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“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH 10:1

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On Our Knees - Bold Praying



Raining Hope's foundation is built on **PRAYER**. Since we became Raining Hope over 15 years ago, we have **watched God do what only He can do**. **God has used each one of you to help accomplish what at times seems impossible.**

The compliance challenges seemed insurmountable. We asked you to **join us in prayer to remove our sandals because we are standing on holy ground.** "Sometimes we get focused more on the promised land and on the holy spaces we want after the victory, but God reminds us in this story that we are **standing on holy ground BEFORE the victory ever occurs**". (Phil Wickham - "Call to Prayer - On Our Knees").

This monthly newsletter is an **important avenue of communication** to keep you updated on the Raining Hope family. Some months the newsletters have been long and more detailed. We **THANK YOU for taking your valuable time each month to read through it prayerfully.** We count it a privilege that you care deeply enough to pray, encourage and respond to what God is doing.

The students at Raining Hope have been rescued from a life without hope, without love and without guidance. They have been given an opportunity to become well-loved, well-trained and well-educated servants of God. This part of our purpose has impacted the way we have continued to operate. As part of the 15th Anniversary celebration, the students have given personal testimonies of what their lives were like before joining Raining Hope and how their **lives have been changed and hope restored. This is because of your prayers, support and trust.** The students of Raining Hope are grateful, joy-filled followers of Christ who are being used by God to impact the world around them.

In a devotional by Ann Voskamp, "Loved to Life", she talked about the first miracle of Jesus in John 2:2-10, when Jesus turned water into wine. I was impacted by these words, "Mary didn't tell Jesus what to do; she only came to tell Him what had already happened. ('They have no wine.')

Mary entrusted the need to Jesus and trusted that Jesus would work out whatever miracle was needed. When we are running out of hope, we don't tell Jesus how to run the world - **we simply run to Jesus.**"

Thank you for "stepping onto ground that is set apart, distinct, different, above, beyond our understanding - and, yes, holy, because God's presence is there even before the promise of His answer". Thank you for simply **running to Jesus!** *Mama Eydie Kisakye & the Raining Hope Family*



15TH ANNIVERSARY GREETING FROM VIVIAN



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Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am doing well back home. Hope you are all well. My name is Vivian and I am 23 years old. I want to thank God for His goodness, love and protection towards our lives. I once again thank God for blessing me with the Raining Hope Ministry family. Before Raining Hope, life was hard since my parents were not working and it wasn't easy for my dad as a fisherman to provide for his family. Most good schools in Uganda are expensive. When I joined Raining Hope, life became better. I was able to study from primary level to higher institution where I was able to realize my dreams and graduate from hotel management/bakery. Raining Hope has helped me to grow spiritually and physically. Raining Hope has helped me know God more.

As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary, I want to take a moment to give a huge thank you to all our sponsors for the love, care, support and encouraging words that you have been giving to me. I thank you for the prayers that you prayed for me when I used to be sick. I am who I am today because of the sacrifices you made for me. I am working at a local hotel in the bakery department. God is doing great things in my life. Happy 15th Anniversary! I love you all. You are all in my prayers! *Love, Vivian*

Birthday: October 16, 1995

Hobbies: I love singing, reading the Word of God and reading and baking. I love researching a lot about pastries and cookies.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 helps me to always trust in the Lord.



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FAMILY CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR GIFT

For the past nine years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family. Our students live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. As a family, Godfrey said this year the gift that would mean the most would be **much needed utensils and dishes for the house. The cost : \$164**

Because we have been trying to complete compliance, raise school fees and budget needs have been a challenge, we agreed to wait until now to purchase the utensils and dishes. This is a gift they have agreed on and would appreciate for the whole house.





We thank God for the support towards the Radio Ministry and all that God is doing. It has turned out to be impactful to those who listen. Below are some of the testimonies as a result of the Radio ministry.

One young adult has been following the radio ministry for awhile. He was struggling with suicidal thoughts. One day after hearing me preach, he gave his life to Christ. We thank the Lord that he turned away from the suicide thoughts and now is part of our church. He lives a distance away but keeps coming to visit when he can.

Another woman has been following the radio ministry and was struggling to understand the Bible. After weeks of listening to the Radio Program, her life is changed and she now has learned how to live a balanced Christian life. We thank the Lord for what He is doing through the Radio Ministry. As you continue to pray, we are yet to see what God can do through this impactful ministry. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Note: The names of the individuals are not used to protect their privacy.



I just wanted to give a big thank you for the money sent monthly to buy clothes. It means so much to me and I'm really grateful for the kindness and support. I know every one always wants the best for me, and this gift has made such a difference.

The clothes I bought are not only comfortable but also something I really needed. Every time I wear them, I really think of you and how much you all care for me. It's not just about the clothes. It's about the love and thought behind your gift that makes it so special. I want you to know that am really so grateful and humbled. Thanks for everything and always thinking about us. It's my prayer that may the good Lord continue to bless you all more and more. I love you all so very much and always will.

Henry



Hilary's wedding



1. **BUDGET** - We are thankful for our sponsors who sacrificially support Raining Hope each month. Thank you for reading the newsletter monthly to pray for our projects and our regular needs. We still need your prayers as our **monthly budget is low**. The budget needs in Uganda average close to **\$2,400 a month**. The **last eight months we have not been able to cover it all at the beginning of the month**. Compliance issues, higher school fees, an increase in the monthly radio costs and a decrease in monthly sponsorships has contributed to the budget challenges. Godfrey has bought some things on credit and waited to pay other bills. **Our biggest need right now is to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs , pay the bills for things bought on credit, and get back on track**. Continue to pray with us for those provisions.

- 2. **CAR REPAIR:** Continue praying for Godfrey's car that needed a new transmission. **The repair cost was \$958. We sent \$366. The balance is now \$592**
- 3. **SCHOOL FEES - The first term school fees are \$5,160.** We have sent \$4,300. **The balance needed is \$860.** The complete list is in the January Newsletter - School Fee edition. **We need to send the balance as soon as possible or they will be sent home until the total amount is raised.**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **school fees** you would mark your check **"SCHOOL FEES"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **regular budget** to use at our discretion. **Checks** can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

***CREDIT CARD:** On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code to the right. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**

ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle from your online banking account

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount



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