

RAINING HOPE

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

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Newsletter

Each month for this year of celebration we will highlight at least two of our students. For November we are highlighting Vivian, Ronald & Jireh. We have included an anniversary greeting from each one for our sponsors and supporters. They share what their life was like before Raining Hope and what it means to be a part of our Raining Hope family now. They are inspiring stories of hope and thankfulness. Their testimonies will give you more insight into their lives and the hope that being a part of Raining Hope has brought to each one of them. The same testimonies will be featured on our website along with a video greeting from each student!

Note: Because I have been in the SF Bay Area, I don't have access to some of my older photos that are archived on another computer. My hope was to show photos from when our children first started with us as Psalms 10 until now. Those photos will be a part of the anniversary book we will be compiling this year. I will add them to future posts when I finally get back home! Mama Kisakye



40 Days of Prayer

We are currently praying for a different student or staff member each day in conjunction with our 10 Year Anniversary! For the month of December we will focus on prayer for the Christmas Season. I am using a calendar, "Jesus - God's Promises Fulfilled." Each day has a different Scripture leading us to Christmas. Pray for the Raining Hope Family to be a light in the community as they share the HOPE of Christmas this year.

The beginning of the year will launch our 10 Year Anniversary fundraising campaign for exciting projects for Raining Hope! The celebration continues!



HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

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. v 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

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Meet Ronald



To Raining Hope Sponsors:

Hello. My name is Ronald and I come from Uganda. I am 18 years old. I was born on October 22, 2000. I live at Raining Hope Ministries.

I want to thank all the Raining Hope sponsors and friends who have stood with us for the last 10 years since we became Raining Hope. I am one of the children that was there when Raining Hope Ministries got started. I really thank God for your kind hearts.

My life before Raining Hope was really difficult although I was young. But there are things I can never forget. I remember in 2006 when we were still in Wanyange as Living Hope. I had a problem with my front two teeth. I would cover my mouth because they were really long. Some people used to think that I was the older but indeed I was just 5 years old. Pastor Paul took me to the hospital which made me feel like any other ordinary

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child in the community. Secondly, the thing I cannot forget is that I used to wet the bed as a child. This caused me to be embarrassed around friends. I stayed away from people and had few friends. Lastly, my life before Raining Hope, my mom would always tell me the story when I was born my dad died. My aunties and uncles rejected me saying that I was the main cause of my father’s death. They threatened with witchdoctors sentencing me to die and work as a sacrifice to my ancestors to please my late dad. My mom struggled with me for almost two years. They did unspeakable things to me which led me to believe I was crazy.

I came to Raining Hope when I was around 5 years old. My mom handed me over to Pastor Paul and said these words, “I hand you my children to this man, Pastor Paul because I have no where else to take you.” I have since seen God working in my life. Raining Hope really to me is a home that I cannot compare to my mom’s place. I have grown up in this place. They have helped me to know God.

At first I wanted to become a pilot in the future but as time went on I saw that I wasn’t good with the science subjects in my class. So I prayed to God and he showed me that I should be a businessman in Uganda. I decided that I would like to be a businessman dealing in sound instruments. I want to be the first person to open up a big shop selling sound instruments and video instruments to the whole of Uganda, East Africa and Africa at large.

Happy 10th Anniversary!
Ronald

Ronald & Trust - 2019



Ronald Survives Car Accident - 2016

Ronald & Hope 2013



BirthDay:October 22, 2000
Dream: To become a businessman & open up a big shop selling sound equipment & instruments to the whole of Uganda.

Favorite Verse: 2 Chronicles 20:15-17
“Do not be afraid or discouraged...”

Meet Vivian

Dear Sponsors:

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. My name is Vivian and I am 22 years old. I thank you all for your support, love and care rendered to us and your prayers to God on our behalf.



My life before Raining Hope was not so good. It was hard. I did not know Christ deeply. I used to go to church with mummy because I thought it was just for fun and I never took God serious in life.

In school, fees were hard to get since daddy had lost his job and mummy was not working. So it was hard for me and my siblings. But when I joined Raining Hope my life changed. I got to know Jesus more and more. Now I am doing well in school.

I thank God because through Raining Hope, He has been there to help me with treatment and healed me from sickness and terrible diseases that wanted to end my life. But through your prayers and support God has been there for me.

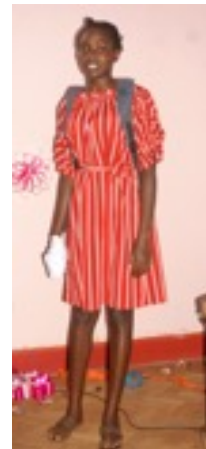
My prayer request is that God may help me to continue with school because I want to upgrade in pastry and bakery management. I want to be one of the best pastry chefs in the world. I know by your prayers God will do wonderful things.

Once again, thank you all for so much. For the prayers, love, support and caring for us as the Raining Hope family. May God bless you.

Happy Anniversary & Merry Christmas!
Vivian

Birthday: October 16, 1996
Dream: To become the very best pastry chef in all the world! She loves music, singing, dancing and futbol.

Favorite Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path."



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Vivian with her mom -
Christmas baskets 2018

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Meet Jireh

Dear sponsors,
 Praise the Lord!
 My name is Jireh.
 I am eight years old and I go to Victoria Nile School.
 I was promoted to Primary Three.
 I want to thank all the sponsors for your love and care.
 Thank you for your prayers.
 My dream is to become an engineer when i grow up.
 Pray for me that my dream comes true.



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Birthday: November 5, 2011
 Dream: Engineer
 Jireh's favorite subjects in school is math
 Her hobby is cooking

One of her favorite Bible verses is John 14:16, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever."



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Update on Government Regulations

Last year we began the process of coming under compliance due to the closure of illegal homes in Uganda. We are one of the few homes that have remained opened. We are still waiting on final approval. They have given us time to complete projects. As long as they see progress they have been willing to extend the deadline.

Godfrey just met with officials the last week of November. He just informed me of **the items we are currently obligated to complete in order to remain open:**

Yearly Audit (\$548) & Filing (\$192) - Due December 12, 2019.

Clearing current debts (\$1,344) - All debts needs to be cleared to file

Building a Better Kitchen (\$1,160) - Due December 25, 2019 - The kitchen will be built as a second story to our existing main building.

There is also a need for new tires for the van (\$518). Godfrey has already been stopped once and warned the van needs new tires.

New phone (\$205) - Godfrey had his phone stolen last week while standing outside the compound. They came up to him as if to talk but then stole the phone and took off on boda boda's. He has been borrowing phones in order to communicate with me on messenger.

Please be in prayer as these are time sensitive issues. Please contact Carol John with any additional questions regarding donations.