

# RAINING HOPE

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

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To our Dear Friends and Partners:

A blessed Mother's Day to you all.

Today we celebrate all the mothers of the Raining Hope Family, friends and partners. We thank God who has enabled you to come to see this day. We send our sincere condolence to those who have lost their mothers and loved ones. We also continue to commit to our Almighty God those mothers who are struggling with pain from various issues of life. Our love and comfort to all of you from God the Father. Thank you for loving us and supporting us as a family of Raining Hope here in Uganda. What you do for us is a representation of the motherly heart that you all possess. You have loved us and cared about our needs over the years through our Mum Eydie Kisaky.

Even amidst the pandemic that we all are joined to fight and stand vigilant against, you have not withdrawn your motherhood and your care. We appreciate you so much for enduring all the challenges to support us and all those you care for as mothers. When the Lord God thought of having his Son come into the world, he had to find a mother who would take care of the Lord Jesus. This shows how important you are to not only us but the entire world as mothers.

We would love to wish all the mothers in the entire Raining Hope family, both friends and partners a blessed Mother's Day. May God continue to use you in all your days and fill you with his presence.

We love you and pray for you always.

Godfrey & the Raining Hope Family



MAY 2021

## SCHOOL FEES FOR 2ND TERM 2021

**The government is opening up schools for all students for the 2021 school year in phases.**

Your prayers are very much needed as this is proving to be a very challenging situation for the whole country.

**This is Godfrey's message concerning the opening of schools for 2021:**

"Since last year when COVID19 hit, so much has changed most especially when it comes to education. Schools are opening in phases depending on class to avoid congestion in school. At the same time the government wants to try recover the time that the students were not in school. This situation is not without challenges most especially on the side of the students who have to go through intensive classes. On the side of parents there may be some who end up not having enough time to raise money for rapid return of students to school. Their schedule for having longer holidays at home will be much different for the next three years as they try to recover for the year they were home. We all know how the virus changed life on earth and yet we shall rejoice in the God of our salvation.

Otherwise, this Term Two we have hope as four of our students have already started their school. Trust is starting her school this year as well! She joined where Hope is going to school. Our prayer is that God will make a way for our students to catch up. Sometimes they come home and tell me that they have so much to handle in the shortest time possible. I do encourage them to stay strong and do their best."

**Because they are opening in phases, the budget needed for the first phase of four students for school fees, supplies and hostel is \$825.** This amount is due now as we are not going to be given as much advance notice that we have had in the past. **As more students return to class,** we will inform you of the necessary fees. This is the **first time that things are being divided up.** Thanks to all of our supporters over all these years for seeing our students go to school and receive an education.

If you would like to help towards the necessary school fees, please mark your check "school fees" or contact Carol John if you make your donation via credit card. It helps us to have the necessary school fees on hand as we navigate these new waters. Once Godfrey gives me the next phase of student fees, we will send out special updates.

**Most of all we thank you for your prayers** as our students begin to return to classes in person. They are eternally grateful for the opportunity you are giving to them to continue with their education. You are deeply loved and appreciated. Mama Eydie Kisakye

"God richly bless the works of your hands and satisfy the desires of your heart. - Godfrey"



## the BAILLIEwire

Scott, Lynell, Zayne, & Asher

### Testimony of a former ISP student

In 2009, I began a 5 year journey of leading **International Service Project teams with California Baptist University**. Four of those years I led the ISP teams to Uganda and our Raining Hope home. The purpose of ISP embodies CBU's vision to be a university committed to the Great Commission. ISP provides students with service learning opportunities. And it integrates faith and learning while expanding the worldview of participants.



In 2010, I led my second ISP team to Uganda with eight CBU students and an additional team leader. **One of the team members was Lynell**. She had a few very unique experiences! While we were in country, she had a dental emergency needing a root canal. Thankfully, after some visits to the local dentists they were able to get the swelling down so she could fly home and take care of the emergency in the US. The whole team experienced a strike by British Airways and all flights home were cancelled. We eventually got home on another airlines

taking a few days longer because of a 24 hour layover in Nigeria. Lynell also had the unfortunate experience of having a cockroach fall on her head while in the van! Regardless of all the challenges, the team remained strong and courageous and were deeply loved by the Raining Hope family!

