

RAINING HOPE

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

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It is encouraging to know that it is now 14 years since Mama Eydie Kisakye was sent to Uganda on a missions team. On September 9th we are celebrating 12 years since we officially became Raining Hope Ministries! When I think of the journey we have been on, we have so many reasons to celebrate the goodness of God.

I thank God for what He has done in my life and family together with the life of the rest of the children of Raining Hope. **We have seen God bend down to feed us, heal us and restore hope and joy in our lives.** We have gone from the state of hopelessness to hope unwavering. God has used Mama Kisakye and all of the sponsors to take care of us. We have seen students graduate, lives transformed spiritually, physically and emotionally. We are humbled that God has used all of you to bring a smile in our lives and help our dreams come true.

As a family and ministry, we are forever thankful for Mama Kisakye and Raining Hope as a whole. I thank our dear friends, sponsors and partners for walking this journey with us. Through it all, God has been faithful and wonderful to us. He is the Almighty God who has continued to use all of you in so many ways.

My heartfelt prayers and love to all of you. May Raining Hope continue to serve the purpose of the Kingdom and reach out to many.

Happy 12th Anniversary as Raining Hope Ministries! Thanks to all our lovely friends, sponsors and partners! And Happy 14th Anniversary to Mama Kisakye!

Godfrey - Raining Hope Ministries Uganda

Happy Anniversary from Carol, Raining Hope Treasurer

Happy anniversary to Eydie, Godfrey and the entire Raining Hope family in Uganda. May the Lord continue to keep you and bless you with His goodness, power and love.

There is a sweet fragrance that emanates from Raining Hope. It is the sweetness that comes from loving God and loving one another.

There is light that shines brightly from Raining Hope that pushes back the darkness.

And there is a power found within Raining Hope that overcomes the challenges of daily life and is a force for good in our world.

As treasurer I take care of the monthly gifts you send, year after year, to provide all that the family needs in Uganda. And I stand amazed:

Through the Lord you have generously assisted in sustaining a community of people in great need who are from another culture, another heart language and another continent than your own for these 12 years since we became Raining Hope. For some you have given since Eydie first began going to Uganda 14 years ago. All this while trusting your own needs and challenges of daily life to your Heavenly Father. Well done.

Like you I see through these newsletters the growth of the students physically, mentally and spiritually. My faith deepens as I hear their individual stories of sorrow turned to joy because of God's love poured out to them through Raining Hope.

May Eydie and Godfrey be given wisdom and vision for the coming years. May the students grow into kingdom people, praising God and sharing their faith in Jesus.

May you, our supporters be blessed beyond measure in your own lives.

And may the partnerships among us all continue and flourish!

Happy anniversary. To God be the glory!

Love, Carol



"Buli Muntu Agumye Mune"

Translation - "Every person should encourage each other".

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing,"

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

An Extraordinary Thank You for Extraordinary Caring



We continue to deeply thank you for the way you have supported us in providing food and supplies to the families of our children. **The parents continue to be overwhelmed** with your love and care for them. They were not expecting the second delivery last month.

UPDATE: We reported that **Sophia & Zuluta's mum was very sick due to being HIV positive and having kidney issues.** We are pleased to report that **she is doing better** and was able to **return home!** The thirteen year old twins that

were staying with us temporarily in order to keep them safe have also returned home to be with their mum. Thank you for praying for the whole family with all their unique challenges.



Families are slowly going back to work. **We will continue to closely monitor the needs of our children's families as well as the community. Relief efforts are still a priority.** Our children have been so relieved that their parents and guardians had food to eat due to your sacrificial giving. The Raining Hope website and my Facebook page have posted videos of some of the families receiving their gifts of food. Each one of our children deeply thank you for your compassionate giving at this challenging time. Thank you for standing with us. Godfrey said they feel less of its effect because of your deep love and support. Together we shall overcome and God receives all the glory! **We ask that you continue to pray for Uganda and for the Raining Hope family** as much of the effect of COVID-19 restrictions are predicted to last throughout the rest of this year.

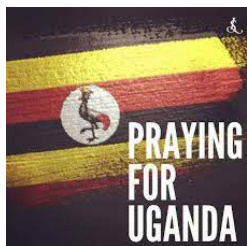


Chris

UPDATE: In July we reported we lost Chris, a good friend of ours **who had been one of our drivers years ago.** It is customary to offer a small gift of condolence to the grieving family. Godfrey was able to visit with Rebekah, Chris' widow. They prayed with her and she was very emotional. She appreciated the love and care we gave through the simple act of coming to visit her. She was so thankful for the gift and the act of kindness. She is left with five children. The youngest child is seven years old. This condolence gift was from each one of you as part of the Raining Hope family.



