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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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HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN
SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE



To all Our Dear Friends, Sponsors and Partners:

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever". 1 Chronicles 16:34

With October 2026 behind us, November 1st marks the beginning of the Christmas season. Places such as Walt Disney World in Florida and Disneyland in Anaheim start taking down decorations after the park closes on October 31st and work through the night to put up wreaths, lights and festive Mickey Mouse floral decorations. Overnight, the transformation to Christmas has begun!

Christmas seems to spring up overnight everywhere! I walk into a store I was just in a day or two before and am amazed with how quickly it has become Christmas!

Christmas is my most favorite time of the year. Our house is decorated like a Winter Wonderland! I have a shirt I wear the day after Thanksgiving that says, "This Girl Love Christmas"! But, for years I have found myself on a quest to save the holiday that seems to be forgotten in-between.

You may know the story, "Where's Waldo". It is a popular series of children's books that has "massive, densely packed illustrations depicting hundreds of people in complex, colorful settings. The goal is to find the distinct traveler wearing a red-and-white striped shirt, a matching bobble hat, round glasses, and carrying a wooden cane". (Wikipedia).

Just like "Where's Waldo", I find myself asking, "Where's Thanksgiving" each year!

Saving Thanksgiving is important to me because it is a time we set aside to THANK HIM and be THANKFUL for all the people and blessings in our daily lives. We can lead such complex and "densely packed" scheduled lives, we can forget to give thanks not only to God for all He has done for us, but to the people who bless our lives daily.



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SAVING THANKSGIVING!



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Last month I quoted this from a devotion, "Devotions for the Fall" - Stacy Edwards - pages 15-16. I am amazed at how what she says reflects our hectic and densely packed lives!

*"**Gratitude should be a hallmark of God's people**. If we were to consistently count our blessings, it would be a never-ending endeavor. Yet, too often, we become **distracted and fail to acknowledge any of the gifts we've been given. Life becomes hectic, and countless gifts from the Father pass by us unnoticed.** We allow life to overwhelm us, and our grumbling overshadows our gratitude.*

*A beautiful by-product of the fall season is the tendency to **refocus our hearts on thankfulness.** We find ourselves pausing to reflect and take stock of all that God has done in our lives".*

We introduced the idea of a pumpkin of thankfulness! Each day you write on the pumpkin a blessing God has given you. **Did anyone create a pumpkin of thankfulness?** If you did, we would love to see a photo of your pumpkin or any other way you creatively focused on counting your blessings!

I have been reflecting a lot on all that God has done for us in the past 19 years since I first stepped on Ugandan soil. **At times when things are the most challenging for us, I stop and look back on what God has done and continues to do.** We have watched God do what only He can do. We have witnessed the miraculous. We have been a part of students having no hope for any kind of future, to graduating from Universities and trade schools. **Remembering and thanking God continually helps me to put my faith and trust in God who sees all our needs. He has not failed us yet.**

This Thanksgiving and all throughout the year, **we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your continued prayers, support, encouragement and love for the Raining Hope family.**

Will you join me in saving Thanksgiving this year?! In the midst of your Christmas preparations, will you also find ways to daily thank our heavenly Father for how much he cares for us.

This song by **Brandon Lake, "Gratitude"** displays a heart that is filled with gratitude to our God https://youtu.be/vA83MufOCoA?si=KFXQoKmpqSI_2tVQ.

"So I throw up my hands - And praise You again and again - 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah - Hallelujah
And I know it's not much - But I've nothing else fit for a King - Except for a heart singing hallelujah - Hallelujah"

Gratefully, Mama Eydie Kisakye

Prayer for Hilary's Health

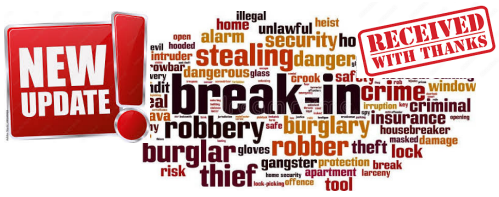


Thank you for praying for Hilary. He has been slowly recovering from his recent health challenges. He wanted to express his heartfelt thanks to all of you. Continue to pray for him and his ongoing health issues.

To All Sponsors! Praise the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that you are all doing well. We thank God for all that you are doing in serving His purpose. Thank you very much for your commitment in supporting Raining Hope Ministries. May the Lord surely bless you and give you His everlasting peace.

I am here to thank all of you for your prayers that have always been dedicated to God in seeing that I get over these days that I have really been sick. Thank you so much for your love. God has really been hearing you out because I am now getting better each day that goes by. I have experienced His hand through your prayers. Thank you very much for staying with me in these challenging days of my life. May God satisfy you with long life. I love you all.

Love & Peace - Hillary



PRAISE THE LORD! We received all the funds needed to cover the costs of reinforcing our security system following the unfortunate break-in to our compound in August 2026!

THANK YOU to the donors who gave towards this special need to make sure that our family is safe.

