconnected from the world. Children in many orphanages that are run by foreigners have the reputation of having spoiled kids that don't want to do any work.

**Raining Hope is different. We ARE a family.** We have never been categorized as an orphanage because most of our children have a living relative. During school holidays they do go home to connect with relatives and become a positive influence. Since Godfrey has been manager he has been working hard at teaching our children life skills. He takes them shopping to learn about budgeting. They each have responsibilities around the house. We have been very intentional about honoring Ugandan culture in the way they live. Are children are deeply loved and they love deeply.

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## PROPOSED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Raining Hope has twenty-five children. We have been committed to **going deep before going wide** in a movement going in the RIGHT direction living with highest integrity. We have been deeply investing in these twenty-five for the past twelve years. We wanted to keep our commitment to help launch them into their careers. People have asked me if we would take more children as these graduate out. My answer has always been, "I don't have an answer to that. I am trusting God to show me when the time is right."

**The time is now.** We believe that with the new restrictions and closures, Raining Hope is moving towards **transforming lives through the community.** We will be able to help a **wider group of people** as we develop these community based projects. We are empowering our twenty-five students to reach beyond our walls into the Ambercourt community. We are already connecting our children to the community through our church ministry. Now we launch a new direction that will help us in the quest to be one of the few homes that will stay opened in Jinja. Godfrey said that our home needs to have a direct impact on the community. The government is looking for homes that impact people with their programs.

Here are **three areas** that address specific problems that we addressed in the June/July newsletter:

### Project Number 1: Keep Children in School

1. **Homes need to think about solving problems that cause children to be most vulnerable.** *Most homes don't focus on solving real problems that lead children to a life of crime and or living on the street.*
  - a. *For Raining Hope they want to see how we benefit our community. We have a strong presence in our Ambercourt Community. **We are beginning to pray about ways to expand our influence in ways that directly benefit the community.***
  - b. *Godfrey has already been helping by providing school supplies for children in need in the community. We help our neighbors at times when they are in need of food. We need to show the officials we are working towards more projects such as these.*

Most of the children in the community do not perform well in school and others drop out. **Raining Hope can be helpful to the community by providing needy children with school supplies and empower teachers with teaching tools.** This will be helpful to keep the children in school and equip teachers for better teaching.

The above project is intended for **one hundred needy pupils in primary school.** The school will determine those needy children from each class who will be later interviewed by the Raining Hope team for approval. The approved children will later be given a date to come along with their parents or relatives to school to receive their school supplies. The Raining Hope team will provide counseling to the children and their parents or relatives.

The beneficiaries of the gifts will understand the source of funding, the purpose for funding and the objectives. Those children who are supported will be followed up with the school and we will receive progress reports.

Supplies included for the one hundred students are items such as books, pens, pencils, mathematical sets, rulers, bags, school shoes, vaseline, sanitary pads for girls, chalk for teachers, & transportation.

**Cost for project: \$4,225 for one year**

**We would begin with raising money to conduct this project once a year. The cost for this project is for one school. Our goal is to be able to help more than one school and more than 100 students. Target date for this project will be the start of the new school year beginning January 2019.**

**In the future we can consider choosing to support five bright children who performed excellent in school but have no support for university. When these children graduate, they become pillars in the community.**

## Project Number 2: Health Care

2) **Homes must have proper health care for the children.** *They want homes to have a full-time nurse in each approved home. Raining Hope is blessed that we already have a working relationship with the doctors and nurses at the local hospital and clinic. When Jonathan and Jesca graduate this December, we can pursue hiring one or both of them as nursing staff at the home.*

**Our referral children's hospital in our community sometimes lacks medical supplies leading to the death of a number of children.** It is a congested children's hospital since it receives children from all over the eastern region. Godfrey has personally visited several times and the situation is alarming. Raining Hope can bring hope to the community in supporting this health facility by providing needed supplies. These include, syringes, bandages, iv tubes, gloves, diapers, laundry soap, bathing soap, liquid soaps, children's potties, playing materials, administrative needs & transportation. **Cost for project: \$3,081**

With the medical project, on the day we deliver the supplies we would serve food to the sick children and their parents since most of the children suffer malnutrition. Providing lunch to the sick children will cost approximately: **\$710**

**Total cost for the Yearly Health Care Project : \$3,791**

## Project Number 3: Self-Sustainability

3. **Homes must be moving towards self-sustainability.** *We are still planning to buy a small piece of land near the home to grow crops. This will be used not only for food for Raining Hope but also as a source of income. As long as we show we are moving in that direction that should be satisfactory.*

**A long term goal** would be to help the adults in our community. We have the dream of an institution to teach skills and hand crafts to learn a trade. Training could include tailoring, baking, handcrafts and art, sewing, hair dressings etc. After their training, we could give them tools to start off. **This can be started with twenty women and ten men for a total of thirty people in the community for the start. This would cost approximately \$5,600.** We could eventually expand this to building a skills training institute could help people in the community empowered for self-reliance. This will involve buying land, building structures and putting in place the necessary requirements.

We can also empower parents in the community with startup capital up to \$280 each for twenty families per year to start small scale businesses. **This would cost approximately \$5,600.** This can be done in line with the micro finance act in Uganda. We could also provide seeds and farming equipment such as hoes, fertilizers and pesticides for those families that have land but not in use.



## AUGUST Special Update 2018

As a reminder, last year Raining Hope began the process of shifting from a Community Based Organization (CBO). As a CBO we could only operate in the district we are registered in which currently is Jinja. Because our children are FROM other districts we needed to register as a **Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)**. This allows us to help the families of our children and do outreach anywhere in the nation. A CBO has to go through registration every year. As a CLG we would officially be registered in the nation of Uganda and not have to go through this process annually any longer.

In Uganda, the law provides two paths to register for non-profit organizations such as ours, CLG and NGO. Many ministries are now opting to register as CLG's due to strict laws & issues that minimizes organizational privacy as an NGO.

We are thankful that we went through this registration process way in advance of what was coming!

Godfrey has reported that the building is looking beautiful. **The children have commented that they are sleeping like kings and queens in their new beds!** The physical renovations will show the officials that our children are well cared for. We express our sincere thanks to each person who has given towards our roof/renovation campaign. It has been critical that we take care of these issues prior to their visit which can happen at any time.

The three proposals included in this newsletter came as a result of Godfrey speaking with the community directly. He talked to families asking them what would impact them the most. Godfrey prayerfully prepared these proposals out of those conversations. Please pray as Godfrey shares our vision and proposals to the officials. Through our research we believe a key to being approved is how we will impact the Ambercourt Community. We plan on taking one project at a time. All will depend on the funds needed to implement each project.

**Our three year anniversary of the dedication service of our new house was August 8, 2018!** We already have made a difference in the community over the past three years. **We are praying for that APPROVED stamp on the listing of homes to stay open so we can continue to be a beacon of light in the community!**

Thank you for your prayers, support & love,  
Mama Kisakye  
Proverbs 3:5-6



You can give by sending a check to our stateside office. **If you are giving towards the Renovation Campaign, please mark your check "RENOVATIONS" or the money will go into our budget to cover regular monthly budget expenses. If you would like to give towards any of these community projects, mark your check "PROJECTS." If you would like to adopt any of these projects as a group, please contact me directly.**

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### **NEW! AN ADDITIONAL WAY 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!

**Our monthly budget in Uganda is approximately \$1700. This is separate from school fees and renovation needs. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items.**