Godfrey & Rebekah



Continue to pray for Uganda as they are still in a partial lockdown. Curfew remains from 7:00 pm-5:30 am daily. There are still restrictions in place in terms of public transportation, large gatherings, and businesses opening. All must follow strict observances of Standard Operating Procedures.



COVID-19 LOCKDOWN PRAYER POINTS



Food Supply:

1. **Hunger** is still a problem among the population. There will be **more deaths due to hunger** not from the COVID-19 virus.
2. **Food prices are still extremely high.** In some cases **prices are three times the normal amount.** Those who can not buy food are going hungry. Our budget was increased to \$2345 last month.
3. Markets are now open. **Pray for our regular vendors** who also need support.
4. There is an **increase in crime** as people get desperate. **Continue to pray for our safety** in our compound. (See page 4 on Security Camera Update)
5. Most Ugandans live from **hand to mouth and don't have any savings built up.** They only eat when they have worked. Pray that as the lockdown is partially lifted people can get back to their jobs.
6. The **exchange rate is also unstable.** It was a much lower rate which caused the last wire to be \$87 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 still closed** until there is a sufficient vaccination of the population.
14. **Churches are still 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.
16. Pray for Godfrey as he **preaches on Sunday through the radio ministry.** Pray as he encourages the population as he preaches and prays with people. Pray for **repentance and lives to be transformed.**
17. Godfrey's **radio program in Jinja** reaches out to communities and villages as far as 6 hours away! Because of the COVID travel restrictions, the nationwide program has been put on temporary hold. There were **COVID cases rising in the media house** he was recording at in Kampala. They needed Godfrey **in the studio** to record. He tried sending in voice recordings but his phone didn't have the quality that met with their standards. We are working towards purchasing a video camera with a sound card that can help with this issue. But the **original radio program is still going strong** each Sunday and making a **huge impact in the lives of many Ugandans!**



"I received a call from a woman who lives outside of the Jinja area. She thanked me for the radio ministry. She said she almost gave up on her marriage and was going to leave her husband and children because of what she was going through. She said she secretly gave her life to Christ because her family and husband are of another faith. Her husband began to see the difference in her.

She said that she always prays with me and that it has changed her life and her husband. She has seen the difference in him. One day her husband asked her if she were born again. He said he hears her when she prays and when she is listening to me (Pastor Godfrey) every Sunday morning. The woman said she just smiled. To her surprise her husband wasn't mad at her.

This is just one testimony of those who call in. I would like to say thank you for supporting this important work of God. I am forever grateful for Jesus' mercy on me. Lives are being transformed through the radio ministry.
 Godfrey

Radio Testimony Stateside

We have had **three individuals** that have been contributing over the past year and a half towards the **radio ministry**. Another one of our faithful and regular supporters recently contacted me with a testimony of how she wanted to give the price of one of their first born puppies of the litter back to Him since all first borns belong to Him, When she read about the continued need to support the Radio Ministry in order to bring the Gospel to Uganda, she knew this was confirmation. Pfiffer (pictured here) was the first born puppy and now belongs to a wonderful family in Cambria, California. This family has committed to funding the radio ministry for a year. God is so good! **We thank this couple for their passion for making God known through the spreading of the Gospel.**



Security Camera Update



Another challenge created by the lockdown was the **rise in crime**. Last month we reported that the President of Uganda highly recommended organizations and homes such as ours

invest in **surveillance cameras** to protect our home. Cameras will be a **deterrent to criminal activity**. But if they do come into the compound **cameras have proven to be key in arresting offenders**.

The good news is the amount raised during the **Touch Uganda prayer emphasis by Grace Fellowship** for relief efforts will cover the cost of the needed system! This is a **priority in order to keep our family safe especially at this unstable time**.

Since we reported on this last month, there has been another development in the country. There is a group of **"machete-wielding criminals"** that have begun **terrorizing villages in Masaka** (115 miles from Jinja) killing people after entering their homes. Kampala and Jinja have also been put on alert. The security cameras have become extremely critical for our family. Please **continue praying for the safety of the Raining Hope family but for all vulnerable communities**.

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.rainingshope.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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