



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

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To Our Dear Friends and Sponsors:



Happy New Year to you all! It's a privilege to write to you in this New Year 2026.

We are humbled to have walked with you through the year 2025. Thank you for all the support and the love that you have shown to us as the family of Raining Hope here in Uganda. Thank you for giving us reasons to celebrate God's goodness and provision. It's a blessing to have you by our side, praying for us, loving us and caring for us. Thank you for allowing God to use you to bring hope to us at this part of the world here in Uganda.

This year, God was speaking to my heart through His Word that He will fill us with **joy**. In a special way, I would like to wish you a blessed year filled with the **joy** of the Lord. I pray the **joy** that comes from His presence would fill you in every way. The **joy** that overcomes all the obstacles, the **joy** that looks beyond pain and disease, the **joy** that is from the Holy Spirit through the knowledge of God. May **THAT JOY** fill you in every way. We trust and look forward for a blessed 2026 for you and your families. May God fill you with his joy even at your work place and in everything He ordained for you this year. We love you and are joined together with you through our prayers. We dedicated this year to God that He will bless you and fill you with **joy** as a special people to us. May you have a blessed 2026 filled with the joy in the Lord!

With Love,
Godfrey
Raining Hope Ministries Uganda





THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING MEALS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR!

Thank you for the love that you have shown to the families of our students by giving them Christmas baskets. It's a tradition here that families stay together and share meals on Christmas day as a way of celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus. Our children coming from humble backgrounds feel so low when they know that their parents cannot afford their favorite meal on such a big day. It is so thoughtful of all of you that we could make a statement of God's love to them with the food baskets. This encourages the students and fills them with hope and joy. I thank all of those who were in position to give just as God gave his Son into the world because He loved us. Thank you dearly.

With the families I gave food baskets, they were so thankful and encouraged that they were thought of. The mother to Sylvia said, "Who am I that I am thought of to be given this Christmas meal? As a widow, I am encouraged to know how much you love me and think about me at such a time". She categorically mentioned mum's name and said "Thank Mum Eydie Kisakye for me and let her know that I am thankful for everything she has ever done for me and continues to do".

Most of them were speechless and filled with joy. The mother to young Joanne wasn't there at the time when we took the Christmas basket. She delayed to come so we gave the food to the daughter. When she came back that very day after a few hours, she was greeted with the Christmas basket and called right away. She said it was like an angel visited her in such a special way. She was so happy and thankful that God used us as messengers to make her Christmas special. She was as well thankful we always think about her and for supporting Joanne in school. She said Joanne being her first girl at University, she is overjoyed with all the support that we give.

Besides the families of our students, I as well included two families that are in our neighborhood and one from the church because of the struggles they are going through.

Otherwise, thank you again for being a blessing to the people of God here in Uganda. Thank you as well for helping our Raining Hope family here celebrate Christmas in style. We were all happy as we were eating and rejoicing, celebrating the love and light and hope that came into the world. Thank you for the Christmas and New Year meal for the family of Raining Hope. This keeps us together on such days.

God has used you to change lives here and we are forever grateful for you. The Christmas packages are creating a difference in people's lives and helping them see the Love of God and how Raining Hope cares for them.

May God richly bless you. Have a blessed 2026!
Godfrey





PROVIDING FAMILY MEALS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide a Christmas AND New Year's meal for the Raining Hope family! They were so grateful to celebrate both holidays with such a feast! THANK YOU!



RAINING HOPE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER & JANUARY 2025/2026

This year we have been hosting a VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER that will run **through the entire month of December and January!** **Thank you to everyone who gave sacrificially** with year-end gifts above and beyond your regular sponsorships. So far for the month of December, we raised funds to feed fifteen families for Christmas & the New Year, as well as the Raining Hope family! We also presented Godfrey with his Christmas gift of a **new phone & printer!** We raised funds that have helped us to **send the full budget** for January 2026! This was huge because the budget was \$300 more than average because of Godfrey & Annet's medical needs with new medicines and repairs on the van. We raised the money for the **annual Christmas gift** for the family all in the month of December! We also were able to cover an additional **annual bill for the registration on the van!** More funds came in specifically for food baskets after the holidays. We are able to help **four more additional families** with New Year's meals! **GOD IS SO GOOD!**

We are still preparing for the **first term of school for 2026**. I don't have the amount yet that we need for fees. The first term is always the highest. Please be in prayer as once we receive the amount due, we won't have a lot of time to raise the fees. We will continue this **Fundraising event through January** to prepare for the school fees and compliance issues.

