

RAINING HOPE

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

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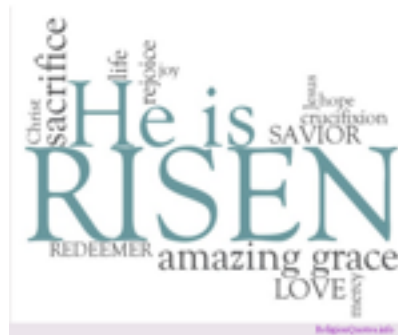
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Happy Easter to our Raining Hope friends!



Our Raining Hope family had an amazing Easter! They had a great time of prayer on Good Friday. About 90 people joined us. Godfrey shared about the true freedom that comes with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Easter Sunday, they had LOTS OF RAIN. The service was fine but because of the heavy rains some of the church members were

not able to make it to church. However, they still had over 120 in attendance. They postponed the scheduled drama the children were going to present until the following Sunday. That next Sunday they were back up to over 180!

We sent money to buy food so our family could have an Easter dinner. Godfrey said they had pork, matooke (bananas), rice and juice on Sunday. On Friday they were able to have chicken and rice.

Our Claire, our Sunday School Director donated the funds to purchase uniforms for the children's Sunday School group! We are so thankful for her and the great work that she is doing with our children. Average for Children's Sunday School is 70.

Thank you for your prayers this Easter. We pray that you had a joy-filled and beautiful holiday celebrating our Risen Savior!



APRIL 2018

Update on Security

Thanks to a generous donation by a Raining Hope supporter, our perimeter wall has been raised!!!

Raising the current wall at least four rows of bricks will help deter thieves from looking over the wall into our compound. Godfrey also explained that even if thieves made it into the compound, they tend to stay away from high walls because they won't be able to get back out. We trust the Lord to keep us and our properties secure. We give special thanks to the individual that gave towards this important need.

The Sotelo family made a donation to purchase another guard dog due to the loss of our other dog, Scooby. We will make an announcement when we purchase the new dog! Thanks to the Sotelo family for the continued concern they have for the Raining Hope family.



Update on Eydie's Mom's Hospitalization:

Dear Friends,

My mom continues to be in Post Acute Care. While I was in Maryland she did have a trip back to the ER. She was in the hospital for about five days and was critical with oxygen/CO2 issues as well as extreme edema. Since that week, she has returned to a more stable condition.

We continue to take it one day at a time. My dad's health issues have continued to increase. Since the last newsletter, the doctors determined he should not be driving due to his dementia. His license was revoked which means he is no longer able to work. He was still doing his gardening work three days a week. Please keep him in your prayers as he deals with the sudden changes in his life.

Heather is taking care of things at the Ventura office for me. She is picking up checks and depositing them. Carol is taking care of wiring and the books like normal from Maryland. I am very thankful for the two of them.

For now the main prayer request for Raining Hope with my sudden change in my work is for the monthly budget needs and the upcoming school fees for the second term. Second term will be due soon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carol John or Heather Elkins. My time to correspond is limited right now. As it changes I will keep you informed. This has been a sudden change for our family but filled with testimony after testimony of God's grace and mercy. I would just appreciate your prayers for our family as we move forward in our new normal for our lives. Thank you for being there for us.

Love you all, Mum Kisakye

P.S. If you are in need of sending any mail, please still send it to the Raining Hope offices. Heather is depositing checks. She forwards any other mail to me while I am here. If you want to send anything directly to me you can send it to: Eydie Miskel c/o Harry & Chieko Ehara - 121 South Fremont Street - San Mateo, CA 94401



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

"From children to seniors, people [pack shoebox gifts](#) each year through Samaritan's Purse to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. [Year-round volunteers](#) support these efforts across the country.

Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off locations for shoeboxes the third week of November every year.

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program." (Samaritan's Purse Website)

This year, Raining Hope was one of the organizations that was chosen to receive shoebox gifts! The day before Easter, we had a special time of distribution at Raining Hope for children of our Sunday School ministry. So many of us have packed shoe boxes over the years through our churches and other ministries. How exciting to be on the receiving end of those carefully and lovingly packed shoe boxes!





Praise & Prayer

One of our cows, **Leche**, gave birth to a male calf on **March 13th!** We now have three!

Our cook, **Hellen**, lost her dad on **March 14th**. Our Raining Hope family was able to support Hellen during this challenging time of loss.

