

RAINING HOPE

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

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PRAYER FOR UGANDA

The rising fuel prices in Uganda have forced the prices of everything to increase. The people of the area of Kampala to Jinja began to **protest the skyrocketing commodity prices and general rising cost of living**. On July 25, 2022 they launched **three days of protests and riots**.

The Ugandans have argued that the government is not doing enough to address the high commodity prices and they began demonstrating as a last resort.

During the three day protests and riots, protestors burned tires to block major roads in order to prevent passage of vehicles. Rioters threw stones at passing motorists damaging cars and injuring people. Markets and stores were closed in fear of the rioters. Our younger children were kept home from school because of the threat of tear gas used in schools.

The protests are designed to cause the government to act. So many people are **“sleeping hungry”**. Many people are beginning to starve because they can’t afford food. Many Ugandans lost their jobs due to the COVID-19-induced lockdown and could not find another source of livelihood to take care of their families. (source: The Ugandan Monitor)

Godfrey expressed that **what is happening in the country right now is extreme**. He has been trying to prioritize the budget and cut back where he can.

Last month he went to buy food with what is budgeted, **yet every month the prices are higher so he buys less**. He said the utility companies (electricity and water) are raising the cost per unit without notice. They basically pay in advance for the month. So we think we have the month covered, but because the cost per unit is higher, water and electricity shut off without any warning once what they have paid in advance is used up.

Through this current economic crisis, Godfrey and I have been very aware that our Raining Hope family is loved and cared for by our faithful supporters and family. He said to me, **“we have been amply supplied.”** We have food, shelter, medical care, water and electricity which is more than most. **They are cutting back but we are not lacking in anything.** They are trusting in the Lord in all ways. It is a challenge but they are extremely grateful their daily needs are met. **Throughout the pandemic we have experienced the miraculous and we still are.** Thank you for your sacrificial giving. **You are truly making a critical difference.**

RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM



We are beginning to enter an **exciting new phase of our ministry!** Over the past **fifteen years** we have helped countless students through their primary & secondary school education. Raining Hope has always been committed to helping these specific students realize their dreams by **sending them to University or trade school courses.** Our goal has been to help **launch them into their careers and help them to soar!**

Due to the government restrictions, after students graduate secondary school, they are required to leave. But we were given special permission to keep all our students at the home while they are completing their post secondary school studies. We now have **five students who have graduated and are ready to move on to the next step in their lives. Before we can have the final inspection for the new licensing of our home, we have to have these five students resettled and moved out on their own.** The goal is to have them settled into their own places by the **end of July 2022,** before the official visit for final licensing approval. **(Update: We have not had any funds come in for the resettlement. We have had to delay to the end of August 2022).**

Godfrey has been in the process of preparing these five students. They will **still be actively involved with the home and with our ministry.** They just won't be living at the house. They have all expressed **how thankful they are to Raining Hope** and all the supporters for what you have done over the past fifteen years. They have all grown spiritually and desire to continue to grow and minister at Raining Hope. Godfrey said they consider Raining Hope their home and family. Godfrey said we will continue to play the role of a parent to these five and they can call on us in any capacity. They are ready to move out and move on.

This is with very mixed emotions. We are proud and excited but as their mum, it is emotional sending five of our students out at the same time. Godfrey as a father figure has the same set of mixed emotions. But this is what we have been working towards. It is time for them to leave the nest. **These are the five students who were are sending out to be a mighty influence for Him. The above photo is in this order left to right.**

Sylvia is working at a salon as a makeup artist. She is still waiting on the right opportunity to apply her journalism skills. She graduated with a degree in Journalism.

Joan is graduating this summer with her degree in Social Work. We will employ her as our required social worker.

Jesca is working at Miracle Herbal Clinic in Jinja Town. She graduated with a degree in Nursing.

Hillary is not yet working but plans on setting up a business in Wanyange to sell cloth while he waits on a ministry opportunity for his seminary degree. He graduated with a degree from Bible Seminary.

Vivian is working at the Sailing Club Restaurant in Jinja Town. She graduated with a degree in Hotel Management/Baking.

Sylvia and Hillary have leadership responsibilities at church on Sunday. They will continue with their ministry service at Raining Hope Ministries. Jesca, Vivian and Joan will remain active at Raining Hope as well.

Resettlement Package for all five students to help them launch out on their own:

Rent for 3 months \$625 (\$125 each) - Godfrey is working with each student to make sure they find a safe and good place to rent. Three months will help them have a good start.

Food for 3 months \$417 (\$83 each)

Basic Necessities for 3 months \$417 (\$83 each)

TOTAL AMOUNT TO LAUNCH 5 STUDENTS: \$1,459

If you would like to donate towards this exciting time in the life of Raining Hope mark your donation "resettlement".

The next few newsletters we will highlight special testimonies from each of these five as their thank you for all you have done to support them in their journey! Last month was Joan. This month is Vivian.

