

# RAINING HOPE

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

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RAINING HOPE!**

It is exciting to start a brand New Year!

Godfrey & the Raining Hope Family in Uganda will spend 21 days from January 6-26, 2020 praying and fasting. Please keep them in your prayers.

They are praying for all the programs they have as

Raining Hope Ministries that God will use them for turning hearts to Him. They are also praying for God's provision and their needs and the salvation of those who need Jesus. They will be meeting at the house every evening from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for prayers (5:00 am-8:00 am PST - they are 11 hours ahead). The entire church will be gathering together at the house each evening. They are praying for the move of God this year. It is important for them to know that we are praying for them . Please join with us in prayer these next 21 days.

We are still in the middle of our 10 year celebration since becoming Raining Hope! We pray you are enjoying getting to know each of our students by testimony in the newsletters and video on the website! Still a lot more to come in 2020!

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and encouragement! We love and appreciate you all!



## Update on Government Regulations

Last year we began the process of coming under compliance due to the closure of illegal homes in Uganda. We are one of the few homes that have remained opened. We are waiting on final approval. They have given us time to complete projects. As long as they see progress they have been willing to extend the deadline.

**We are required to build a better kitchen to come under compliance. Cost: \$1,160**

**This was due December 25, 2019 - The kitchen will be built as a second story to our existing main building.**

**Due to a generous donation last month of \$500 we were able to start the process. The deadline was extended because they see we have begun building it. We have received an additional \$400. Balance to complete is now \$260.**

## Van

Last week our van broke down while Godfrey was driving home. The cylinder head and gasket need to be replaced due to cracks and overheating. The cost to repair the van is a total of **\$825** (cylinder - \$685 / gasket - \$99 / labor \$41)

The church was able to raise \$110 to help with the repairs. **The balance needed is \$715.**

This is a critical need. Godfrey uses the van daily to carry out Raining Hope duties.

The same night, **Irene, Godfrey's wife became ill in the middle of the night.** He was not able to get her to the hospital until morning when a neighbor was able to transport them. Pray for her as she has a viral and bacterial infection and is under treatment.

## Christmas Gifts for the Raining Hope Family

**We are still collecting funds for the annual Christmas gift for the students at Raining Hope.** Our children live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together. Giving one main gift for the whole family has worked beautifully the past four years.

Because this year we have had to focus on renovations, audit & new government regulations & new kitchen, Godfrey wants to keep the Christmas gift simple. What they really need is new clothing and shoes. The average is \$28 per student. (This includes for the boys, two shirts, two pairs of trousers, undergarments and a pair of shoes. For the girls, a blouse, two skirts, undergarments & a pair of shoes.)

### CONTINUED PRAYER NEEDED

**New phone for Godfrey to replace his stolen phone: \$205**

**New Tires for van: \$518**

Please be in prayer as these are time sensitive issues. Please contact Carol John with any additional questions regarding donations.

#### 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.raininghope.org](http://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 - 805-377-7387

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

## Update on Jesca!



2019

**Jesca has brought us great news! First, she was able to get a part-time job at a clinic in Lugazi** a town after the Mabira forest as you are heading to Kampala from Jinja. Praise the Lord! This is exciting for us to see her start a new job so soon after graduating from nursing school!

**Second exciting news is Jesca is intending to get married!** She brought her boyfriend to Godfrey to discuss the engagement. His name is Matthew Muwanguzi, He is a born again Christian who came along with his spiritual leader who was also once Godfrey's school chaplain while in secondary school. Matthew and Jesca met in Wanyange which is the area we had our first home. Matthew prays with Divine Love Church. The initial meeting went well! Godfrey's approval was important as he serves as a father figure to all our children. Jesca will be introducing her fiancé officially more than likely in April 2020. She is intending the Introduction Ceremony to be at the house. They are going through counseling sessions.

In Africa, the process is the man suggests the Introduction date to the woman's family. The woman's family accepts or gives alternate dates. Currently the date being discussed is April 18-19, 2020. The original date was actually Easter weekend. **They are requesting my presence as Mum to be there which is important for Jesca.** Please pray for the dates and for the necessary funds for travel.

