

# RAINING HOPE

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

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Happy Mother's Day to all our extraordinary women who love with a mother's heart. Each one of you cares deeply for those around you. The Bible says, "A good woman is ... worth far more than diamonds...She senses the worth of her work and is in no hurry to call it quits. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say and ...always says it kindly...Her children respect and bless her." (Proverbs 31:1,9,17,28 MSG) We honor all women today who love with a Christlike heart.

This Mother's Day finds us in a unique situation. Most of us will not be able to be with our mothers or our children due to the quarantine. In California, specifically Ventura County, the "shelter in place" order has lasted over seven weeks and extended to May 31, 2020. Even though it means being apart from family and friends, that doesn't mean that we are any less "connected." This pandemic happening at this time in history, allows us to stay close through various methods. Social media has allowed us to continue to worship with our churches online. We can "see" each other on apps like FaceTime or Zoom. I am always amazed that I can call Godfrey in Uganda and talk on the phone regularly. I think that is pretty brilliant. Nothing replaces being WITH one another. But while we need to remain physically apart we can find CREATIVE ways to remain CLOSE AT HEART. Kiana & Taylor, Heather and all the Raining Hope family have found ways to make me feel deeply loved and appreciated today as a mother. What a blessing and honor it is to be called their mom.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19. Let's continue to show God's love to all those women in our lives who we honor and appreciate. Take time this week to check in with friends and family. Make a phone call, send an email...or better yet, mail a regular card! Be creative. We will emerge from this time stronger as we support one another TOGETHER! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - Mama Eydie Kisakye



## A Word from Godfrey



### TO ALL DEAR MOTHERS

While listening to God through His Word, He spoke to my heart about a mother. I want to share that word with you our dear sponsors.

In John 19:25, "...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19:26, "When Jesus saw his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!'"

John 19:27, "Then he said to his disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

#### **The mother near the cross.**

Even when it was hard for her to see her son on the cross, she was right there identifying with the God given cause she knew of her son. She was told by the angel what would happen to her son and yet she didn't sit back to just hear about the cross. Mary came near to it as a mother. Mary, the mother of Jesus. An important truth to share is a true mother never stops. She mothers to the end, through it all. Mary, the mother of Jesus, remains a mother by drawing near to the cross.

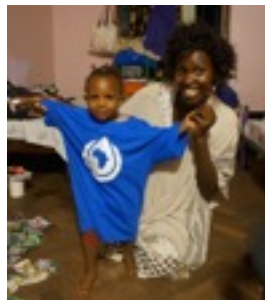
To be a mother that continues to the end, you need to be near the cross. When a mother is far from the cross, she misses out on the greatest opportunity to live out the mother in her.

In the same spirit, I would love to appreciate the life of the cross that you mothers have lived. You have been mothers through it all. You have stood with us even when it is hard with your own life challenges. I want to thank our dear Mum Kisaky Eydie for staying near the cross for us. She has endured many things to be a mother to us in Uganda as well as to all those who also call her "Mom or Mama Eydie." We express thanks to her as our mum.

I pray that God will draw all mothers near to the cross where your true strength comes from.

Happy Mother's Day! Our love to all mothers!

Godfrey



## A Huge Thank You!



Raining Hope would like to extend a **special thank you** to all those who have given above and beyond to help meet the needs of our Raining Hope family

in this time of uncertainty in the world.

**We continue to receive generous donations that are helping in miraculous ways.**

**Enough has come in to cover May's budget. Food is the priority.** Food prices are continuing to increase. In some cases **by 50-70%**. This has increased what Godfrey needs to spend on food which is much more than normal. He is doing an excellent job purchasing what is needed to make sure the family is taken care of during the crisis.

Our need to purchase non-perishable items ahead of time has become critical. Things are shifting almost on a daily basis. There are those who are selling large quantities to the government and other companies for distribution. That is making the demand high and leading to scarcity. With the high prices it becomes hard for the poor to buy with the little money they have. Everything is so unstable right now. They are continuing to pray that the Lord will make a way and heal their land.

