

# RAINING HOPE

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

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Congratulations to Hillary! He graduated from his Seminary courses on February 29, 2020. Godfrey had short notice that they were conducting the ceremony. He finished his courses the day

before and they included Hillary in the ceremony the next day! If he didn't participate they would have had to wait two years until the next graduating class had a ceremony. We are SO PROUD of HILLARY! Here is a word of thanks from Hillary to all our sponsors!

“Calvary greetings to all our dear sponsors. May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised indeed. Allow me to express my gratitude and thanks to all of you who have stood together with Mummy Kisakye in support towards the family of Raining Hope.

My name is Hillary and I am 24 years of age. I joined Raining Hope family 10 years ago when my journey of education was no more. This came about after I had failed to live with my step mother who mistreated me to the point of making me live on the streets.

When I joined, I came to learn about Jesus Christ and what followed was to take Him as my personal Lord and Savior. This marked the beginning of my hope in education to reign again. Through your support towards the Raining Hope family I was able to go back to school and the chances of my dreams becoming true started to surface.

Three years ago I began pursuing my diploma of Theology at Uganda Baptist Seminary. All the thanks to the Almighty who brought you all dear sponsors to be a part of the remarkable education journey. On the 29th of February, I was able to graduate from my Bible School and now ready to serve God effectively. Thank you Mummy Kisakye and all the sponsors because it is through your efforts that I was able to go through school all through until my graduation day. I love you all so much. May the Lord bless you all endlessly.

Grace and Peace,  
Hillary



## Update on Government Regulations

We continue the process of coming under compliance due to the closure of illegal homes in Uganda. We are one of the few homes that have remained opened. We are waiting on final approval. They have given us time to complete projects. As long as they see progress they have been willing to extend the deadline.

**We are required to build a better kitchen to come under compliance. Cost: \$1,160**

**This was due December 25, 2019 - The kitchen will be built as a second story to our existing main building.**

**Due to generous donations of \$900 we were able to start the process. The deadline was extended because they see we have begun building it.**

**We have been sending funds as they come in. However, they had severe storms and it caused some of the materials to wash away. The total balance is now \$444.**

## Van

Our van broke down while Godfrey was driving home a couple of months ago. The cylinder head and gasket need to be replaced due to cracks and overheating. The cost to repair the van is a total of **\$825** (cylinder - \$685 / gasket - \$99 / labor \$41)

The church was able to raise \$110 to help with the repairs. Another donation of \$200 was given. **The balance needed is \$515**

**In addition the van needs new tires: \$518**

Godfrey uses the van daily to carry out Raining Hope duties. He has had issues getting those to the hospital who have been ill. He has been borrowing a friend's van but recently had to return it. Continue to pray for this critical need.

## School Fees Update

GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL 18 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES: \$4,572  
 DUE IN JULY: \$743  
 BALANCE OF \$3,829 DUE NOW

**We were able to send \$1,500 so they could begin school on January 27th. We recently sent another \$1,500. Balance of \$1,572 is due now.**

**A special edition newsletter will be sent that highlights a donation made for school fees in honor of a family member.**

### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

**CHECKS:** Mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as SCHOOL FEES etc. or BUDGET and send to our stateside office. If multiple donations come in for a specific need, funds will be placed in the budget to cover the needs. If there is no designation it will go in budget to use at our discretion.

**CREDIT CARD:** You can also make credit card donations on our website - [www.raininghope.org](http://www.raininghope.org).

**TEXT 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! **Text to Give has no additional charges.**

**If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - 805-377-7387**

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE;

Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions and recent "shelter in place" orders in California, we are requesting checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. The mail sent to our office is hard to retrieve when the front office is not occupied. We may or may not have access to the office for the next few weeks. It is completely safe to send it to Carol John's address. She takes care of all our banking issues.  
 Carol John - 11832 Quince Mill Drive - North Potomac, MD 20878

# Meet Maria



Hello!

Praise the Lord! My name is Maria. I am 19 years old. I want to thank you for your love and support towards the Raining Hope family. I also want to thank God for enabling and using you in each and everything you are doing there in the US for us. We are seeing the greatness of God in this family. If I remember my story I just thank God for His love and care. It was in 2009 when I was four years old that my dad died and left me with my mother and brothers in a hard situation. My mom had no business that she could make money but tried her best to look for what to eat and wear, and money for rent to live and school fees for us to study. Sometimes I would go to school and they would chase me for fees where I would come back home for a term. But I thank God for the day I entered Raining Hope where my life changed. I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I go to school without being chased for fees and every school requirement is provided. I eat and drink at any time. God is working in my life and in ministry. I can't give him anything but to praise, worship and read His Word. My dream is to become a chef and great worshipper of God.

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The Raining Hope family has enabled me to go to school and achieve my dreams through learning Home Economics and it's all about cooking, baking and how to maintain a clean house. When I am at the house I try out my practicals I have learned at school. At church ministry I am in the choir. I like dancing, praising and worshipping God and spiritually growing. God is using Uncle Godfrey to teach me God's Word.

I thank God for the gift of life He has given to Mum Kisakye. I also thank God for using Mum all these years because she has been a great, loving and caring woman of God because she has been there for us in every situation. Thanks to all of you who have never given up on us even when times have been hard. I pray that God continues to give her and all of you knowledge & wisdom in everything that you do. I am thankful for the way the sponsors stand by Mum Kisakye and the Raining Hope family. I am always praying for all of you and love you all so much!

Happy 10th Anniversary!

Love,  
Maria

Birthday: March 15, 2001  
Dream: To become a chef & great worshipper of God

Maria is on the worship team. She loves singing.

Her prayer request is that she may become a great woman of God and always serve Him in power to bless His people."

One of her favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 54:4, "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more."



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Baptism - 2017

# Meet Jael



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Dear Sponsors,

Praise the Lord! I am Jael.

I am 11 years old and am in Primary Five. I want to be a doctor when I grow up.

Thank you for your support, love and care.

Love you all!

Happy 10th Anniversary & Happy New Year!

Love, Jael



Birthday: January 21, 2009  
Jael is Godfrey & Irene's second daughter out of five. Jael's hobby is cooking Her favorite subject is math.  
Jael wants to become a doctor.

Joel loves Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."



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Jireh, Trust, Jael, Hope - 2019

## Update on Jesca!



As previously announced, Jesca was going to have her Introduction and Wedding on April 18-19, 2020. Just before all of the restrictions began due to the COVID-19 Virus, Godfrey contacted me and told me Jesca's fiance, Matthew needed to postpone the wedding. He was expecting money from the sugar cane harvest to help him facilitate the wedding ceremonies which the groom is responsible for. The company was having issues and was not taking in any more sugarcane. He just needs more time to raise the funds.



Our God is so good. We had no idea when they had to postpone, our world was going to be faced with travel restrictions and sheltering in place orders. I had not yet bought an airline ticket so we will wait upon God's perfect timing. This also gives us time to raise the necessary funds for the Introduction and my travel. When the time comes the needs for the introduction ceremony will be:



Cultural dress for the bride: \$83  
Cultural Spokesman: \$83  
Food: \$415  
Drinks: \$110  
Cake: \$137

Tents: \$83  
Decorations: \$165  
Total: \$1,076

We will set aside whatever funds come in and be ready when a date is announced.