



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

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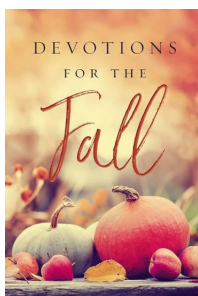
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To all Our Dear Friends, Sponsors and Partners:

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

“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. There is something about the cooler temperatures and approaching holidays that helps us refocus our hearts on what matters. We find ourselves pausing to reflect and take stock of all that God has done in our lives. One tangible way we can do this is to implement a **pumpkin of thankfulness** into our fall traditions.

The idea behind the **pumpkin of thankfulness** is simple. You place a pumpkin and a permanent marker in a prominent location in your home. **Each day you write on the pumpkin a blessing God has given you.** It might be a person He has brought into your life, an answer to a specific prayer, or something as simple as a sunny day. By Thanksgiving you should have a **pumpkin full of reasons to be grateful.** Perhaps you’ll even wish you had used a bigger pumpkin.

It’s easy to get caught up in our trials and troubles and lose sight of our blessings. That is why we are told **countless times in Scripture to remember what the Lord has done for us.** We are to tell our children and grandchildren about the goodness of the Lord. And we are to continually thank Him for all that we’ve been given. We will discover that being grateful will guard our hearts against envy, bitterness, and all manner of unpleasantness in our lives. **Counting our blessings reminds us of how much our heavenly Father cares for us.** Let’s make a point of being grateful this season, and we may as well use a pumpkin”!

*“From Devotions for the Fall” -
Stacy Edwards - pages 15-16*

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FALL THANKFULNESS

The devotion on page 1 was very timely. As we enter into the last three months of this year, our focus shifts to the upcoming holidays. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is only 57 days away and Christmas is only 86 days away!



We recently celebrated our 17th Anniversary since becoming Raining Hope Ministries. It has been 19 years since I first went to Uganda. I began thinking back on all that God has done for us 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. It is a blessing to be a part of what God is doing in Uganda.

When there are challenges, such as the recent break-in, or low funds for our budget needs, we put our faith and trust in God who sees our needs. When I read this devotion, I began thinking back on all our years together. It is hard to count all the blessings that we have to be thankful for that have accumulated over nineteen years!



So, I would like to challenge us all to the suggested idea of a **"pumpkin of thankfulness"** as we prepare our hearts for this fall and winter season. You could use a real pumpkin like the article suggests. Or, you can go to a hobby shop and purchase a faux plastic pumpkin. You could even use a mason jar and add a note each day. Whatever you choose to use, the idea is to write one blessing a day. It could be one word, one name, or whatever God places on your heart.



We would love if you do participate in this **"pumpkin of thankfulness" challenge**, that you **take a picture of what you are using and send it to us!** Be creative! We can **add those photos to our November newsletter** as we approach Thanksgiving.

Our "pumpkin" would already be filled with the names of each one of you. We are incredibly blessed and thankful for your continued prayers, support, encouragement and love for the Raining Hope family. You are a reminder of how much our Heavenly Father loves us. We love you! Let's overwhelm our world with thankfulness!

Gratefully, Mama Eydie Kisakye



Prayer for Hilary's Health

The last couple of weeks have been challenging for Hilary, our former student who is now married with two children. He went to the hospital complaining of chest pains. It has been challenging because they suspected high blood pressure issues that were leading to a possible stroke. But, the medicines they prescribed were not working. He had to be referred to a cardiologist for more intensive tests. At the same time he was being treated for malaria. They finally determined that his heart was functioning fine but needs to continue with the high blood pressure medications. It was discovered that he also is first stage diabetic. Hilary was in and out of the hospital for over a week. They finally determined it was a thyroid issue which is being successfully treated. He is now home but needs to rest to regain his strength before he can return to work. Please keep Hilary and his family in your prayers that he will have a full recovery.



Please be in prayer for the Raining Hope family. On Monday, August 24, 2026, **our home in Uganda was broken into during the middle of the night while the family slept in their rooms.**

We first reported this in our August 2026 Newsletter. We had \$750 come in towards the needed replacement of the stolen items. Godfrey was instructed by the police to **immediately reinforce our security**

with the following measures to avoid any other occurrence since we have many living here.

Since the break-in, there has been an increase in theft and crime. There are new policies that are in place that are affecting the livelihood of people. The increase in theft and break-ins are being attributed to the concerns of safety and protection of property.

With the security cameras that were recently stolen from our property, it has **left us vulnerable to another attack.** Godfrey was given advice that we should **immediately install the security flood lights** that will help deter would be thieves. They tend to not enter properties that are well lit. The second item was the **security cameras** that are important to capture images if there is another break-in.

Godfrey had a friend who was willing to install the lights and the cameras while we wait on funds. This is unusual because normally nothing can be done without payment ahead of time. But, Godfrey's friend was worried for the safety of our family.

We sent the \$750 we have received in order to start the process. **But, we have been given three weeks to come up with the balance. The balance we owe for the security lighting is \$1,163. This is due the weekend of October 9, 2026.**

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.



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.

Replacement Cost: \$1,391 (applied \$228) - Balance \$1,163

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

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PRAY WITH US

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.

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.

The gateway arch and office computer will also need to be replaced. We will continue to raise the funds for these items after we complete the installation of the security cameras.

In honor of our **17th Anniversary as the Raining Hope family**, we have started a **Security Replacement & Repair Fund**. All funds given towards these items will be placed in this special fund. We have listed the items according to priority. If you have any questions regarding giving towards this special need, please contact Carol John

Our security dogs are still extremely effective. We have had the dogs since 2016. We got them when we had the first break-in at the house. We lost one dog because thieves threw poisoned meat over the fence. This was before we completed the wiring around the top of the fence. We were able to replace the lost dog with a second guard dog. The dogs alone are not enough for our security. But we are thankful they have faithfully protected us for over 10 years!





1. **SCHOOL FEES** - Thank you for everyone who continues to give above and beyond to give our students an education. The third and final term for 2026 is now due. Balance was \$4,879. We wired \$4,546. **Please pray for the balance of \$333 that is 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 recently had plumbing issues that needed repair. **Cost will be \$104**
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. **BREAK-IN;** Please pray for the Raining Hope family that they would be **comforted during the unsettled time of experiencing the recent break-in.** Pray they experience the **PEACE OF GOD** in the midst of what has happened. Pray for the **necessary replacements needed to secure the property once again. Total cost needed for replacement and repairs: \$4,212. We have wired \$750.**

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 "BREAK-IN"..** 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.

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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

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

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