*"An Introduction Ceremony is a traditional pre-wedding ceremony where the bride-to-be introduces her future husband (and his family) to her parents and relatives. It usually takes place a couple of weeks before the formal wedding ceremony (a ceremony like we would have in the U.S.). Gifts are often presented from the groom's family members and friends to the bride and her family. Many traditional marriages in Uganda still implement the exchange of a dowry for the bride and this ceremony often formalizes this exchange."* (Noble Research Institute article)

Because they have requested my presence, they will do the Introduction and the Wedding one day apart. They planned it this way to make sure I would be at both events, not just one.

**Jesca is the first of our weddings for our home!**  
What a way to continue to celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary!

We continue to pray that the Lord will continue to work in them and bind their hearts together according to His perfect will. We will update you in the next newsletter with more information concerning this upcoming union! Praise the Lord!



Our Nursing Student!



Our Graduate! 2019

## Meet Sylvia



Dear Sponsors:

Praise the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Greetings from Raining Hope. I am Sylvia and I am 25 years old.

I want to take this opportunity and thank all the sponsors for the great support, care, love and prayers that you render unto us. I highly want to appreciate all your efforts and your kind hearts.

My life before Raining Hope was so tough and challenging. I had lost hopes of pursuing my dream as a broadcaster. My parents could not afford my school fees. It was such a trying moment for me as a young girl.

**2017**

But as I joined Raining Hope a lot changed. I joined school and I pursued a diploma in journalism. This is all because of the great support I attained. I am glad to see my dreams coming true.

Still, through Raining Hope I have learned a lot. God has really been faithful to me. I lead the church worship team and have seen God working awesomely in my ministry.

Currently, as I wait upon the Lord I am working with Raining Hope and it's such a great honor and pleasure. I want to thank you again for the great support and the love you show us through Mum Kisakye who has been a blessing all these years.

Thank you and wishing you the best of 2020 and a beautiful 10th Anniversary!

Lots of Love,  
Sylvia



**2016**



**2019**

Birthday: January 14, 1995  
Dream: To become a journalist.  
Sylvia is one of the leaders of the worship team. They have choir practice on Saturdays and Sunday nights.

"It has been my desire to be the voice to the voiceless and to proclaim the name of Jesus in this field of journalism. Pray that God uses me mightily to reach out to the broken souls and give them courage."



**2019**



## Meet Our Staff - Hellen



My name is Hellen Kataike, I am now 60 years old. I want to thank God for his love and grace that he has shown me through Raining Hope.

Before I joined Raining Hope as a support staff helping in cooking, my life was a struggle. I couldn't meet basic needs as a woman and I had no husband to take care of me in any way. When I got a job at Raining Hope, through my earnings I started seeing a difference in my life. I could help myself and my children. I have known God more and grown in my relationship with God through Raining Hope.

This month of January, I will be retiring from active work. In a special way, I would love to thank all the sponsors especially Mum Eydie Kisakye for the love you have shown me and all the children. I want to thank my Pastor and manager, Godfrey for all his love and care unto me. It has been a special moment to serve the children and the entire ministry of Raining Hope as a cook. I will forever be grateful for the kindness of the Lord and His goodness that he has shown me at Raining Hope. I pray that the Lord will continue to use you in the lives of all these children here at Raining Hope. Pray also for me that wherever I will be, I will serve God and have a better old age.

I love you all.  
Happy New Year  
Hellen

Hellen will be retiring due to health challenges. She can no longer be near the fire and inhale the smoke from the kind of kitchen we have. This month she turns 60 years old which is the maximal retirement age in Uganda. The minimal is 55.

Hellen has been the cook for Raining Hope for the past three years. She is a valuable individual to us at the home. Cooking for over thirty people is a HUGE job. She serves with a smile and a humble heart. Whenever I am there I sense the love and joy she has for the Lord. We are blessed to have had her as part of our Raining Hope family. We thank her for a job well done! (Mama Kisakye)



2019

Hellen loves singing and charity work.  
Her dream is to help others.

One of her favorite Bible verses:  
Psalm 2:1 - "Why do the nations  
conspire and the people plot in vain?"

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...**  
**THANK YOU!**