Eleven years later, Lynell is now married with two children. She wrote this in their first newsletter (The Baillie Wire), "We both felt God was calling us to be involved in missions, although we were not sure what role we would fulfill. It wasn't until 2018 that we knew God was calling us to take the Word of God to the Bibleless. Our passion for the gospel reaching the nations, our experiences overseas on mission trips, and Scott's gifting in languages made this direction clear for us. We are so grateful for the innumerable resources we have for growing in our Christian faith, yet millions do not even have the most essential resource - the Bible. We became increasingly excited about the possibility of God using us to meet this need."

Lynell, Scott and their two young children, Zayne & Asher recently arrived in Papua New Guinea where they are serving with Wycliffe Ministries. This was their update on April 23, 2021: "Two years ago, we said yes to when God called us to Papua New Guinea. Yesterday, we stepped off the plane into a beautiful country full of people eager to have the Word of God in their heart language.

We are now settling into our temporary home (mission village) for our mandatory 14 day quarantine. Once out of quarantine, we will be starting our field training and language courses and ending our training with a four week village stay. This morning, we woke up with hearts full of gratitude for God's gracious providence and all our partners who make this possible."

Please join me in praying for Lynell, Scott, Zayne & Asher as they begin their journey in Papua New Guinea. I will add prayer requests to our newsletters when updated. You can also connect directly to Lynell at [www.wycliffe.org/partner/baillie](http://www.wycliffe.org/partner/baillie) for more information. Most of all we want to lift up this Raining Hope family member in our prayers as they serve the nations!

Go into all the world! Mama Eydie Kisakye



Troy & Resee Jones are the base leaders for YWAM DTS Ventura which is a "5 month journey into knowing the heart, character, voice, and Word of God. To be impacted by encountering God, then going out to bring kingdom influence and missions impact to the nations. Their desire is to know God and to make Him known!"

Troy recently invited me to speak to the current DTS team before they left on their 8-week mission outreach. His desire was for me to share my testimony about the call and vision to our work in Uganda and how it has influenced my spiritual walk and trust in Him. It was similar to the familiar ISP teams with CBU that we would train for 5 months before being sent out.

To prepare to speak, **I went back to my first journal from that very first mission's trip.** I felt like I was right back there 14 years ago! My preparation to share deeply affected me. Sharing my journey with these eager mission-minded students was exciting. Listening to their hearts and getting to know them filled me with joy.

Their travels will be limited to the United States as International travel was not possible due to COVID.

They are currently at an Indian reservation helping kids in schools as well as doing ground maintenance chores, Pray as the team goes into villages to pray. The desire is for the DTS students to experience more of the indigenous life of the Hopi people.

Their travels include urban street ministry, food distribution, Indian youth camp, and urban outreach. They appreciate your prayers as they serve on mission this summer.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. FOOD SUPPLY** - The prices are still very high which has increased our monthly budget to an average of **\$1,900 a month.** We continue to send the **full budget at the beginning of each month** due to the generosity of all our supporters. Pray for the **budget needs** that we will be able to continue sending the full amount at the start of each month.
- 2. RADIO MINISTRY** - The radio ministry continues to have a **huge impact** on the local community and the nation. Through the gifts from three generous donors we have been able to cover the local radio program fees **through April 2020.** Thanks to a recent donation we were able to catch up from being one month behind! Continue to pray for the **monthly \$135 airtime fee for the local program . The National Radio program is at no charge.**
- 3. COMPLIANCE** - COVID-19 also stopped the process of our coming under compliance to receive our official license. Please be in prayer for the needed funds to finish projects and pay fees.
- 4. NEW PLATES & UTENSILS** - We are in need of buying new plates, cups, utensils, pots, kitchen supplies, etc. It has been a couple of years since we were able to purchase these needed items. Godfrey said because plates etc. have broken they are not all eating at the same time in order to share plates. **Cost: \$521**

### 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.rainingshope.org](http://www.rainingshope.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;**  
Checks can be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John or  
To our offices in Ventura

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