

# RAINING HOPE

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

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## Revival Conference - May 14-20, 2018

Raining Hope Uganda had a revival conference from May 14-20, 2018. The theme was “Awake from Sleep, Arise from the Dead - Ephesians 5:14”. The objective was to encourage our youth to be vigilant in the Lord as they are challenged with a lot in this generation. We prayed for spiritual awakening and the church to be prepared each day for the return of the Lord.

Godfrey reported that God encouraged them through His Word. Our choir and worship team did a great job ministering to the people who attended. The average attendance was 90 people which was a good turn up during mid-week where people are so busy. During the prayer sessions, people were being delivered from various issues including, depression and sicknesses. Here are a couple of testimonies:

**Mirembe Agnes:** She lives in Bugembe & came to the church during the conference. She rededicated her life to Jesus and was delivered from depression. She had spent time with night mares some of which she was being hurt. But now she no longer has those nightmares. We thank God for His mercy and deliverance power. This lady has kept coming to church, from Bugembe near Wanyange (About 5 miles - 15 minute drive). We praise God for His work in the lives of His people.

**Patience:** She was working for 6 months without pay. Her bosses kept postponing her pay. She came to the conference and we prayed. After raising her faith to God, the following day she was called by her boss who gave her a confirmation letter and a position of a manager at Airtel Company. Her salary was paid and she appreciated God for hearing her cry. She is so thankful.

These are just two of the many testimonies that came from the conference. Our children were thankful to God for the opportunity to minister. They were amazed to see what the Lord is doing. Many people were encouraged and have continued to love and serve the Lord.

There has been a spiritual awakening. There is new eagerness and excitement. There have been at least three people who have given their lives to the Lord. Many other decisions have been made. Godfrey said Raining Hope is looked at in the community as an example of how the church should conduct itself with mature Christians making an impact. They appreciate our prayers and His love and kindness as they continue to make a difference in the world.

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Happy One Year Anniversary to Kiana & Taylor Bjur! It is hard to believe that it has been one year since their beautiful wedding! Congratulations to you both!

Happy Birthday to Carol John, Raining Hope's Treasurer and friend! Her birthday falls on the 4th of July! We are so thankful for everything that Carol does for Raining Hope. Happy Birthday Carol!



I am just returning from the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. This was my 31st year of interpreting for the International Convention. While I was here, I met up with friends from the Bay Area in the Foster City Lions and the SF Chinatown Lions Club. I have been invited to speak at the Foster City Lions Club probably in August this year. I also am invited to an installation dinner with the SF Chinatown Lions Club this Friday, July 6th. Please pray for me as I have been talking to others here about our work in Uganda. We are looking at ways Lions Clubs can also be involved in our goal to help the community in Jinja.

PRAISE ! We had a couple give \$3,000 towards the school fees that were due up to June!! We praise the Lord that we were able to send the money to take care of this portion of the school fees for the second term. We only have a small balance due. Thanks to this couple for their generosity and love for the children.

### Update on Eydie's Mom's Hospitalization:

Dear Friends,

The wound that brought mom back to Post Acute Care did not heal. This pressure wound with complications due to mom's diabetes facilitated the need to amputate the right pinkie toe. That surgery was done on June 29, 2018. The infection had traveled to the bone. She is currently at the hospital while they monitor her wound.

The Medi-cal application was denied this week. It is not because they didn't qualify. They still need more information about their finances which we are searching for. So continue to pray that they will reconsider. Since mom's 100 day coverage for skilled nursing ended two weeks ago we have been paying out of pocket. If Medi-cal is not approved then wherever we have mom go after the hospital will have to be out of pocket as well.

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. I am still in the Bay Area. 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

## IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING NEW REGULATIONS IN UGANDA

"The Town council officials came over and dropped off a letter that requires all houses within the city that are in bad shape to be worked on. Our house wasn't so bad but needs painting and a new roof and a drainage system." (Godfrey)

**Praise the Lord! We launched this New Roof & Renovation campaign on Saturday, May 19, 2018. I received word from Grace Fellowship in Duarte, CA that they raised \$4,900 for the new roof!**

### UPDATE:

Since the news of the new requirements and the launch of our New Roof & Renovation campaign, we had a new development that **immediately affects the need to raise the money for the remaining renovations**. I received word from Godfrey on June 28, 2018.

