

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## GREAT GOSPEL CRUSADE



Thank you for praying for the Great Gospel Crusade June 30-July 3, 2022! Christ for All Nations, founded by Reinhard Bonnke reported over 100,000 in attendance! We are still waiting on the final report of the crusade.

Godfrey said all went well. Miracles happened in Jesus' name. Many accepted Jesus as their Savior.

“In 1990, the late Reinhard Bonnke came to Uganda for a crusade. His focus on ministry was Africa and the anointing on his life has impacted millions especially in West Africa. Bonnke had arrived in Jinja, set up for the crusade, but the town's leadership together with police turned him away citing loud noise from his public address system. The Bible says when you come bearing good news but are turned away, dust yourself off of that place and move on. The minister at Redeemed Church said that on this occasion, Bonnke did not dust himself off of anything, but he is said to have sorrowfully removed his jacket and left it in Jinja as he departed. And anyone who knows Jinja and understands things spiritual, knows that the town has never been the same since.” (The Observer News - June 5, 2012)

I was in Jinja in 2012 when Evangelist Bonnke returned to Uganda for the Uganda Jubilee Gospel Crusade. It was the beginning of the reconciliation process to unite the body of Christ in Uganda. The Great Gospel Crusade held this month continues in this process of blessing the country. Christ for All Nations declared after July 3, 2022, the city will now be known as Jinja for Jesus!

## RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

We are beginning to enter an **exciting new phase of our ministry!** Over the past **fifteen years** we have helped countless students through their primary & secondary school education. Raining Hope has always been committed to helping these specific students realize their dreams by **sending them to University or trade school courses**. Our goal has been to help **launch them into their careers and help them to soar!**

Due to the government restrictions, after students graduate secondary school, they are required to leave. But we were given special permission to keep all our students at the home while they are completing their post secondary school studies. We now have **five students who have graduated** and are **ready to move on to the next step in their lives**. **Before we can have the final inspection for the new licensing of our home**, we have to have these five students **resettled and moved out on their own**. The goal is to have them settled into their own places by the **end of July 2022**, before the official visit for final licensing approval.

Godfrey has been in the process of preparing these five students. They will **still be involved with the home and with our ministry**. They have all expressed **how thankful they are to Raining Hope** and all the supporters for what you have done over the past fifteen years. They have all grown spiritually and desire to continue to grow and minister at Raining Hope. Godfrey said they consider Raining Hope their home and family. Godfrey said we will continue to play the role of a parent to these five and they can call on us in any capacity. They are ready to move out and move on.

This is with very mixed emotions. We are proud and excited but as their mum, it is emotional sending five of our students out at the same time. Godfrey as a father figure has the same set of mixed emotions. But this is what we have been working towards. It is time for them to leave the nest. **These are the five students who were are sending out to be a mighty influence for Him:**

**Jesca** is working at Miracle Herbal Clinic in Jinja Town

**Vivian** is working at the Sailing Club Restaurant in Jinja Town

**Sylvia** is working at a salon as a makeup artist. She is still waiting on the right opportunity to apply her journalism skills.

**Joan** is graduating this summer with her degree in Social Work. We will employ her as our required social worker.

**Hillary** is not yet working but plans on setting up a business in Wanyange to sell cloth while he waits on a ministry opportunity for his seminary degree.

**Sylvia and Hillary** have leadership responsibilities at church on Sunday. They will continue with their ministry service at Raining Hope.

### Resettlement Package for all five students to help them launch out on their own:

Rent for 3 months	\$625 (\$125 each) - Godfrey is working with each student to make sure they find a safe and good place to rent. Three months will help them have a good start.
Food for 3 months	\$417 (\$83 each)
Basic Necessities for 3 months	\$417 (\$83 each)

### TOTAL AMOUNT TO LAUNCH 5 STUDENTS: \$1,459

If you would like to donate towards this exciting time in the life of Raining Hope mark your donation "resettlement".

Photo Left to Right: Sylvia (Journalism), Joan (Social Work), Jesca (Nursing), Hillary (Seminary), Vivian (Hotel Management-Baking)



The next few newsletters we will highlight special testimonies from each of these five as their thank you for all you have done to support them in their journey!

