

RAINING HOPE

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

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To All our Dear Supporters and Partners:

Easter greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that you are all fine and that the Lord has kept you well.

In a special way, I would like to thank you for all you are doing and continue to do for Raining Hope as a whole. Thank you for your unwavering support and love to us over the years. We have experienced your love in many ways as you allow the Lord to use you. Even as the world faces its challenges, you have been selfless enough to consider our needs as well. For that we deeply appreciate you. Our Mum Eydie Kisakye has always updated us on your continued love and prayers for us and your generosity. Her encouragement to us and her care brings with her your true love to us in many ways. We honor her and trust her for all that Lord is enabling her to do as you stand by her side.

May this Easter season bring you true life that is in knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Even as the world faces challenges, I pray that God will fill you with life that is real life in Him. This Easter season, we remember that the resurrection of Jesus Christ gave true meaning to life. In Him we have hope eternal. Even when this life fails, the true life is realized in His Son Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Easter season you will be consumed by real life in Christ amidst all of life's hardships. May God comfort those who mourn and heal the sick among you. I pray for comfort to those who lost their loved ones knowing well our hope in the risen King Jesus Christ.

We love you dearly as the Raining Hope family in Uganda.

We pray that you have blessed Easter celebrations!

Happy Easter!

Godfrey
On Behalf of Raining Hope Ministries Uganda





With Sympathy & Prayers



On March 11, 2023, a **cousin of our Sylvia** was **hit by a car** while riding on the back of a boda boda (motorbike). **Her name was Rebecca** and she was 21 years old. She was rushed to the hospital with internal injuries. Unfortunately, many of the local hospitals and clinics don't have x-ray or CT scan machines as well as other life saving equipment. They were keeping Rebecca on oxygen until they could possibly transfer her to another larger facility in the morning. There was no ambulance to immediately transfer her. Godfrey said that even if an ambulance would have been available, they would not have had the money to cover the cost. Sadly, Rebecca passed as her injuries were too severe. Godfrey and the family were with her when she died. It was a very traumatic experience for all of them.

Please continue to pray that God will comfort the bereaved family most especially Sylvia as she took it pretty hard.

Rebecca



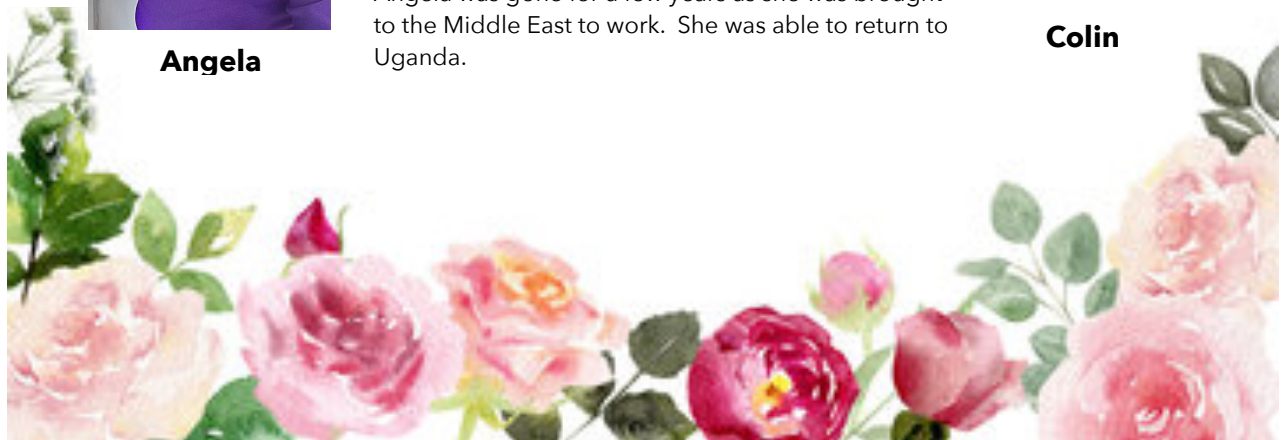
Angela

Please prayer for Angela, a long time friend of Raining Hope. She recently **lost her husband., Colin.** Godfrey said he had an intense headache and then within a few hours had died. They had recently separated but they did have a child together. Godfrey asked that we pray for Angela as she needs God's comfort at such a time in her life.

