

RAINING HOPE

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

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To All Our Dear Sponsors and Partners:

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, thanking you for all you do for him and the purpose of His Kingdom.

I would like to appreciate you all for your continued support to Raining Hope over the years. As a people we are going through so much because of the effects of COVID-19 and other world challenges and yet you have not been hesitant to support us financially and in many other ways. You should never underestimate what your support for us does. God is doing a great work through you to us. You have put smiles on our faces when our needs are met.

Thank you dearly for allowing to stand with us even in such tough times in our history. Thank you for trusting our Mum Kisakye who continually reports to us of your love and support.

We are forever grateful and we pray that God will give you increase in all ways. We have not stopped remembering you in our prayers every evening when we pray from 8pm to 9pm. I therefore thank you in a special way for all the love and the support rendered unto us.

May God richly bless you and satisfy you with good days.

With Much Love, Godfrey



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Update on School System & Fees



Joan will be resuming school on **November 8, 2021!** After this semester, she will have one more semester to graduate to become a Social Worker. She would have finished by now if it wasn't for the lockdown of two years. She will be taking a Covid-19 vaccine because it is a pre-requisite to enter class.

Kampala University/Jinja Campus Fees and Supplies: \$603



Vivian is graduating on **November 5, 2021** from Hotel & Tourism School! She qualified for a Diploma in Pastry and Bakery.

Uganda Hotel & Tourism Institute Graduation Fee & Gown: \$105

We are thankful to God they are finishing school and graduating! May God bless you for the continued support to see them through school and helping them realize their academic dreams. (Godfrey)

Please pray for the above needed fees. This is a time sensitive need as they both take place the first week of November.

The rest of the school system is scheduled to **begin January 2022.** More information on needed school fees will be updated next month.



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 or Carol John. 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.

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

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Angela's Birthday Fundraiser

Happy Birthday to one of our newest sponsors! Angie decided for her birthday this year, to have a **Facebook Fundraiser**. Here is what she posted:

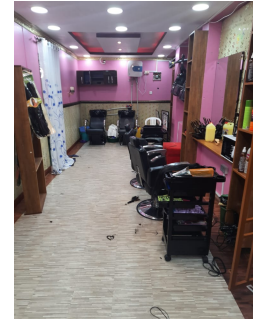
"I'm asking for donations to Raining Hope Incorporated. I've chosen this nonprofit because their mission means a lot to me, and I hope you'll consider contributing as a way to celebrate with me. Every little bit will help me reach my goal."

Angie had a goal of raising \$200. Through the generosity and support of her friends and family she raised \$600! We thank all of you who supported her birthday fundraiser. Together we are making a difference in the lives of people through Raining Hope Ministries. We thank Angie for her passion for Raining Hope and the love she has for our family. All of us at Raining Hope appreciate you & Max for your encouragement, support and love. **Happy Birthday, Angie!**

Irene's New Beauty Salon Business!



When Irene and Godfrey lived in the town of Mukono, Irene had a business in a beauty salon. When Godfrey became our manager six years ago, he moved his family to Jinja. She left behind her business and he left the church he was pastoring. They have been saving money so she could rent a space in Jinja to open up her beauty salon. Irene is extremely excited because she has a passion for this business. Irene wants to support her ailing parents and family with the proceeds from her



business. Her family needs much help. Irene wanted to be able to help them and this self-sustaining business will help her care for them. The salon is located on Main Street in Jinja Town!

Please join me in praying for her that as businesses are slowly opening up, she will have new clients come in. Pray for future expansion as her business grows. We are excited for the new opportunity for Irene!



Security Camera Update

As reported the last few months, another challenge created by the lockdown was the **rise in crime**. Specifically there is a group of **“machete-wielding criminals”** that have begun **terrorizing villages in Masaka** (115 miles from Jinja) killing people after entering their homes. Kampala and Jinja have also been put on alert.



On October 26th, Godfrey reported that the nation had **suffered two bombings due to terrorist activity**. One was in a restaurant and another on a bus. Both were in the capital area of Kampala. There was loss of lives at both bombings.

Terrorists were arrested right near the Jinja Bridge close to where one of our parents live. Our home is right on the other side of the bridge.

There are warnings for people to stay alert and avoid large crowds. We are thankful that we were able to invest in **surveillance cameras** to protect our home. More than ever it is important for us to have the cameras as an extra security measure. Cameras will be a **deterrent to criminal activity**. If they do come into the compound **cameras have proven to be key in arresting offenders**.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: As I was working on this newsletter, Godfrey contacted me this morning (November 3rd). He said a **thief came into our compound** sometime around 10-11 pm last night and stole some microphones, cables and drum tools. They had been left out near the podium. When they woke up they discovered they were missing. **BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SECURITY CAMERAS**, they played back the footage and saw the thief come in and leave.

