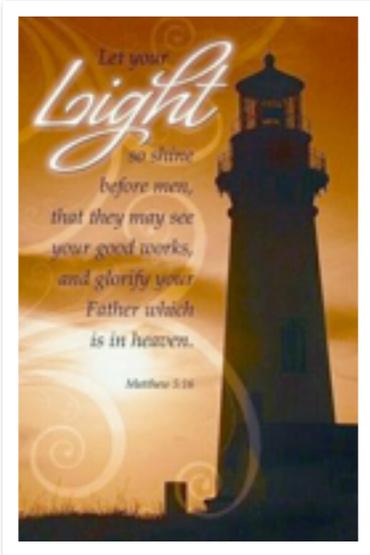


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“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH 10:1

Beacon of Hope Sponsorship



Raining Hope currently has thirty two children we care for. Twenty seven of these children live under the same roof at our home. Five others live with parents or guardians. All of the children in our home have individual sponsors. Instead of having multiple sponsors per child, we are shifting from a one-to-one child sponsorship program to a monthly highlighted child model that we are launching as “Beacon of Hope Sponsorship.” Raining Hope has looked into other faith-based organizations who are successfully following this model. Those who already sponsor a specific child will be able to continue with their individual sponsorship.

The full details on our new sponsorship program is in a special edition newsletter that will be sent following this newsletter!

The children of Raining Hope Uganda:

Dan / David / Difasi / Doreen / Esther / Florence / Frank / Hamon / Henry / Hillary / Hope / Jael
Jemimah / Jessica / Jireh / Joan / Joanne / Joel / Jonathan / Katia / Maria / Martha / Mary
Ronald / Sharon / Sofia / Sylvia / Tabitha / Tamare / Vivian / Waiswa / Zuluta

Our Ugandan Staff: Godfrey & Irene / Annet / Helen

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Updates

Ronald:

"The last time we took Ronald to get an x-ray, because the bone had moved they had to recast & realign it. They couldn't do it immediately because the wound from where the bone penetrated was still fresh. They are nursing the wound until they see improvement. Ronald is under treatment at the home to avoid movement back and forth from the hospital to the house. House calls cost us approximately \$8 for each visit. (Amazing isn't it?) We are blessed that the doctor comes to the house to treat Ronald. The doctors told me that after the wound heals they may re-align the bone and then recast.

Recent news as of Thursday, July 21st:

The doctors have determined that the tissue has developed correctly around the bone and he is now ready for the bone alignment and cast. The cost for this procedure is only about \$135! The taxi owner is planning on paying for this. He has been paying all of the medical bills. The taxi owner has been so cooperative to the point that he calls to find out about Ronald's status which is so rare in our country. This is God's hand's in our situation.

Please pray for the taxi owner as his business has been affected by the war that broke out again in South Sudan. He is still taking care of Ronald's bills but needs time to come up with the realignment and casting money.

I have seen Ronald grow closer to God during this situation. He has become more devoted in his relationship with God than before the accident. Before he wasn't as committed during praying or worship times. He was also not regularly reading God's Word. But now I am seeing him grow in his faith. I have encouraged him to grow deeper in his relationship with God. He knows that he was saved from a potentially fatal accident. We have had over 200 people die in road accidents in the past six months in Uganda. God has kept him alive for a purpose. I see God growing him for a noble task. Ronald is now acting more like his old self, talking again, eating normally, praying with us and cracking jokes. It's amazing. It makes me emotional even as I write this because I remember how Ronald was when we found him at the accident and rushed him to the hospital. To see him doing so well, I give God praise and all the glory.

Ronald is having a hard time using the support sticks (crutches). He said his hands become painful as they are wooden. Better support sticks would help him (about \$50). To help him I bought heavy duty gloves to hold the wood. We are praying for him to heal quickly so he can return back to school next term." - Godfrey

Annet:

"She is improving and doing well from her surgery. She can now walk slowly. The pain she had is reducing. She was put on 10 days treatment until her next doctor's review." - Godfrey

Thank you so much for your prayers for both Ronald & Annet. We are thankful for the support and the way you stand with us not only in times of emergency but on a daily basis. Godfrey did an over & above job during this time of crisis. The children all banded together as one strong family to stand in the gap & do whatever was necessary. We have an amazing family at Raining Hope. They are a living example of being one body in Christ. Thank you for supporting us as we continue to be a beacon of light to the surrounding community!

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Praise & Prayer - Security System

UPDATE ON SECURITY ISSUES

Praise! We received donations to install the barbed razor wire on the top of the perimeter wall! This adds to the height of the wall about 2 feet. It will make it more difficult for thieves to enter our compound.