"The government came out strongly on the **closure of homes in all districts in Uganda**. There are **569 homes that are slated to be closed down**. They will leave **5-10 homes** only opened in each district. We are not in the closure list but we are also not yet on the approved list. After consultation I found out that we are pending approval. Some of the well-established homes that are well known and more even organized will be facing closure. Below are some of the reasons they have listed as part of the implementation of new policies. **Homes that do not comply will be closed**. Raining Hope already complies with most of the new regulations. But now there is an urgency for the funds needed for the remaining renovations. Perhaps if we put right some of these issues before they come, we may survive closure."

**Here are some of the pressing items that we are addressing:**

1. **Most homes don't resettle children to their families.** Children who don't grow up with their families become irresponsible & most of them become criminals as they can't interact with the world around them. Every home will have to comply to this directive. *(Raining Hope already complies with this. The children go home to family members during holidays from school to reconnect with them. A couple of years ago we pursued resettling children back to their families. However, when Godfrey visited each home he discovered if we would have sent them home, 95% would have faced very negative situations. We have already been approved to have the children all under the same roof).*
  - a. Godfrey talks to family members regularly to update them on their child's status. We have been pursuing ways to help families more.
  - b. When the children go home for holiday they have been helping to be a positive influence and became the catalyst for change in their families.
  - c. We help families with food during special occasions and when needed.
  - d. Godfrey has already faced counseling situations for individual families. We are looking for additional ways to expand on training for families to help with counseling & guidance. This is part of our constitution for Raining Hope so this should satisfy the officials.
2. **Homes need to think about solving problems that cause children to be most vulnerable.** Most homes don't focus on solving real problems that lead children to a life of crime and or living on the street.
  - a. For Raining Hope they want to see how we benefit our community. We have a strong presence in Ambercourt. **We are beginning to pray about ways to expand our influence in ways that directly benefit the community.**
  - b. We don't need to necessarily take more children in. Godfrey has already been helping by providing school supplies for children in need in the community. We help our neighbors at times when they are in need of food. We need to show the officials we are working towards more projects such as these.

3. **Homes need to think about solving problems that cause children to be most vulnerable.** Most homes don't focus on solving real problems that lead children to a life of crime and/or living on the streets. Most homes are not really helping the children but using them to get money from donors and other sources. The government is cracking down on homes that keep the children for years and never allow them to see their families in risk of exposing the truth. They have been finding homes that have been collecting donations but the children are malnourished and living in terrible conditions. The urgency of completing all the renovations is to show our children are well taken care of. Their main objective is the care of the children.

a. Raining Hope will be required to have new beds, bed sheets and shelves for their clothing. We have been in need of buying new bed frames. Currently they are wooden and can be infested and spoiled. We need to get metal beds, replace some of the mattresses and get all new bedding sheets.

b. The painting of the whole house, additional plants and flowers on the compound, as well as all the other items on our renovation list will help satisfy the officials. The beautifying of the home will create a pleasing environment for our children.

4. **Filing annual returns.** Most homes do not file annual returns yet it is required for all non-profit organizations and companies. This will not be an issue with Raining Hope. Godfrey sends me very detailed reports monthly as to the expenditures of all money given.

5. **Homes must have proper health care for the children.** They want homes to have a full-time nurse in each approved home. Raining Hope is blessed that we already have a working relationship with the doctors and nurses at the local hospital and clinic. When Jonathan and Jesca graduate this December, we can pursue hiring one or both of them as nursing staff at the home.

6. **Homes must be moving towards self-sustainability.** We are still planning to buy a small piece of land near the home to grow crops. This will be used not only for food for Raining Hope but also as a source of income. As long as we show we are moving in that direction that should be satisfactory.

