

# RAINING HOPE

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

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To Our Loving Sponsors and Partners:

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ hoping that you are okay. We pray that you had a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. We thank God for this year and for the grace and love that He continues to show towards us. May God heal those who are sick and comfort those who have lost their loved ones. We know that above everything else that we face, there is a loving God and Father who turns everything for our good.

Otherwise, **with much respect and humility, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you** our dear sponsors and partners. The world faces a challenging moment at this time and yet your love for us has not grown cold through your support in every way. **Seeing the older students finish school and resettled, having good health and all our needs provided for is a great achievement** that God has used in a bigger way.

**Our prayers are with you always.** We pray for you every time we meet in our evening devotional time. We honor you and treasure you so much. May God fill your hearts with good things and continue to keep you well.

As a ministry, we shall continue to be thankful to God and give him praise for your love and generosity to us. **Peace unto you all in the Lord.**

Sending blessings and love this Thanksgiving Season,

Godfrey and the Raining Hope Family



## A Grateful Testimony from Jesca



**Praise the Lord!** I am thankful to have the opportunity to write to all of you. Thank you for being there for us as a family. I am so grateful for the Raining Hope family. I am so thankful for having the chance to be a part of such a great family.

Thanks to Mama Eydie Kisakye and our uncle and father, Pastor Godfrey, for allowing me to be among the daughters that are loved and treasured and taken care of.

Before joining the Raining Hope family, I had no hope of becoming someone of great importance. I didn't know God but being a part of this family I am grateful because they helped me to know and draw near to God. The Raining Hope family has helped me to move and work following God's principles.

Through Pastor Godfrey and Mama Kisakye they have loved me which is an amazing thing. For sure I didn't have parents. But they both loved me where necessary and unnecessary. They stood and fought for my future. I didn't know where my school fee tuition would come from. But through Raining Hope God has provided. As I speak now I am a qualified, graduate nurse which is an amazing thing for a person who had no parents, no help, and without any hope. A bad story was CHANGED TO A BEST STORY and MIRACULOUSLY A BIG DREAM was realized. God has changed my name from being a mere Jesca to Nurse Jesca!

I am thankful for Raining Hope resettling the older girls and boys. It's such a good and dear caring thing. I am very ready to go and face the world. I know the God whom we have been worshipping from here and serving in this place will enable us to make it in life. I will carry our God every place I will be.

I pray that God will enlarge your territories and bless you abundantly in everything. Thanks to everyone so much. God bless you all!

Jesca



### HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS - UNIVERSITY & TRADE SCHOOLS

Our goal is to help students realize their dreams by sending them to University or trade school and launch them into their careers! Depending on the area of study, currently the **average for University or Trade School courses is approximately \$5,000 total for a three year program.** Due to your generosity, we have had eight students graduate from higher education.

We are so grateful for **all sponsors and donors** who have invested in the lives of our students. We currently have **five who are in university or trade school courses.**

For those who have been **long time sponsors of specific individuals**, we appreciate your continued support **even after they graduate or move on.** Your **monthly donations continue to make a huge difference.** Your sponsorship transitioned to support the entire family. With rising costs of all commodities, **your sponsorship continues to provide much needed food, shelter, clothing, medicine, supplies etc.**



We continue to thank God for the **radio ministry** and how God is using it to reach out to many people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I have heard many testify about God's grace to heal them, lift them up and change them through our Radio Ministry. There is a woman of "another faith" who has been following the radio program for awhile.

She called me and told me that she has grown in her faith in Christ through the teaching on the radio. She said she gave her life to Christ and she has been living underground as a Christian because she would be persecuted for following Christ. The messages on the radio have helped her grow in her walk with Christ. She encouraged me to keep on with the program claiming it must be changing the life of many others. That is just one testimony. I really thank God for how He is changing lives. It is humbling to see what God can do. To Him be all the glory and honor. (Godfrey)

## Health

**Please pray for Vivian.** She has not yet resettled into her own place because she has been ill. Godfrey decided to keep her close at home until she is better. They are doing several tests to rule out sickle cell and other blood challenges. Continue to pray for the general health of all the family.

## In Depth Praise - December 11, 2022



As we mark the end of this year, Raining Hope is organizing an **In-Depth Praise service on December 11, 2022**. The In-Depth praise is birthed out of the series Godfrey has been teaching on praising God. They shall invite other ministries to join them as we wind up the year in joyful praise unto our God.

They are also planning to have our end of year celebrations as a ministry on New Year's Eve. Currently that will be just for our family.

When we were making plans for both events, it was **all dependent upon the Ebola outbreak**. They have to have special permission to plan the event. That is why we had not planned to have a community

event for New Year's Eve. **It is also why I postponed going to Uganda at the end of this year due to the Ebola outbreak. We didn't know what the status would be with containment of the virus.**

We are thankful to God who continues to protect the family against Ebola. But as cases have declined it looks like it will be safe to proceed with the current plans. Ebola virus has moved away from Jinja. Those places where Ebola is still a threat are under quarantine. That is why they are cleared to have the In-Depth session with observance of the preventive measures. Please continue to pray as they seek wisdom and discernment to safely have the event.

## EBOLA OUTBREAK

On September 20, 2022, the health authorities in the Republic of Uganda declared an **outbreak of Ebola disease** caused by Sudan ebolavirus (SUDV), after a case was confirmed in a village in Madudu sub-county in Mubende district, central Uganda on September 19, 2022. The ongoing outbreak of Sudan Ebolavirus in Uganda is **showing signs that transmission may now be under control**. This is a report as of Monday, November 28, 2022 by Uganda's Ministry of Health.

**Cases have continued to decline** according to World Health Organization situation reports and **only six active cases are currently being treated in specialized Ebola treatment units**. In the current outbreak, fifty-six people have died and eighty have recovered.

The lockdowns in the affected areas – which include a dusk-to-dawn curfew, a ban on personal travel, and the closure of markets, bars and churches – are scheduled to be **lifted on December 17** if no new cases are found.

To prevent a resurgence the Ministry of Health must remain vigilant and surveillance will need to continue at least through the end of the year.

Godfrey said the village in the Mubende district is about a 5 hour drive from us. **The virus did reach our area of Jinja and a death was recorded.**

Thank you for joining us in prayer during this Ebola outbreak. Our family remained diligent in staying safe. They are thankful to God for the protection against COVID 19 and the Ebola virus.

(Source: World Ministry of Health & John Drake - Forbes)

## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

### Monthly Budget

- Since the start of the pandemic, our monthly budget in Uganda has increased to an average of **\$2,500 a month**. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **For the month of December the budget needs are \$2594.**
- **Our budget for medical is still high.** In November the budget needs were \$447. Godfrey also reported that **Almecca**, the hospital we have used for years was sold and currently closed for renovations. We now use City Medical Care which will take time to build a good relationship with.
- 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.**
- **Over this past year, each month the budget has slowly increased.** Since the beginning of the pandemic, the monthly budget has gone from **\$1,700 a month to over \$2,500 a month**. We are thankful the Lord has provided in ways that can only be explained by Him. Pray for us to be able to continue sending the full budget at the beginning of each month.
- **THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEE BUDGET DUE**
  - Our students are in the **third term** of their school for this year. (See Sept. Special Edition for full breakdown of fees). The candidate students are currently preparing for their national exams.

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| The final term fees, boarding and supplies: | \$5,438  |
| Already wired:                              | \$4,000. |
| Received an additional                      | \$1,000  |

**Balance due now: \$ 438**  
**(Balance needs to be covered before exams)**