Final step: Install solar security lighting. Most thieves enter properties at night when the electricity is off. This is also when the children would be asleep. The police advised us to consider having a solar lighting system on the wall as added security. This helps to eliminate darkness which becomes perfect hiding places for would be thieves. Godfrey got a bid from a company who installs this type of lighting. Cost is approximately **\$1446. We recently received \$500 to go towards this need!**

UPDATE ON RAINING HOPE MINISTRIES

Praise from from Godfrey: “The church is growing! We are having great times on Sunday. Vivian & Jonathan are chief ushers and are doing a good job welcoming visitors. Vivian also helps in taking attendance records. Joan, Sylvia & Hillary are leading worship. Henry is taking care of the equipment & plays the keyboard. Joel is playing the drums. Their love for serving God has increased. I have been training them and preparing them for outreach. They are growing in their walk with God as they are entrusted with ministerial responsibilities. They are maturing in the Lord. When visitors come to church, they speak well of how these children are learning to serve the Lord with their gifts. We have had new members join and others continue to visit. Some parents in the neighborhood came and requested that their youth be praying with us. They said they have been observing how our children behave and serve. They realize we can better help their children as well. That following Sunday, four youth came and they have continued to come. Our children are good with singing and praising and dancing. During Sunday services, there is joy in the tent. Visitors have loved our messages which are rooted in the Word of God. We recently had a “Love Sunday” where there were 72 in attendance. Some Sundays there are so many visitors that pour in we have less seats and space. People love the ministry.

Challenge: Our amp-mixer keeps disturbing at times on Sunday. It is meant to work with an independent mixer which we have on our equipment list. We will need the additional equipment for the outreach we are planning in September of this year. We also rent 70 plastic chairs each Sunday (about \$7 each week). We are currently using a tent from the hotel until one that is being prepared for us is ready.

(On page 4 you will see the current sound equipment list. We had to increase the original chair need to 100 from 50 because of the rapid increase in attendance. Praise the Lord! We are planning an evangelistic outreach the first week of September. I will be traveling to Uganda to participate. More details in next month's newsletter! - eydie)

Additional Prayer Requests & Praises for July 2016

Because of the recent theft at the house, Ronald's accident & Annet's surgery, additional funds were needed that we had not anticipated. In the midst of it all, we were able to pay all school fees for the 2nd term! Thanks to everyone who gave over and above to help meet these needs.

In the past newsletters I have listed our current needs and have asked you to be in prayer. I requested Godfrey this month to pray about all of our needs & to **prioritize them**. He came to the conclusion that the monthly budget expenses & school fees are our first priority. Our prayer is we can raise the approximate \$17,000 needed for sound equipment and renovations so we can concentrate monthly on our regular budget expenses. Please join us in prayer. The following list is according to current priority in utilizing our incoming funds.

- 1. MONTHLY EXPENSES** - Each month our budget is approximately \$1500. This covers food, health bills (medicines, hospital visits), utility (water, electricity), van (petro & maintenance), salaries, clothes, firewood to cook with, toiletries, miscellaneous. Our goal is to be able to send this amount at the beginning of each month. Right now we send it in two wires throughout the month as donations come in.
- 2. SCHOOL FEES** - This is paid three times a year as they have three terms. The first term is always the highest because of uniforms & new school year requirements. It decreases the second & third term. Because we have students beginning their advance schooling, we will be in need of scholarships to help with the rising costs of school fees.
- 3. SOUND EQUIPMENT** - Raining Hope is moving to the next level of not just taking care of physical needs like other organizations. We are also responding to the urgency of reaching out to as many as possible in our lost world with the gospel of Christ. We want to help meet their spiritual needs. We thank God that over time, we have seen our children grow in their relationship with God and their testimonies are powerful. They have become an effective worship & evangelical team, reaching out to the communities in Uganda. There are so many others out there that need to hear the gospel of Christ. He is using our children to further His Kingdom. The sound equipment/evangelistic need is: **100 Chairs - \$880 / Sound Equipment - \$3175 (amplifier, mixer, speakers, generator, wires, cords) Drum set - \$880 / Podium - \$171**

Total - \$5106

4. RENOVATIONS listed by priority

- A. Septic Tank -- \$2,135** - Our neighbor informed me that they will be blocking the septic tank we are using now because it is in the land which they want to develop. They will be constructing their house in December which means closing the current septic tank down.
- B. Roofing the Main House - \$4,974** (The roof has begun leaking more. We have had the roof inspected by a company sent over from the hotel. They can work in phases until enough funding comes in. We want to begin with the area that is most damaged.)
- C. Electric repairs in the main house - \$366** - To make the inside of the main house safe we need to fix loose wiring & exposed electrical switches.
- D. Plumbing for the main house & remaining in the boy's quarters - \$1,318**
- E. Rain water harvest to reduce on our water bill - \$1,068**
- F. Painting the boy's quarters - \$1,026**
- G. Painting the Main House - (working on an estimate)**

Total \$10,887

- 5. New TV - approximately \$400.** We are praising the Lord that the only item stolen that was of larger value was our TV. Godfrey uses it also as a teaching tool with the DVD player for Bible studies.

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