Godfrey said inflation as well as the current Presidential elections that will be held this week, are causing prices to skyrocket. Godfrey is still trying to adjust and he is using the same budget just buying less. The medical needs and car are the two areas he can't adjust.

We can't express enough how grateful we are to all our sponsors and supporters who **continue to pray and sacrificially support the Raining Hope family.** We know you have your own needs for your own families. We are deeply honored by your love and support. God has used each one of you to **make a tremendous difference in the lives of these precious individuals.** Your continued support and love mean the world to the entire Raining Hope family!

Eydie is available to come to your church, clubs or ministries to speak and share about all that God is doing in and through our Raining Hope family. Please contact Eydie if you would like more information about hosting a fundraising event or having her come to speak. Contact Carol John if you have any questions regarding making donations to Raining Hope.



RAINING HOPE FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT

For the past ten 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. Godfrey is the one who will let me know what gift is most needed. Because we are **focusing on getting budget needs caught up and school/university fees were so high**, they didn't think this year we were going to focus on a Christmas gift.

We are excited to announce that **we raised all that was needed to purchase the gift they needed the most** which is a **new refrigerator!** We bought a freezer awhile ago to help keep food for longer periods. But they go shopping for perishables multiple times a week because they don't have any way to keep things cold. A refrigerator will help them the most. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE** above and beyond the normal monthly sponsorship giving to make this possible!

IN-DEPTH PRAISE & PRAYER FESTIVAL



Thank you for all your prayers and support during our In-depth Praise Gathering on December 7th last month. We had a great time ending the year with praises to our God. The gathering is comprised of congregants from different churches who joined us to praise God. This year we were about 310 people all together who came to be a part and had a good time before the Lord. We had a visiting singer from Kampala and a team from Mukono choir that joined us as well to lead in praising songs and worshiping songs.

The testimonies from different people were about how the In-depth Praise celebrations help rekindle their joy in the Lord and gave them opportunity to cast their cares unto the Lord.

There is a woman who attended that was expecting a baby. During the In-depth Praise session when everyone was praising God, she started dancing to the Lord and she felt some pain in her womb. But, she continued to praise God. When her time came to give birth on December 30th, she gave birth normally even though they expected her to have a C-section because the umbilical cord was wrapped around the babies neck. We therefore thank God for his continued presence among us as we praise his Holy name.

We had three young men accept Christ at the event. There were also over twenty one people who re-dedicated their lives to Christ! I thank all the friends and partners of Raining Hope for their prayers that were answered so we could have a successful In-depth Praise session! Godfrey





- SCHOOL FEES** - The first term 2026 school fees will be due soon. Once I receive the numbers from Godfrey we will update everyone.
- 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 about \$500 a month more** in regular monthly sponsorships. The budget needs in Uganda average close to \$2,400 a month. **Our biggest need right now is to raise funds to cover monthly budget needs.** We appreciate your prayers for these provisions.
- COMPLIANCE RENEWAL** - Our renewal for our permit is due now. We are in jeopardy of not receiving a renewal if we haven't started the **Community Support Hospital Project or the Repairing the Shelter. More information is in a special compliance newsletter.**
- TIRES**: Godfrey recently was pulled over because of the expired van registration fees. We were able to renew the registration. But they also warned him the tires are starting to wear out and need replacing. **Cost will be \$638.**
- ANNET'S HEALTH**: Please keep Annet in your prayers as she is facing health challenges and doctors are still not sure what is wrong with her.

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 **compliance, school fees etc.** you would mark your check **"COMPLIANCE" or "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

Zelle



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.

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.