With the average attendance of church growing to 180+, we have been need of more chairs. **Raining Hope Ministries Uganda decided to take an offering to help raise the money for the chairs.** They have been giving little by little since January. Just this week, they accomplished their goal and received enough to purchase all 100 chairs! The ministry keeps growing so they are already planning on starting to raise the money for the next 100! Praise the Lord!

Godfrey told me this week that they will be in need of **more clothing soon**. When I went in January, the money given towards the Christmas gift this year was for furniture and clothing. We were able to buy one outfit per student. Clothes are starting to wear down. We calculated that we will need approximately \$200 to purchase more clothes for the 27 children. Unfortunately, we don't ship things to Uganda. The best way to help with this need is to give through Raining Hope. We wire money so Godfrey can purchase what is needed.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Pray for continued financial needs

As we look back on 2017 we are so thankful for everything that the Lord has done. He has provided for all of our needs. **We are thankful to each one of you who have prayed and supported our Raining Hope family.** Each donation has been received with thanksgiving knowing how much your love our children.

We continue to pray specifically for our financial needs.

Our monthly budget in Uganda is approximately \$1700.

This is separate from school fees. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items. **Our goal is to be able to send this budget money at the beginning of the month** instead of in two wires throughout the month.

Renovation needs are still needed.

1. New Roof - \$4974
2. Electrical repairs \$366
3. Plumbing - \$1318
4. Rain Water Harvest Tank - \$1,068
5. Painting Boy's Quarters - \$1,026
6. Painting Main House - Need estimate

SCHOLARSHIPS

It is exciting to see the list of students who have moved onto post-secondary education! You will also see the difference in the school fees from primary to specialized education per student.

If you are interested in providing scholarships for those entering into specialized fields, or in helping with the second term school fees, please contact Mama Kisakye or Carol John directly.





Special Prayer Requests

Joan: When I was in Uganda in January, older Joan had lost her voice. This is the report that Godfrey sent:

Pray for older Joan. She is struggling with her voice box still. We are going to the doctor again on Monday. I will update you of what will transpire. Keep her in prayers as well so that the Lord will provide lasting solution in her situation.

Trust: Trust has been sick from a cough and strong flu. She was giving us some sleepless nights but now she is getting better each day.

Irene's father is sick. She needs my support and prayer. Pray for him as well so God will take charge of that situation. He lives in the Islands so to see him requires passing through the waters of which I am not so strong hearted to do. Ha ha ha. Irene and I are talking to him on phone. Still praying for him as we see how we can help.

Conference in May: We are planning on having a conference in May and our first overnight prayer this year. Pray for us for the upcoming event in May. God is good and he continues to grow us in faith and love for Him. Pray for the church so that God may continue to save his people. This Sunday we had one lady whose soul turned to Christ in faith. She gave her life to Jesus as Lord. God is doing great things amidst storms. He makes the desert blossom.

UPDATE

Since finishing pages 1-4, I was updated on 4/21 in an email from Godfrey. Please be in prayer for these financial needs:

Van: The van is down for now three days. They discovered the problem in the computer system and the injector pump and its switch. It just stopped while I was driving with Hillary, Joan and Sylvia. We were going to pray for a certain family. When the mechanics came, they tried to start it so that they can take it to the garage unfortunately is stopped on the road so it had to be pushed to the nearby filling station where it slept. They need \$238 (approximate) to fix the mechanical problems and put new spare parts with their labor inclusive and all the expenses incurred in the process. They will have to also fix some part on the roof of the van that is leaking which they thought may have given way for water to enter the computer system. It is quite a travel challenge without it since I have a lot to handle using it.

Roof: We have been experiencing rains which have exposed the weaker parts of the roof most especially the kitchen area and the girl's corridor. The leakage around the kitchen is more worrying because electricity cables are around that place. This will require us to cover the main switch, and work on the loose electric cables in that area as per the earlier electric repair budget. Meanwhile, we can close the leaking areas of the roof as we trust God for the whole repair so that it doesn't weaken and fall. We had rounds of heavy rains that led to this challenge. We trust the Lord for His goodness in all this. pray for me as i handle all this at the same moment.

School Fees: The second term will begin soon. Godfrey has not sent the needed budget yet. But please be in prayer as that will probably be close to \$4,000. We were going to have a spring fundraiser to help with the second term. With my family emergency we were not able to organize it.

Please contact Carol John directly if you have any questions or would like to help.