Angela was gone for a few years as she was brought to the Middle East to work. She was able to return to Uganda.



Colin



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RAIN, CYCLONES AND NEW WALL

Uganda has been experiencing **"Torrential long rains"**. They have had **floods** as well as the **rare cyclones**. They have experienced deaths as well as **"monumental destruction to property"**. Cars were "struggling against gushing waters on the roads". (Google).

Godfrey has informed me that **our property has suffered damaged due to the extreme weather**. Part of our **back wall** of the complex is **crumbling** due to the heavy, pounding rains. Other properties have had their walls collapse, injuring people. We have to **repair the part of the wall** that is damaged before it completely caves in. Not only will it leave our compound vulnerable as an access to thieves, it could fall on individuals causing injury.

The cost to repair the wall includes the materials (stones, iron bars, cement, sand etc.), transport and labor. **Currently the cost is \$1,681**. If we wait too long, more of the wall may be affected and the cost will increase.

Please pray with us for safety as we wait on the necessary funds to come in.

NEW TIRES

Godfrey's vehicle is in need of new tires. In Uganda, they have "traffic police" who are stationed at certain areas, monitoring vehicles. Godfrey has already been stopped with a **warning that his tires are in need of replacement**. He said, "I know they do this for my own good". They are trying to avoid tires blowing out on the road causing accidents. Godfrey said, "I had to explain to them and find a way of having them set me free!" He tries to avoid their spots until we raise the money for the new tires.

Please pray as the **cost of four tires will be \$680. The alignment is \$33.**

Total cost needed is \$713.

SCHOOL FEES UPDATE

The total needed for all school fees for the first term is \$4,904. We have paid \$3,000 leaving a **balance of \$1,904**. The balance of \$1,904 is due as soon as possible. They are nearing the end of the first term. We are so grateful for the support and love you give on a regular basis. It is a valuable gift to make sure our students have an opportunity for an education. You ARE making a difference by making the way for their future. God bless you.

Happy Easter! 2023!

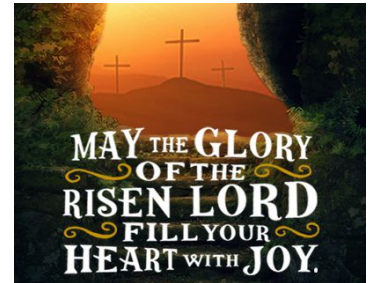


Our Raining Hope family had a blessed Easter Sunday! They had a great worship service on Easter Sunday. They had church members **invite their friends to hear the Good News of our Risen Savior.** They shared a meal with them as a way to reach out. The whole service was focused on worship and evangelism.

We were able to send funds for our **Raining Hope family to enjoy a special Easter celebration feast!** They are all so grateful for the special meal. Because of our students that are resettled and not at the house daily, they were all able to come home to enjoy the meal as a family!

Unfortunately, **Godfrey has come down with a very bad case of malaria.** He began getting sick just before Easter. He had to **receive treatment at the hospital.** He said on Easter morning he left the hospital in order to preach. After services he returned to the hospital to continue treatments! However, he missed the whole Easter meal celebration.

Continue to pray for Godfrey as he is on the mend but still very weak.



UPDATED WAYS TO MAKE A DONATION

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as **WALL, TIRES etc.** or **BUDGET.** If multiple donations come in for a designated need, excess funds will be placed in the budget to cover the overall needs. If there is no designation it will go into the 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.

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



NEW! ZELLE: If your bank uses Zelle for money transfers you may send money instantly to Raining Hope.

If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org. All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

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