There continues to be an increase in theft and crime due to new policies in place affecting the livelihood of people. We are so grateful to everyone who gave sacrificially in order for us to not be so vulnerable to another attack. Cameras, dvd backup system and security lights have all been installed. They are in process of working with the engineers and construction workers to complete the rebuilding of the gate arch. THANK YOU AGAIN for your prayers and your support. Pictures are on page 4.

These items were the priority. We will continue to pray for the replacement of the office computer.

INSTALLATION OF STRONGER SECURITY LIGHTS

Godfrey said they have had less lighting at the compound to reduce the electricity bill. The police have instructed them to **increase lighting** for our security. They also need to **change the locks** on the office door with a more secure lock.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS **Replacement Cost: $522**

4 LED Beam lights for the compound - $406 / Office Door Lock - $72 / Installation - $44

RE-INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS AND SECURE POSITION FOR DVD AND DATA BACK-UP SYSTEM

The DVR was put in the office earlier as a safe place because we were locking the office. But, the police have given him advice as to where he should place the DVR. Even if the camera is stolen, having the DVR is key to identifying them. These days thieves target the DVR as major component of the camera system since it has all the camera data. Securing the DVR should be priority.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS **Replacement Cost: $1,391 (applied $228) - Balance $1,163**

5 Security Cameras & Signal Cables - $869 / DVR - $232 / Camera Monitor - $145 / Labor - $145

BUILDING OF THE GATE ARCH TO HAVE THE BARB WIRE COVER THE TOP

It was suspected the thieves climbed through the front Gate Archway which is the only part of our perimeter that doesn't have the barb wire on the top. So, we need to re-build the arch and have the barb wire cover the top so that there is no entry point.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS **Replacement Cost: $1,230**

This includes materials (iron bars, sand, stones, cement, timber poles, nails, barb wire, transportation of materials and labor)







OFFICE COMPUTER

We are grateful the thieves did not steal Godfrey's laptop. He had it with him in his room. We had the additional desk top computer in the office which was stolen. **This office computer is necessary for the office work for the ministry.** It is used by the others who serve alongside Godfrey to accomplish Raining Hope work.

Replacement Cost: $1,069 for a laptop computer.

This includes the laptop, antivirus software and licensing.

Godfrey originally thought it was best to get another desk top for the office. But after weighing the replacement cost ($1,159), Godfrey realized that an office laptop would be more flexible and portable. It will accommodate all the office work that is needed on it and store videos and photos for the ministry, **This is also different from the cost we have been trying to raise for the laptops for the University students.** This is specifically used for an office setting. The others are lower in cost because they are student laptops that have less storage capacity and speed.

PRAY WITH US

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Joanne	Victoria University Kampala	Agriculture	**$ 1,020**

Joanne - She began at University August 2025. Joanne has three semesters a year. She will graduate August 2028. Her fees include school fees, transportation, meals, scholastic materials, hostel/housing fees and an agricultural trip.



Thank you for your support of Joanne's school fees. She finished her 1st trimester of year 2 and performed well. Joanne begins her 2nd trimester of year 2 on November 9, 2026. The break before the end of the year is always the shortest. **We will need to send a deposit this week so Joanne can begin on time.**

Joanne has been in need of a laptop computer as most of her lectures are online. Much of her work is on a computer. She is staying in class after everyone is gone to access school computers. That keeps her there until late at night until they need to close the school computer lab. Even though all three university students need computers, Joanne's is the most urgent. **Cost of a computer for Joanne is $725. (Laptops for students is lower cost than business computers).**



1. **SCHOOL FEES -** Thank you for everyone who continues to give above and beyond to give our students an education. We were able to pay the full balance and all students for primary and secondary school are able to complete this year! Pray for Joanne who is in her 2nd trimester of year 2 at university. Her fees of $1,020 are due now.

2. **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 sponsorships don't cover the full budget amount. We need at least $500 a month more in regular monthly sponsorships. Our biggest need right now is to continue to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs. We appreciate your prayers for these provisions.**

3. **PLUMBING:** We were able to fix the recent plumbing issue!

4. **LAPTOPS**: Pray for the laptop needs for our university students. Student computers are lower in cost than the office computer. They range from $725 to $435 each for a reconditioned computer depending on storage capacity and speed. (See the August and September newsletters for more detailed information).

5. **RADIO MINISTRY:** Please be in prayer for our Radio Ministry. The ministry has been highly effective since 2020. They have kept the monthly rates lower than the normal cost so we can continue to be on air once a week. We have been funding it through our regular budget. **If you feel led to help us with the monthly cost of $160 to keep this vital project on the air**, please let Carol or Eydie know!

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 **computer, school fees etc.** you would mark your check **"COMPUTERS" or "SCHOOL FEES" or "RADIO".** 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, Incorporated Treasurer
Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam
Enter the dollar amount

If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org.

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Note: * These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts. There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.