



“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH 10:1

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Beacon of Hope

Beacon of Hope is the Sponsorship program for our Raining Hope Ministries family in Uganda. Those who are **regular monthly sponsors or give individual gifts throughout the year are a part of our Beacon of Hope program.**

Regular sponsorship is a **minimum of \$30 a month**. You are welcome to give more than the minimum amount. The **monthly budget** average **per student** to cover food, shelter, clothing, medicine, supplies etc. is closer to \$120 per month. This average has gone up since COVID as the cost of food and supplies has continued to rise. But to make it affordable we set the minimum at \$30 a month so more people could be involved in sponsorship. We **raise school fees separately** from the monthly budget **three times a year**. Each school year is made up of three terms. We have primary (elementary), secondary (middle school & high school) and post secondary levels (university & vocational/trade school). You can also make a **one time gift of any amount**.

Instead of having multiple sponsors per student, we shifted from a one-to-one sponsorship program to a **“Beacon of Hope Family Sponsorship.”** This way you sponsor the ministry as a whole. Raining Hope has looked into other faith-based organizations who are successfully following this model. This has also been successful for us as a ministry for many years now. **Initial sponsors who were paired with a specific student before we shifted to this model have continued to be the sponsor for that student.**

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Because our students live together at our home, **our goal is for you to get to know all of our students that make up our Raining Hope family.** We have watched these students grow up since Eydie's first mission's trip in 2006/2007.

Most of our students are now high school and post secondary school age. **Each one of our students has a powerful story to tell.** In order to get to the heart of Raining Hope and our mission, this model is the way you can be more acquainted with our students who are Raining Hope.

We are committed to these students that we have watched grow up since we began in 2007. The cost of schooling in Uganda increases as students continue from primary to secondary school. Post-secondary education has greatly increased our school fee budget. Since COVID-19, there have been **changes in the educational system which is a major cause of the increase.** Raining Hope is committed to helping our students **through university or vocational school and then launching them in their new careers.** We have successfully graduated students from seminary, hotel management, journalism and broadcasting, social work and nursing. Our first graduate left us after finishing secondary school. He moved back to Rwanda and put himself through law school by working three jobs and graduated top male in his class! He recently passed the Bar Exam to pursue his dream of being a lawyer!

We are not accepting any new children in the program due to the **new rules of compliance** set by the Ugandan system. We are shifting to **Community Based Programs that effectively will help more students in the community with school supplies, mentoring & tutoring.** Our goal is to open a **community center that will help meet needs in our surrounding community.**

A song that continues to touch my heart is "Always on Time" by Elevation Worship. https://youtu.be/H1L6zv_ilzY?si=KYXYLqNtlH44NKzD This is our story. The last nineteen years since my first trip to Uganda, there have been many ups and downs. We faced **challenges and opposition** to what God was doing in our midst. In the testimonies of our students, **many thought they were a "nobody" and didn't think they would live to make it this far. We have those who didn't believe in us.**

We believed God. We trusted Him. We didn't give up. The challenges and opposition caused us to look only to God who made us stronger. We praised Him through it all!

The words of this song are powerful. *"I remember how You provided...I was tossed in the water, but I never went under. You were always on time. And, Jesus when I went through the fire, You were right there beside me. And You were always on time...There's never been a day, never been a minute, never been a moment that You weren't in it. There's never been a time that You didn't see me through, God. So, I worship You".* Recently, I talked with Hilary and he told me he and Florence **almost daily sit and recall all that God has done in their lives all these years.** He said he spends time **being grateful** so he never forgets or takes what they have for granted. At times he says he still can't believe it all.

