

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

To our Dear Sponsors and Partners:

I give God praise for you and the work you are doing in the Lord. I appreciate God for such a Thanksgiving season that reminds us of God's goodness through his people. As Raining Hope Ministries in Uganda, we thank God who has used you over these years from where we began to where we are today. Words may not fully express all we desire to share about God's goodness in our lives through you. We respect your commitment and love for us. The unwavering support that you extend to us in all ways through our dear Mum Kisakye is such a blessing.

As a people and a nation we are going through tough moments because of the pandemic. I know our Mum has been updating you concerning our COVID-19 cases. In all we face today, we have infinite reasons to be thankful to God. He has remained faithful and preserved his own even to eternity. Your generosity even in such a time as this shall never be in vain. The Lord watches over you and will reward you with both earthly and eternal rewards.

I can't thank Him enough. I have no words to explain how God has used you in our lives. But allow me to say **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your love.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our dear friends and supporters.

May God richly bless you all!

Godfrey



## Third Term School Fees



These school fees are **unique to 2020**. The fees for the candidate students include the cost of **boarding them in hostels** in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

### UPDATE:

**THANK YOU** for all of your prayers concerning the final term for 2020. We are so thankful for the outpouring of love and support for the educational needs of our Raining Hope family.

A generous donation was made in March 2020 in **memory of Melvin J. Budmark** who passed away on July 19, 2019. The family recently gave another generous gift towards our 3rd term school fees in memory of Melvin and his love for education.

A generous donation was given to help with the first installment of the boarding fees by a family who wanted to make the donation in the **memory of their father, Joel**.

**Many other faithful supporters** have given **sacrificially** towards the third term school fees and monthly budget needs. We are extremely **GRATEFUL for our sponsors and supporters** who continue to contribute monthly. **THANKS TO EACH ONE OF YOU** for your continued generosity and deep love for our family. The candidate students are all in boarding school preparing for national exams. Our other students are all successfully studying from home. This is due to your love and support for our Raining Hope family. You are making a difference. Thank you!

**GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL 17 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, BOARDING & PROJECTOR: \$4,336**

**Received \$3,410 - Total Balance Remaining : \$926 (Breakdown below)**

**School Fee balance of \$504 is due by November 22, 2020**

**Second Installment for Boarding due before 12/18/20 - \$422**



**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.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE;

During COVID-19 virus restrictions and "shelter in place" orders in California, we had requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit due to limited access to the building.

**You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.**

**Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878**



NOVEMBER 2020

## A Powerful Testimony of HOPE for our Hope



Godfrey contacted me on Friday, November 13, 2020. Hope (5 years old) had been throwing up and was very ill. After taking her to the hospital it was determined that she has an **umbilical hernia**. The doctors wanted to do the surgery before infection sets in. They told them if they delay it may cause long term issues.

In Africa, it is common to not receive medical attention unless you can pay upfront. It has become even more strict during the pandemic. They **postponed the surgery until Saturday, November 21st** because they were not ready with the money needed.

This was **Godfrey's prayer** as he informed me of her illness:

"We are praying with her as we believe God for provision to take her through. Keep us in prayers that God will make a way and that the procedure will be successful. We know this is important for her health, therefore as parents she needs our help. I know you will be praying so I thank you in advance."

**Before I could even put the word out** that Hope was in need of surgery, God was already moving in a powerful way. The same day I had sent a text to one of our Raining Hope family members to verify something I wanted to include in the newsletter. She said the moment I had sent the text, she had been thinking of Raining Hope! Then eight minutes later she sent me another text to tell me her husband had just walked in the door with an amazing story. He had worked on a site that day with another individual and ended up talking about Raining Hope. After listening to our dear friend share from his heart, **this very kind gentleman handed our friend \$200** and said to give it to us!

**On Saturday, this couple felt an urgency to get the cash to us right away.** They had no idea that just before I went to meet them, Godfrey contacted me to let me know the **surgery, medicine and three day hospital stay** would cost ... **\$260**.

When I told this story to the couple we were all speechless. As I stood there and looked at the \$200, I realized God just provided what we needed in order for **Hope to have the surgery**. Our friend immediately added the **\$60** to make sure the whole surgery cost was covered.

**Hope will have surgery Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 9:00 am (Uganda time). They are 11 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time. Please join us on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:00 pm PST to pray for Hope.**

Godfrey said the surgery should take 30-45 minutes. Healing will take 30-40 days with proper care.

Raining Hope desires to be **explained by the miraculous**. That way we don't take any credit. God continues to do things that only He can do. He receives all the glory. We have countless stories over the past 13 years of how **God has worked through so many of you in miraculous, speechless ways**. To **each one of you** we express our deepest thanks. **You are ALL deeply loved**. Today (Sunday) as I was preparing to listen to St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church online, the song, "Waymaker" came on. I have included two links to Saddleback Worship on YouTube of this powerful song.

<https://youtu.be/waR2IOV2OkY>.

<https://youtu.be/SOn0jJ-LJIQ>

"Our God is Waymaker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness, My God that is who You are."

Join us this week as we pray for our precious Hope that her surgery will be successful and the testimony of His provision and love will touch hearts this Thanksgiving season.

## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



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"From children to seniors, people **pack shoebox gifts** each year through Samaritan's Purse to bless children in need around the world. Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. **Every hour work stops** for a few minutes to **pray for the children who will receive the boxes.**

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement **The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program.**" (Samaritan's Purse Website)

**Raining Hope** was one of the organizations that was chosen to receive shoebox gifts **in order to distribute them.** This year Godfrey reached out to the **children of the local police station** to be recipients of the boxes. They had two policemen who for the first time set foot into the church just to say thank you for giving their children the gifts. They said most of the time **their children are forgotten.** They were thankful **we cared about their children.** The gifts helped to strengthen the relationship between Raining Hope Ministries and the police force. Through the gifts to their children, they realized they are loved and not looked at as only corrupt.



As a pastor, Godfrey said it provided an opportunity to reach out to people that are harder to reach. Normally the police and their families are so busy. Yet, through the gift boxes it was easier to reach out to them with the gospel.

On October 17, 2020, Raining Hope received the children in three separate groups in order to maintain the social distancing protocols. **Eighty children** received the boxes and **twenty prayed to receive Christ as their Savior!** The following week from Monday to Friday they hosted the **follow-up discipleship program.** Social distancing, sanitizing and temperature checks were all required in order for the program to be approved. Twenty nine children started the discipleship program, but because some had to leave for the start of the third term of school, only sixteen graduated. The others can complete the program when they return from school. Upon graduation the children received New Testament Bibles as rewards and certificates. During the class Godfrey said the children showed so much interest in the work of God and wanting to know Him more. They memorized Bible verses and even shared about Jesus with their friends. It was exciting to see these children begin their journey growing to know the Lord!



So many of us have packed shoe boxes over the years through our churches and other ministries. It is exciting to see what happens on the receiving end of those carefully and lovingly packed shoe boxes! We are thankful for Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child.