

RAINING HOPE

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

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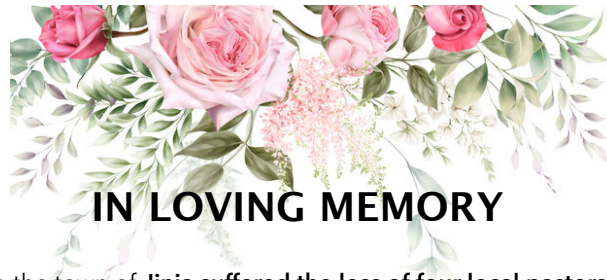
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently, the town of Jinja suffered the loss of four local pastors due to car accidents.

One accident involved three pastors from the same church in Jinja. They were on their way back from a burial when their car collided with a sugar cane truck that was abandoned on the road. The three pastors, Pastor Henry M., Pastor Rose L. And Paster Mande from ELIM Pentecostal Church all died instantly. There were three additional survivors of the accident. They were all admitted to the hospital but are now home.

Godfrey knew one of the pastors well. Pastor Henry M. helped us a lot when Sophia and Zuluta's mother passed away. The pastor helped with the twins who were left on their own after their mother died. One of the surviving passengers is Ketra who now takes care of the brother and sister of Sophia and Zuluta. They stayed with us while Ketra was in ICU in the hospital.

The second accident involved another pastor of Jinja just two weeks later. Pastor Ibrahim O. was knocked off the boda boda he was riding. Another car was driving towards them and he jumped off in a panic and fell into the middle of the road where he was run over by an oncoming car.

Please continue to pray for the community of Jinja at this time of loss.



We experienced a more personal loss last month. When in Uganda, one of our favorite spots to eat in town was **Ozzie's Cafe**. The owner, **Jude** was from Australia. She spent **35 years in Uganda**. I always looked forward to buying her homemade sourdough bread which was the best! She also

made cakes for us for special occasions. She returned to Australia just before the pandemic. She had health challenges in her final years. We received word of her recent passing. **Please keep her family in your prayers as we remember a good friend of Raining Hope.**

A Grateful Testimony from Hillary



Dear Sponsors:

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of our lives. Oh how He loves us! **WOW! WOW! WOW!** I choose to use the word 'WOW' for a reason because **I can't believe I have made it this far with my Raining Hope family.** I say this because my **life at Raining Hope has been quite a journey, perhaps a voyage** in this land of the living. The most interesting part of it is that I have enjoyed every bit of it together with my brothers and sisters. Much love to our Mama Kissakye for working so hard to coordinate all our sponsors towards giving. Much love to all our dear sponsors. Much love to Auntie Carol and the rest of the board members. Much love to Uncle Godfrey, the faithful servant. Above all, may **all the glory and honor be given back to God** who has made this life to grant us a turning point.

Just as it is, God knows us before we are born according to Jeremiah 1:4-5 and that He sets us apart for His purposes. For sure not until you receive Him you cannot find purpose in life. Likewise, that was my fate before I came to know Him. **God gave me wonderful parents who loved me dearly. I lost my mother at a tender age.** What I was left with was to now struggle with my father who later married my stepmother. This was something that geared my tough times in life. Little did I know that **the worst was coming my way.**

I can bravely talk about this not because I still have that pain but as a testimony of my past which does not even describe who I am today. This is in my past and I am not ashamed to talk about it. **My stepmother mistreated me terribly and my father's house was not a safe place for me to continue living.** I was traumatized with her actions and only found **the streets to be my place of refuge.** It was **from the streets that God brought me to join the Raining Hope family.** While at Raining Hope, the hospitality, the joy and smiles on the faces of the children that I found there was like a breath of life on the dry bones to me in the book of Ezekiel 37:9.

