

RAINING HOPE

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

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Raining Hope 15th Anniversary

We officially became Raining Hope Ministries on **9-9-09!** Every September 9th, we celebrate all that God has done through Raining Hope Ministries in Uganda.

This year, on **Monday, September 9, 2024,** we will be launching **a year long celebration of 15 years of being the Raining Hope family.** It will be an exciting time of gratefully looking back on all that God has done, what He is doing now and looking forward to what He will do in the days to come!

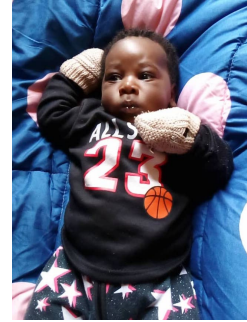
Look for the **special anniversary edition** on Monday, September 9th and get ready for an exciting time of praising our God and worshipping Him through answered prayer, testimonies, videos and more!



DAVID'S BABY DEDICATION



On **Sunday, September 1, 2024**, Hilary & Florence had a **baby dedication for David** during services at Raining Hope Ministries. Godfrey prepared Florence and Hilary for the dedication by showing them in scriptures why this was important. It was a special time to dedicate David back to the Lord.



During the dedication, Godfrey asked both parents if they were willing to raise David in the ways of the

Lord, protecting him and leading by example as they walk in the Lord. They answered YES. Godfrey then asked Hilary and Florence to speak into the life of David prophetically. Godfrey said Hilary poured out his heart as he prayed over his son which he said was so beautiful.

David's name was given to Hilary and Florence by Mama (Grandma) Kisakye. Mama Kisakye revealed the name on the day after David was born while Florence was still in the hospital. During the dedication, Godfrey held David and used some of the background story Mama Kiskaye shared when naming David. Godfrey then dedicated David through prayer to God to have His will be done in David's life. Godfrey then asked the church to pray for David and his family so God's purposes may be fulfilled.

Godfrey expressed that it was a great honor dedicating David to God as our first grandchild from those who we have taken care of in this ministry.

Hilary wanted to share a part of David's story that a led up to the dedication day.

"David is an amazing gift from God. What was most fascinating about the dedication was David was smiling as I was praying a father's prayer for a son. I saw him smiling all the way through my prayer to the last word of amen! But before this day came, it was quite a journey to reach his dedication.

During pregnancy, Florence had minor bleeding twice that was caused by malaria. This happened at month three and five. **Now to us who were new to the system (pregnancy) this was big enough to raise our temperatures because we thought the worse could happen.** We thank God that **we did not lose hope but prayed.** The situation was stabilized by the attending doctors.

When it came to giving birth, it was a not easy. But, we knew that Christ was at the center of it all. At one point we couldn't hear his heartbeat. We began praying because others have lost their babies during childbirth in the same manner. People began praying. They had to do an emergency cesarian surgery. David was not breathing or moving when he was born. But I knew it was going to be ok. We finally heard David's first cry!

David belongs to God and he is here to fulfill God's purpose on earth. We want David to grow in godly ways that he shall not depart from even as he gets older. David has continued to grow into a beautiful baby and it humbles us as new parents. Thank you all for your love and prayers". (Hilary)



MONTHLY CLOTHING BUDGET

One of the required compliance regulations was to add **\$82 a month for a clothing budget**. Up until now, we relied on special

offerings at the end of the year to purchase everyone new clothing all at once. The family decides at the end of the year what they would like for their annual Christmas gift. Because of compliance issues, they have **put aside personal needs such as new clothing**. The last couple of years, the Christmas gifts for the family have been much needed furniture such as couches, chairs and mattresses that had completely worn out. They were overjoyed with the gifts and never complain about the need for other things like new clothes.

The compliance regulations have been a lot to accomplish in a short period. But ultimately, it is a **huge blessing to add this to our regular budget!** **Godfrey said not only does it help to keep us open but it improves their lives by providing a safer and better environment.** **UPDATE:** When I sent the **compliance update** out a couple of days ago, **a regular monthly sponsor graciously added \$82 a month to her current giving to cover the clothing budget!** Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus!

Godfrey said the family decided that each month the clothing budget money is received, **they will give five students each month enough to buy at least two to three pairs of clothing or shoes**. That ends up being ten to fifteen pieces of clothing for \$82! They started with the ones who were in most need. Godfrey's testimony is that **the family is so happy and it really helps them to walk with their heads up**. You will see by the following testimonies how grateful they are to the Lord and to all sponsors.

Testimonies from the heart:

Godfrey: "From the time we started providing for monthly clothing for our students due to compliance requirements, there is a difference in the way they dress at the house and outside the house. This has helped with their self-esteem and has given them new confidence. They feel better about themselves. They used to have to share clothes, especially with the girls. The boys used to have to borrow some of my clothing. The monthly support for clothing helps them to meet even essential needs such as undergarments and socks. We thank you for the great work and support towards a regular clothing budget. Just as God clothes the lilies, how much more will He clothe us His children".

Sophia: "I appreciate the money for new clothes we now have. It really means a lot to me because I had out grown most of my clothes".

Henry: "Thank you so much for the money sent to buy us clothing. I really am so grateful because that shows how much you all really do think about us and how much you really do care. It always leaves me in awe of how much you all love us. We just can't wait to go shopping and just look so good. We are so thankful for all the sponsors who stand with the Raining Hope family. May the good Lord bless you all so much."

Joel: "I want to humbly thank you for the gifts (money) that you sent to all of us so we can buy new clothes and also look smart (good). I was able to get a pair of trousers, a shirt and sweater. I want to thank everyone so, so much for everything you all have done for us both for our physical and spiritual welfare. Our prayer is that God may reward you all according to the riches of His glory. We shall always be strong and courageous in the Lord".

Kato: "I am writing this letter to you to thank you for the money (gift) you have provided to us that we may buy clothes. We want to say thank you very much. We thank you for your prayers that you make for us so that we may succeed in this life. We are praying for you for what you have done for us."



In August 2024, I wrote my second article for the California Southern Baptist Convention for the California Connections segment. The title of the article is "The Story Behind the Story". My first article was in April 2024. Knowing the stories behind the people who you are praying for make their stories even more powerful. Here is the link: <https://csbc.com/resource/the-story-behind-the-story/>



Raining Hope has been invited to participate in the Annual Taste of the World event at St. Stephen’s Missionary Baptist Church, 1720 Walnut Avenue in La Puente, CA on Sunday, September 15, 2024. It will be a good opportunity for more people to hear and see what God is doing in Uganda. We would love if you could stop by! Because it is a Sunday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, we know it may conflict with your own church services. Please keep us in your prayers that it will be a time that will bring glory and honor to God!

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 **this fundraiser** you would mark your check **"COMPLIANCE"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **compliance 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 **compliance 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.

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- 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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