YOU are the reason our students have these kinds of testimonies of God's amazing grace. THANK YOU for being an important part of our story. **It is ALL ABOUT HIM and NOT ABOUT US.** We will continue to TRUST GOD with our whole heart and not lean on our own understanding. In ALL OUR WAYS we will acknowledge Him and He will continue to direct our paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6) Thank you for continuing to walk this journey with us. All glory goes to God alone for all He is doing! (Eydie)

THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

Senior Secondary School

Dan	Senior 6
Jael	Senior 3
*Jemimah - not included	Senior 5
*Jireh - not included	Senior 1

Dreams & Goals

Business
Doctor
Accountant
Drama

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Senior Secondary School: \$1420 or \$710 each

Primary School

Hope	Primary 5	Pilot
Trust	Primary 4	

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary: \$928 or \$464 each

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Zuluta	Makare University/Business Admin	Accountant	\$ 1,339
Maria	YMCA	Catering	\$ 550
Tamarah	Makere University	Commerce	\$ 1,249

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Post Secondary School/Trade School \$3,138

GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING - Due Now \$5,486

Jemimah & Jireh are up for promotion to the next level. They are **not included in the fees structure** because they are waiting for their results to determine their next class and school. **Joanne's fees are not included in this fees structure** as her current trimester ends February 15th. We will post her fees for her third trimester separately.

Inflation and the recent Presidential elections have caused school fees to increase. But, we are grateful to all of you who help to sustain students in school. New curriculum is more expensive due to school requirements and practicality of the curriculum. They are now required to do industrial trainings, tours and extra scholastic materials to help with preparing for exams. Thank you so much for helping our students meet their academic needs to help them score high marks on their next levels or else they won't graduate. Thank you for last year and all that the Lord continues to do through you to support them to realize their dreams through academics. (Godfrey)

Zuluta is starting her fourth semester on January 25, 2026. She will also have her first internship the first week of February. After this semester she will be left with two semesters to finish her university level. She will graduate April 2027. Her fee structure is high because of internship and annual registration.

Tamarah is beginning her second semester at Makerere University Business School in Kampala on January 25, 2026.

Joanne is currently in her second trimester until February 15th. Her fees structure is based on the module she undertakes and what is required.

Maria is in her last year in vocational training and will be done by December 2026. She is doing much better and more serious than her previous studies. Her academics have improved more so as she is doing more practical lessons in vocational training. Maria is thankful for this second chance given to her to do better. We trust the Lord that she will be a testimony of God's grace.

Daniel will be sitting for his national exams this year that will determine his pass to university. Please keep him in your prayers as he finishes his final secondary school year. His fee structure is high due to registration fees and new school needs.

Jael, Hope & Trust will resume school on January 25, 2026. They were promoted to the next class. They grow fast so they need new school uniforms each year. This accounts for the higher first term school fees.



- SCHOOL FEES** - We just received the school fee structure a couple of days ago. We only have a short window to get at least 60% of the total due to the schools in order for the students to begin on time. The total due is \$5,486. As you can see, **Jemimah, Jireh and Joanne's fees are not included in the total**. Joanne's will be the third trimester of her university fees so it will be higher than Jemimah's and Jireh's. As soon as we receive those fees we will send a separate update. We anticipate collectively it will be over \$2,000 more for the three of them.
- BUDGET** - We are thankful for our sponsors who sacrificially support Raining Hope each month. **Thank you for reading the newsletter monthly to pray for our projects and our regular needs.** We still need your prayers as our monthly sponsorships don't cover the full budget amount. We need about \$500 a month more in regular monthly sponsorships. This year we want to pray for our **Beacon of Hope sponsorship program**. We pray that we will overwhelmingly see an increase in those who want to partner with Raining Hope to sponsor our family to help us with our monthly budget needs! **If you would like to become a monthly sponsor, please contact Mama Eydie for more information!**
- COMPLIANCE RENEWAL** - The two compliance projects need to be completed or at least in progress in order for us to renew our permit. We are in jeopardy of not receiving a renewal if we haven't started the **Community Support Hospital Project or the Repairing the Shelter**. **Full information is in a separate update.**
- NEW TIRES:** Godfrey was recently stopped because of the expired registration on the van. Praise the Lord we covered the registration! They also are requiring the tires be replaced as they are getting worn. **Cost is \$638.**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **school fees or compliance** you would mark your check **"SCHOOL FEES" or "COMPLIANCE"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **regular budget** to use at our discretion.

Checks can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

***CREDIT CARD:** On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code to the right. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**

ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle **from your online banking account**

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount



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If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org.

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Note: * These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts.

There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.