A Grateful Testimony from Vivian



Dear Sponsors:

Praise our Lord, Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God for His loving care and goodness

I am so excited to write this letter, sharing my life and testimony. I want to thank God for blessing me with a wonderful family at Raining Hope. When I joined Raining Hope at that time it was known as Living Hope. I was young in primary school. As time moved to days, days into years, it was changing into Raining Hope and it was changing my life. It brought hope into my life because I had lost hope thinking my dreams would just end. **But God had a hope for my future.**

Raining Hope became a family. Through Raining Hope my spiritual life is growing everyday. Through the Bible teachings of Uncle Godfrey and Mama Eydie they have helped me to know God deeply. Knowing God has taught me to serve Him and minister in church in the choir. It has helped me to stand strong in every situation that tried to bring me down. Although sickness wanted to put me down I had a strong family that was behind me to pray for me.

Through Raining Hope I was able to study from Primary to higher institution. Not even my parents thought I would reach where I am today because my parents never had enough money to pay for me to attend through high school. But now I am a testimony in my family because no one has graduated in my father's home. Since I am the first graduate, it brought them happiness and joy because many people thought I would have died by now because of my illnesses. Many tried to discourage me and told me I should stop wasting money by going to school. But thanks to the Lord the master of everything that I am still alive and working.

When I started writing about my life it made tears flow. In everything that I passed through I trusted the Lord as His Word says in Proverbs 3:5 because I know only with Him in my life will things be better since He is my provider and protector.

To all the sponsors who sacrificed for me to be in school, I want to thank you for the love, care, support and encouraging words in letters, the prayers that you prayed for me when I was sick and the prayers that you pray for my life and future. **Your prayers are helping me to grow up as a strong woman of God and develop into who I am today.** I graduated as a Pastry and Bakery Manager. This all are because of your prayers and support to see that I have a bright future. May the Lord God bless the works of your hands that you will never lack.

As I am going out into the world, I am very happy. This will help me put into place all that I have been learning. This will teach me to work hard for my siblings and family in order to have a better life. The teachings that Uncle Godfrey & Mama Kisakye have been teaching will help me to stand amidst every problem. I will rise and stand knowing that the God I serve will always be with me and He will be God in my house, job and future because He was the same God when I was growing up.

As He said in Jeremiah 29:11, I will put Him first in my future because He is the center and the planner of my future. **I would love to start a bakery and cafe for first class food.** I look forward to baking for Mama Kisakye when she returns to Uganda.

I would love to go back to school for higher education so I can upgrade to be a PhD holder. I will never loose hope because where there is a strong child, behind them there is a strong parent. **I love you, Raining Hope family. You will be my family forever.** This is my family & my home. Although I go, I will always be coming back home because the writer said, **"East or West, Home is the BEST!"**

Love to all of you, Vivian



A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS FROM GODFREY

TO OUR DEAR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS:

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, thanking you for all that you have done for us and continue to do.

We thank God who has kept us well and provided to us through your support over the years. It is by his grace and love that we can count our blessings through you our loved ones. You are so important to us in every way and may the good Lord bless you.

Otherwise, with all that the world is facing right now, **I am moved to humbly thank you for your continued support.** This would be a time that each would mind their personal needs and concerns and yet you our dear sponsors and partners have included us as part of your needs through your continued support. Looking at the way things are turning out in the world, the climate effects, the viruses, the cost of living and the wars around our world, we are much **humbled by your continued sacrifice and selfless help towards us.** Thank you so much for putting a smile on our faces and helping us find our dreams through your support to the Raining Hope family. Thank you for trusting our Mum Eydie Kisakye and for the love that you and her have shown us over the years. **We are humbled and thankful.**

I therefore, commit you all to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundant beyond what we think or ask according to his power that is at work within us. **May he fill your cup to overflow and may your table never lack.** I pray that the God of peace will guard your mind in Christ Jesus and that through him you will live long to see many good days. I pray that he will protect you and shield you with his love in such a hurting world. May you live to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

As Raining Hope Uganda, we love you and honor you.

Shalom
Godfrey.
Raining Hope Ministries
Uganda.



Godfrey & Irene

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

Monthly Budget

- Since the start of the pandemic, our monthly budget in Uganda has increased to an average of **\$2,200 a month.** This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **For the month of August the budget needs are \$2370.**
- In July, our budget increased to **\$2,785 due in large part to an increase in our medical bill.** June the medical bill was **\$147.** July it was **\$743.** This month the medical is **\$356.** We praise the Lord that we were still able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month due to your generosity.
- Additional needs for August:
 - Fumigation for the house: \$49
 - Plumbing Repairs: \$41
- Continue to pray as Godfrey is doing his best to live within the budget even though prices on everything are continuing to rise. The one area that can't be cut back is medical. **He is trying to scale back and prioritize the food budget depending on the daily rising prices.**
- We are thankful our family is taken care of. But they are especially concerned about their own immediate families who are struggling.

How To Make a Donation to Raining Hope

CHECKS: Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as RESETTLEMENT or BUDGET and send it to our stateside office or Carol John. 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.raininghope.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 - carol@raininghope.org

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