## A Grateful Testimony from Joan

### Graduate from Social Work & Social Administration



My greetings to you in the name of the Lord. I write this letter to **thank you and the entire Raining Hope family for what you have made me become.** Before I joined Raining Hope, my life was really hard. First, I didn't know Christ because I was not saved. All my dreams of going back to school seemed to never come back to life. Many years ago, Dad lost his business to a fire outbreak that caught the building where he was working. I saw how he struggled to make sure that I at least finished my primary school because there was no money and yet I also had siblings that needed fees, feeding and other necessities. Five years later, after I had

finished my primary is when I got to know about Living Hope Ministries which is now Raining Hope Ministries and I was taken in.

It has been 15 years and my life has really changed. **I received Christ as my personal Lord and Savior because I loved so much the way the people at Raining Hope would communicate to God freely and always through prayers.** I wanted to also have that kind of relationship. I never had this when I was in other religious places. Now I became born again. Secondly, I was able to go back to school after five years of sitting at home.

I always desired to go back to school but I didn't know how to achieve that because my parents couldn't afford to pay for my fees. But **through Raining Hope, my fees were paid. I finished secondary school, went to Cosmetology School and now I am receiving a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and Social Administration!** I am forever grateful for what you have all done for me.

Not only that but I also have an opportunity to serve in the church. This has helped me to grow so much into knowing the Lord to have an intimate relationship with Him. This has built my confidence because I was somewhat a timid girl but ministry has helped me to gain confidence little by little. In addition, I have an opportunity to serve at home to help my young brothers and sisters as their elder sister. **All these opportunities are molding me and are making me become a responsible and a God-fearing woman and a responsible citizen.**

I am so thankful my medical bills have been paid for all these years, even the serious cases that required a lot of money. You never said never on any of the bills for the past 15 years. I am so grateful for what I have become. I would not have made it without you as a mum and the entire Raining Hope family of supporters. **Thank you for standing by me and giving life to my dreams.**

I hope to continue serving at Raining Hope at the home and the church. I also want to start up a business. I plan to move on and start living alone and it is another opportunity for me to think bigger and develop as I work hard with the help of the Lord as He leads me. I ask for all of your prayers. Thank you for loving me and I love you all ! Joan



## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

### Food Supply & Fuel

**Thank you for praying for the current economic crisis.**

- Food prices remain extraordinarily high.
- Fuel prices continue to climb daily.
- Many people are beginning to starve because they can not afford food.
- This saying in Uganda continues to show how difficult things are: Soap has gotten very expensive to buy. They say that soap is now more expensive than a shirt. So you may have a shirt but no soap to wash it. Please keep our monthly budget in your prayers.

### Resettlement

Page 2 has a full update on the resettlement program for our five graduated students.

- Due to the extreme rise in our budget last month and completing the balance for the 2nd term school fees, we have not been able to start the resettlement process.
- Pray for the needed funds of **\$1,459**

### Radio Testimony

There is a woman called Rebbeca who stays in Bugembe near Wanyange where we used to stay when we had our first home. She listens to the radio preaching every Sunday. I was approached by one of her daughters during the meetings for the crusade. Her daughter told me that her mother was healed from serious emotional problems through my Sunday messages on the radio and she considers me her pastor. It was so encouraging to hear such report and testimony. (Godfrey)

## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE

### Monthly Budget

- Since the start of the pandemic, our monthly budget in Uganda has increased to an average of **\$2,100 a month**. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items.
- Last month, our budget increased to **\$2,785 due in large part to an increase in our medical bill**. At least ten of our family members were sick. The illnesses varied from malaria, typhoid, fever, ulcers, cough and infections.
- The month before the medical bill was **\$147**. Last month it was **\$743**. We praise the Lord that we were still able to send the full budget at the beginning of the month due to your generosity.
- Continue to pray as Godfrey is doing his best to live within the budget even though prices on everything are continuing to rise. We are thankful our family is taken care of. But they are especially concerned about their own immediate families who are struggling.

### Second Term School Fees

Thank you for your continued support towards the education of our students. You can see the difference your support has made by the testimony of our students who have graduated from university and other institutions of learning. You are giving young students the chance for their dreams to be fulfilled and have a promising hope for their future. The second term fees were unexpectedly high at \$6,355 due to their current economic crisis. **We were finally able to send the balance of \$1,555 to complete the second term!** THANK YOU for supporting our students in their educational process.

This month we highlight **Joan** and her journey with Raining Hope. We are so proud of her as she prepares to **graduate with her degree in social work & social administration!**