**Continue to pray for the ongoing needs to be met.** The monthly budget will temporarily be much higher as food prices double and triple. Because of those giving above and beyond, the Raining Hope family has been able to have what they need. We are grateful & humbled by your sacrifice for our family.

Godfrey said the children are all doing well. The government has actually provided ways for the children to basically be **"homeschooled"**. They have been given materials to read and study. They have exams coming up as soon as they return to classes.

**The family continues to trust in God and are growing deeper in their faith as they shelter in.** They are full of hope, joy and peace. They truly are an inspiration.

They are praying for all of you! Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement!

## Continued Prayer for Uganda

As we previously reported, in Uganda there are as many as 10 million people who live from hand to mouth. The longer the lockdown stays in place, there is a danger the **death toll from starvation will outnumber deaths due to COVID-19**. Right now the **current number of positive cases** is of COVID-19 is **100**. Please be in prayer for the majority of Ugandans who are faced with the possibility of having no food for their families.

**We will send out a separate COVID-19 update within the next few days** with more information and current prayer requests.

Their lockdown has been extended an additional 2 weeks.

### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

**CHECKS:** Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as SCHOOL FEES etc. or BUDGET and send to our stateside office. 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.rainingshope.org](http://www.rainingshope.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 - 805-377-7387**

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE;

Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions and recent "shelter in place" orders in California, we are requesting checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is hard to retrieve when the front office is not occupied. We may or may not have access to the office for the next few weeks. It is completely safe to send it to Carol John's address. She takes care of all our banking issues.  
**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878**

## Meet Dan



2019

Dear Sponsors,  
My name is Daniel. I am 14 years old. I thank you all for supporting us in everything. My life before Raining Hope was not easy. Life was hard to live. But when I joined Raining Hope, everything changed and I know I will reach my destiny.

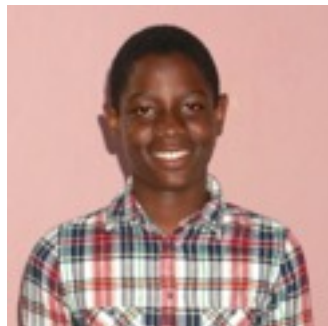
My dream is to become a businessman. Raining Hope has helped me in achieving my dreams by paying my school fees and also given me a chance to serve in church as an instrumentalist.

Right now I play a keyboard. I am so grateful and thank all of you for the work that you are doing. I pray that the Lord bless you abundantly.

It has been 10 years since we shifted from being Living Hope to Raining Hope. We are celebrating a 10 year anniversary with Mum Kisakye. I pray that the Lord strengthen you and continue guiding you in whatever you do. I also pray that Mum Kisakye will continue to be strengthened and be used by God in whatever she does.

I love you all! Thank you!

Happy 10th Anniversary!  
Daniel



2019



2016

Birthday: May 8, 2005  
Dream: To become a businessman

Dan plays the keyboards as part of the worship team. His favorite subject is English and Science. He loves playing soccer.

His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 " For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



2019



## Meet Joan



Dear Sponsors,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. My name is Joan and I am 29 years old.

We are so grateful for the support and love given to us by you. Thank you for the prayers you offer up on our behalf.

My life before I joined Raining Hope was so hard. I did not know Christ because I was not saved. I didn't have school fees so I was at home. I didn't grow up with my parents.

**2019**

When I joined Raining Hope I received Christ as my personal Savior. I was able to go back to school and I found a better family at Raining Hope. I discovered a love I never had. Raining Hope has given me an opportunity to know God more and grow in my spiritual life as I deepen my relationship with Him. I do sing at church and do interpretation. I am pursuing a degree in Social Work and Social Administration.

All this has been made possible through your support and love. Thank you for standing with us and thank you for standing with Mum Kisakye as well. We love you and we pray for you always.

Happy 10th Anniversary!

Love,  
Joan

Birthday: May 20, 1990

Dream: To become a social worker

Joan is studying to become the social worker for Raining Hope staff. She also is part of the worship team for Raining Hope ministries as well as an interpreter. Joan also leads the Singles' Ministry



**2016**



**2016**



**Sylvia, Joan & Vivian  
2019**