7. **Improper education.** This is not an issue as we are already complying with this. It is one of the reasons why we stayed with our 27 children. We want to be able to always provide the necessary funds for the students we have. Most children from children's homes do not perform well in school because they are not followed up with or helped so their education is jeopardized. In the past our children had not been performing well. But since Godfrey has been manager he consistently monitors and encourages students in their studies. He gets them help when needed. Those who perform poorly and refuse to study have been counseled and helped. Unfortunately, with the new regulations, we have had a few students who are in the midst of being resettled back to their families.

These are the main issues that need immediate attention. We are trusting God as we face this sudden development. Godfrey and I agree that with the closure of so many homes this will create a need to help more and more families in the community. Our concern is not only for the welfare of our children but for all those who will suddenly be left on their own. Godfrey said this, "We are strong and courageous. It came as a surprise and yet our God will act. My heart is strong and I believe we shall stand by His grace. I know we have a lot of work to do and yet we can do all through Christ who gives us strength." AMEN!

**The next two pages list the renovations by priority.** Godfrey said the beds and the painting are on the top of the list. He doesn't know when the inspectors will come. The sooner we accomplish these items the more likely we will receive a favorable answer. Please keep us in your prayers at this critical time in the life of Raining Hope.



Thank you for your prayers, support & love,  
Mama Kisakye  
Proverbs 3:5-6

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These are listed in priority as to what we need to take care of immediately before the inspection. They are looking for the welfare of the children. The costs are approximate depending on the exchange rate that changes daily.

### New Beds & Mattresses:

Double decker (bunk beds): 15 at \$107 each = \$1,600

New bedsheets: 24 at \$8 each = \$192

Mattresses: 8 at \$17 each = \$136

Shelving: 7 at \$40 each = \$280

We have mosquito nets for all

**Total: \$2,208**

**Painting:** The boy's quarters and the main building both need painting.

**Approximate cost for boy's quarters inside and out: \$1,026**

**Approximate cost for main building inside and out: \$1,957**

**Drainage System:** Water goes into the neighborhood and floods towards the wall and goes next door to our neighbor's property. We made a hole in the wall to go to the other side. But we need to create a way for the drainage to go to the road to the main drainage system. **Approximate cost: \$1,195**

**New Sign Post:** We need a "Raining Hope" sign post for our property. We have needed one for quite some time. We will have less issues with the town council with a sign outside our property that shows we are a ministry. **Approximate cost: \$222**

**Internet :** We have internet service at the house but it is in need of an upgrade. Many times the connection is poor and Godfrey has to go to the hotel to communicate with me. **For us to install a better system it will be approximately \$155.** Monthly the cost is \$15 (can you believe it?!).

### Additional Renovation Needs:

Electrical repairs: \$366

Plumbing: \$1318

Rain Water Harvest Tank: \$1,068

**Our goal was to raise \$15,000** We already received the money for the roof which left a balance of \$10,100. The goal covered unexpected costs, additional expenses and legal fees. Some of the unexpected costs and expenses included now are the new beds, mattresses and shelving. **This brought the new balance needed to \$9,515. The additional \$585 will be used for unexpected costs, difference in exchange rate, lawyer fees for the audit etc.** We are blessed to have Godfrey managing all of this. Since we first published we needed a new roof, material costs etc. have skyrocketed. But Godfrey worked to have the roofers keep it at the cost we budgeted for. He is trying to keep everything as close to the budget as possible. We have launched a special fundraiser on our "YouCaring" website that we used to raise the funds for the purchase of the house in 2015. You can be a part our campaign by going to <https://www.youcaring.com/raininghopeincorporated-1024718>.

You can also give by sending a check to our stateside office. **If you are giving towards the Renovation Campaign, please mark your check "RENOVATIONS" or the money will go into our budget to cover regular monthly budget expenses.**

Carol can also change the total given on the YouCaring sight if you give by check but we need to know if you are giving to the designated campaign. Our address is listed on the front page. You can also make credit card donations on our website - [www.raininghope.org](http://www.raininghope.org). All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

### NEW! AN ADDITIONAL WAY 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!

Our monthly budget in Uganda is approximately \$1700. This is separate from school fees and renovation needs. This covers food, medical, salaries, transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous items.