When I received this breath of life, **I started living again.** It all began by me **going back to school and having all the basic needs met.** These included school fees, food, water, clothing and healthcare just to mention a few. Even as I received all of this I didn't know where it was coming from. I did hear that people from the United States were the ones helping us. I remember clearly when the others told me that "Auntie Eydie and a team were coming from the US." That long-awaited day finally came when Auntie Eydie arrived with a team. That will be a time I will never forget. I remember the song she signed by Nicole C. Mullens, "**My Redeemer Lives**". I remember the **kingdom skits** that the team members use to do for us and even though we were little **it impacted our lives.**

Through the years we have had many challenges. **It proves the strength of the Raining Hope family.** The enemy tried to shake the foundation of the ministry to see if it was firm but he did not succeed because **our foundation is rooted in Jesus Christ.** During the toughest of times we did not give up. **Joshua 1:9 became a foundational truth for Raining Hope.** "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." **We became strong and determined.**

A Grateful Testimony from Hillary (continued)

We sing songs of praise and thanksgiving to SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE. We have been strong and courageous. We remained faithful in the midst of all the storms. The Lord has provided our home, our palace! He continues to provide school fees which we do not know how. He provides for all our bills at the house and all our medical needs. Some of use have now graduated from higher education institutions. **SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!** What we waited for has come to pass. **SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!**

I know the time has come for those of us who have graduated to leave our PALACE and we shall miss the moments we have had together as a family. **But we are strong because we know the Raining Hope family has given us all it takes to face the outside world, spiritually, physically and emotionally.** One of the most important things is that **we are and will always be children of this wonderful family.**

While out there, I am praying and believing God to start a business. Just as Paul was a minister but also a tent maker, I want to fulfill what the Scriptures speak about work (1Thessalonians 4:11-12). I want to be a living example to those who need Christ but are want to help people in need. My idea is what the book of James 2:14-26 speaks about faith and action.

When it comes to ministry, I will continue to serve my King Jesus with my heart, my soul and my mind until He calls me to serve Him on another level ministry wise.

I want to thank EVERYONE who has supported me all these years. Thank you for helping me to resettle into my own place and to have a good start as I launch out on the next step in my journey. May God bless you all so much and may you live to see His goodness and mercy now and forevermore. AMEN!

Love and Peace,
Hillary



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.**

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. As of October 26, a total of 115 confirmed and 21 probable cases, including 32 confirmed and 21 probable deaths (CFR among confirmed cases: 27.8%) have been reported. Overall, 15 cases with four deaths have been reported among healthcare workers.” *World Health Organization.*

“Ebola is a severe, often fatal illness affecting humans and other primates. It has six different species, three of which (Bundibugyo, Sudan and Zaire) have previously caused large outbreaks. Case fatality rates of the Sudan virus have varied from 41% to 100% in past outbreaks. Early initiation of supportive treatment has been shown to significantly reduce deaths from Ebola.”

“Uganda is no stranger to effective Ebola control. Thanks to its expertise, action has been taken to quickly detect the virus and we can bank on this knowledge to halt the spread of infections.” *World Health Organization Uganda*

Godfrey said the village in the Mubende district is about a 5 hour drive from us. The virus has reach Kampala the capital city. They have been concerned that if it reached Kampala it could easily spread to the surrounding areas.

Please keep Uganda and our family in your prayers that the infections can be contained and kept under control. Because of this outbreak, Godfrey said they remain cautious. They will not have a New Year’s Eve overnight gathering this year to avoid a large crowd gathered at the house.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

Monthly Budget

- Since the start of the pandemic, our monthly budget in Uganda has increased to an average of **\$2,400 a month**. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **For the month of October the budget needs were \$2457. For the month of November the budget needs are \$2584.**

• Health

- **Our budget for medical was higher this month due to illness.** In October it was \$532. September it was \$296. 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.
- To help **keep the medical costs down**, the current budget was increased to purchase more **medicine that is kept at the home**. Certain illnesses can be treated at the home to avoid the large bill from going to the hospital.

- 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.**

• 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)

We have six in Secondary School, four in Primary, and five in post secondary/trade school.

The final term fees, boarding and supplies: \$5,438
Already wired: \$4,000

Balance due now: \$1,438