Then the unexpected happened. **The thief returned to our house the next morning trying to SELL OUR ITEMS BACK TO US!** He didn't realize he had been caught on camera. He said, "In case you have lost some of these items, I can sell them to you for a good price." Godfrey recognized the thief from the tapes. He brilliantly asked the guy to stay while he went to get money at the bank to buy the items. He asked our boys to stall him while he went not to the bank but to the police! Godfrey returned with three policemen, one who was armed. They arrested the man and we will get all our items back once they are released from evidence.

Godfrey said there have been many neighbors who have been robbed. One family lost everything. Another family lost close to \$3,000. Godfrey is hoping that our thief may lead the authorities to the others involved and be able to recover some of the neighbors belongings.

The event has highlighted where there are gaps in our security. The thief climbed the gate and somehow managed to jump over the top that has no barbed wire. The police have suggested we invest in more lighting especially by the front gate. There is a blind spot at the front gate which will facilitate another camera and DVR to tape.

Godfrey also said the dog is a deterrent but after the last dog was poisoned, they are afraid to leave the dog out at night in fear it too may be subject to thieves throwing poisoned food over the fence. Instead, the security company is talking with Godfrey about an additional motion sensor that can be linked to his phone to alert him if anyone comes into the compound. Godfrey is looking into the cost of these additional items. We are thankful no one was hurt as it happened while they were all home in bed.

Please continue praying for the safety of the Raining Hope family and all vulnerable communities. Pray for the necessary funds for additional security needs.





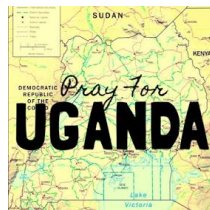
Our radio ministry continues to be the main source of spreading the gospel in a time that HOPE is critical. Our church has an average of over 200 attending on Sunday (pre-COVID). The radio ministry began during the pandemic to reach the Raining Hope congregation. Most do not have the ability for online services but everyone has a radio.

Pray for Godfrey as he **preaches on Sunday through the radio ministry.** Pray as he encourages the population as he preaches and prays with people. Pray for repentance and lives to be transformed. The radio program in Jinja reaches out to communities and villages as far as 6 hours away! Because of the COVID travel restrictions, the nationwide program has been put on temporary hold. COVID cases were rising in the media house he was recording at in Kampala. They needed Godfrey in the studio to record. He tried sending in voice recordings but his phone didn't have the quality that met with their standards. We are working towards purchasing a video camera with a sound card that can help with this issue. But the **original radio program is still going strong each Sunday and making a huge impact in the lives of many Ugandans! Here are testimonies from two of our listeners:**

"There is a man called David, he said that he was contemplating committing suicide but when he heard the message that I shared on Sunday morning about living by faith and not by sight, he cried loud like a baby and thanked God for the ministry. He was struggling with taking care of his family and also had marital issues that caused him to be depressed. He promised to continue following the preaching on the radio."

"There is a woman who works at the media station where I preach from. She gave her testimony to me to encourage the work. She said that God was speaking to her through me. She said those who know her questioned whether she had spoken to me before preaching because it seemed like I knew all the details of her life. She said she had planned to quit her job because of all she was going through. But after I preached the Word about true rest in God, she was encouraged and is going to trust God through her trials!" Amen and Amen!

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 PRAYER POINTS



Food Supply:

1. **Food prices are still extremely high.** In some cases prices are still three times the normal amount and are continuing to increase. Those who can not buy food are going hungry. **The economy continues to suffer the effects of the lockdown.** Our budget was increased to **\$2452 last month.** The increase includes an additional \$65 for plumbing and electrical repairs. The medical bill was higher last month because of illness and dental issues.
2. Most Ugandans live from **hand to mouth and don't have any savings built up.** They only eat when they have worked.
3. The **exchange rate is also unstable.** It was a much lower rate which caused the last wire to be \$97 less in shillings.

Healthcare System:

4. Healthcare system is **overwhelmed** - Hospitals can not keep up with the new cases.
5. Pray for **doctors and nurses and all healthcare workers.**
6. **Medicine costs have skyrocketed.**
7. Pray for **healing and cure** for COVID-19
8. Pray for comfort for those who have **lost loved ones.**
9. Pray for **wisdom and discernment for the government** as they make decisions.

"Buli Muntu Agumye Mune"
Translation - "Every person should encourage each other".

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing," 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV