

RAINING HOPE

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

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RAINING HOPE'S ROOF & RENOVATION CAMPAIGN GOAL : \$15,000

We launched a roof & renovation campaign on May 19, 2018. Since the beginning of the campaign we have received the following donations:

Grace Fellowship Duarte, California — \$4900 (Roof)
Anonymous Gift - \$1,000 (California)
Anonymous Gift - \$1,000 (California)
Anonymous Gift - \$1,000 (California)
Anonymous Gift - \$450 (Maryland)
Anonymous Gift - \$100 (Maryland)
Marian Castillo - (California) - \$100
Legacy Through Giving Foundation / Lions M & M Chan California - \$500
Lions Emil & Yvonne Kantola (California) - \$200
Lions Peter & Mei Lam (California) - \$500
Lions Sid & Judy Scruggs (North Carolina) - \$750
Gloria & Ed Sotelo (California) - \$750

Total received: \$11,250 Only \$3,750 to go! (See page 2 for details)

We had been running this campaign on the YouCaring website. Unknown to us, YouCaring became a Go Fund Me page. We apologize if you tried to give on the site we advertised. We discovered it this week when we tried to log on to check the total donations. To switch our campaign to Go Fund Me it would have cost us the standard credit card fees of 2.2% PLUS an additional fee that Go Fund Me charges. The total cost would have been 8.9%! We decided to run the campaign on our own website and through the newsletter.

You can 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. You can also make credit card donations on our website - www.raininghope.org.

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! Text to Give has no additional charges.

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

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RAINING HOPE'S ROOF & RENOVATION CAMPAIGN

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.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

ROOF INSTALLED & COMPLETED! \$4,974



NEW BEDS, MATTRESSES & SHELVES: PURCHASED!

ORIGINAL BUDGET:

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

ADDED & ADJUSTED FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET:

7 more shelves = \$280

Pillows: 28 x \$2.67 = \$75

Transportation - 2 Trips at \$20 = \$40

5 more bedsheets = \$40

Total = \$435 USD (exchange rate: 3750)



ADJUSTED:

(1 less bed = \$107)

(2 less mattresses but cost increased \$5.33 more each = \$2.67)

OVERBUDGET: \$325

TOTAL COST FOR BEDS, MATTRESSES & SHELVES: \$2,858



PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED:

Painting: We have begun buying paint and will start soon

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. **Approximate cost: \$222**

Internet: The internet service at the house is in need of an upgrade for better communication. **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

The goal covered unexpected costs, additional expenses and legal fees. We are blessed to have Godfrey managing all of this.

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.

AUGUST 2018

**Joint Invitation For August 14 Presentation By
Lion Eydie Miskel on Children and Community Service in Uganda.**

Lions,



The Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club, Foster City Lions Club, and San Carlos Lions Club cordially invite you to attend a presentation, by Lion Eydie Miskel – Executive Director of Raining Hope, to raise the awareness and to give the status of hundreds of children's homes in Uganda, Africa. Lion Eydie, a long time Lion friend and talented sign language interpreter serving LCI Conventions for over 31 years will also share the mission, goals and progress of the amazing Raining Hope Children Home in Uganda, where she holds the title of Mama Eydie Kisakye. www.raininghope.org.

This is one of the first joint project between these clubs in the District. The presentation will be given during the Foster City Lions Club meeting with the following information:

Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$18 if eating dinner

Address: Foster City [William E.Walker] RecreationCenter - 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City

All Lions, friends and family members are welcome. Please RSVP to: lionjimmyness@yahoo.com. Come and visit the biggest Lions Club in the Peninsula and see how they serve and have fun. Come and enjoy this new wave - joint projects and fellowship in our District and beyond!

Yours in Lionism,

FCLC - 1VP Lion Jimmy Ness

SCLC - President Lion Venetia Young SVCLC - Charter President Lion Michael VDLC - Lion Eydie Miskel

I was invited to speak at my former club, Foster City on August 14th. Lion Michael from Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club worked with his club & San Carlos to create this joint project. This is the invitation they sent out. If anyone is in the SF Bay Area this Tuesday and would like to attend, please let me know & RSVP to Lion Jimmy above if you would like to attend the dinner. You can also just attend the meeting. I will be talking about new community projects in light of all that is happening in Uganda. (Eydie)

Update on Eydie's Mom's Hospitalization:

Dear Friends,

We have a huge PRAISE! I reapplied for Medi-cal for mom after the last denial. I was notified this week when I returned from my trip that mom was accepted! We express our sincere thanks to everyone who has been praying. This is a miraculous answer to prayer! Mom is also doing well. Her wound on her bottom has healed. The wound on her foot is doing well. There is no more infection and the wound vac has been removed.

The case manager has been trying to find a place for mom that accepts Medi-cal. Because of how expensive the Bay Area has become, there are no beds available. This facilitated looking in the Sacramento area. The great news is mom has been accepted into a facility in Auburn which is just outside Sacramento. The former director of the PPA mom currently is now at this facility in Auburn! We will be transferring mom this week. Auburn is about 2 1/2 hours from San Mateo but closer to both of my sisters, one in Sacramento and the other in Nevada.

I will continue to stay with my dad in San Mateo until we decide next steps for him. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you for standing with us, praying for us and encouraging us in this part of our journey! Mama Kisakye

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING NEW REGULATIONS IN UGANDA

We are still waiting on the inspection by a team that will come to Raining Hope to determine if we will be approved. Here is what we originally reported:

*"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."*

The full report is in the June/July Newsletter that lists some of the reasons they are implementing the 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.

We are pleased to report we already have completed installing the NEW ROOF! We also have purchased all the NEW BEDS, MATTRESSES, & SHELVING! We have begun buying PAINT and will start the painting of the home very soon.

I investigated to learn more specifics & understand the numbers better. This is what I found :

"The Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development has released a list of **illegal children homes** noting that they have been involved in **abuse of children rights for selfish gain.** According to the statement by the Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Florence Nakiwala, on the status of street children and children homes, a number of them are **conduits for child trafficking, while others have turned into business enterprises to siphon money from unsuspecting donors at the expense of Ugandan children.** Our survey has revealed that only 70 Children Homes across the country are operating with valid licenses, while 569 are operating illegally, Nakiwala said." (IntelPost Uganda)

Godfrey explained to me there are 121 districts in Uganda distributed into four regions. Jinja is in the Eastern Region which holds 11 districts. Jinja is the second largest town after Kampala, the nation's capital. Jinja has a population of 490,100 of which 67% are women and children. There are over **40 charitable homes** in Jinja dealing with different situations to improve people's lives. Though Jinja is large, there are many people living under poverty and disease. Most people cannot access proper medical care due to poverty. According to these figures, Jinja will close 30–35 homes.

"The government is closing up homes that do not meet the national standard and most of them are being closed that are operating illegally or below the standard set by the government. "

The 569 homes that are slated to be closed are currently operating illegally. Godfrey said there is no way of knowing how many homes there are in total in Uganda because there are many more in addition to these 569 homes that are also illegal.

The great news is, the closure of homes is to help with the problems of manipulation of funds, abuse of children, and things that we have seen happen over the years. It is an ongoing problem if there is no accountability. It is why we have fought so hard over the past 12 years to live with highest integrity.

In the following SPECIAL EDITION that will be launched tomorrow night at the Foster City Lions Club meeting that I will be speaking at, we will be unveiling upcoming projects that will focus on assisting the community. Godfrey talked directly with the community to ask them what would be the most help to them. The team that will come to evaluate Raining Hope will be interested in what influence we are having in our community. We are very excited about the possibilities for what we see God leading us into the future with. I will email you the special edition tomorrow or Wednesday. Please be in prayer as I speak on Tuesday night. It is a pivotal time in the life of Raining Hope!
Mama Eydie Kisayke