

RAINING HOPE

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

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21 DAY PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE NEW YEAR!



Raining Hope concluded their 21 days of prayer and fasting last month. This included praying for their programs at Raining Hope Ministries, God’s provisions & needs and the salvation of those who need Jesus. They



concluded with their first Holy communion as a ministry. Godfrey said it was so touching. They had 189 adults and 80 children in total that attended. They concluded with a planning meeting for their annual programs.

We appreciate your prayers as we enter 2020 and continue celebrating our 10th Anniversary!



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

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.

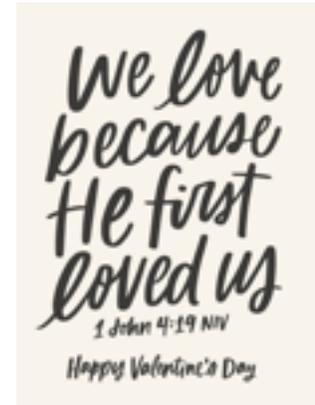
Christmas Gifts for the Raining Hope Family

We are still collecting funds for the annual Christmas gift for the students at Raining Hope. Our children live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together. Giving one main gift for the whole family has worked beautifully the past four years.

What they really need is new clothing and shoes. The average is \$28 per student. (This includes for the boys, two shirts, two pairs of trousers, undergarments and a pair of shoes. For the girls, a blouse, two skirts, undergarments & a pair of shoes.)

ANSWERED PRAYER!

A donation was made to purchase Godfrey's new phone to replace his stolen phone!
Praise the Lord!



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.

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.

Meet Tamarah



Hello!

My name is Tamarah. I am writing this letter to testify about my life and thank you for what you have done for me since my childhood at Raining Hope.

Before I came to Raining Hope, I lived in very terrible conditions. My mum got pregnant when in school, left her family to start life off on her own. Unfortunately, life failed and she went back home where her family mistreated her. By that time she had already given birth to me. As I grew, she tried to find money so I could go to school but was not successful. One day she saw children inside a compound which turned out to be Raining Hope. She entered to see if they could also take me in as she continued to look for money. After some time they allowed me to join.

When I came I found different categories of people but all were Christians by faith. I was feeling out of place because I was muslim. But when I came to Raining Hope, I changed. I starting seeing God as the only way to live and I received Him as my Lord and Savior.

I always had a dream of being an accountant but I never even dreamed it could come true.

Slowly by slowly I started studying. I am being encouraged by people at Raining Hope. They are committed to helping me pursue my accounting dream. I appreciate their goodness upon my dreams.

2019

I am taking this opportunity to thank Mum Kisakye for listening to God so that she does the will of God. Thanks mum for everything. You have been a blessing to my life since I joined Raining Hope. You are always there and are a part of my story.

I am thankful for my sponsors, Kelly and her family. Thank you for not leaving mum alone. You have continued to support me through Raining Hope. Thanks. You have made my life brilliant.

Thanks to the Raining Hope family and Pastor Godfrey. He has always been an example for me to learn. He has given me food of life which is the Word of God. I have not remained the same. My life changed since he came to Raining Hope. He is a strong man who never gives up even when we are in difficult situations. He has always shown me love and directed me whenever I have gone wrong. All of you and mum have made me a successful girl. It puts a smile on my face to be a part of a loving family. I love you mum and I always pray that God may bless you so that you live more longer and proper in life and pray you will be a blessing to the whole world.

May God be with you all and never forsake you because you are His and He is yours. The book of Mark has blessed my life this year. Mark 6:5-13 (Sending out the Twelve).

Happy 10th Anniversary!

I love you all!

Tamarah

Birthday: January 30, 2003

Dream: To become an accountant

Tamarah loves to play basketball. Her favorite subject in school is English.

One of her favorite Bible verses is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



2016



2019



Baptism - 2017

Meet Our Staff - Irene



From Irene:

Hello sponsors! I greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I humbly write to you this letter just to thank you all and our dear Mum Kisakye for the love, care and support you have given to us. Before life was hard but ever since you came in our lives, we have experienced hope and joy each day. Raining Hope children have grown up spiritually and are serving in ministry just because of your love and support. Their future is bright and their dreams are getting realized. Mum Kisakye has been a great mother to me, a mentor and friend. You have all been always by our side to pray for us, encourage us and love us. I appreciate the effort, love, care and sacrifice that you give to us. It is amazing.

2018

God bless you all. Love you all!

Happy 10th Anniversary!
Irene!

2019

Birthday: February 22, 1986
Irene is Godfrey's wife. They have five beautiful children, Jemimah, Jael, Jireh, Hope & Trust. Irene is instrumental in the home as a parent to all the children & support to Godfrey. She used to have a small business selling vegetables. She now sells necklaces that are handmade. She would like to have another business in town to help support the Raining Hope family.



Godfrey, Hope, Irene,
Jemimah, Jael & Jireh-
2017



Meet Hope

Praise God sponsors,
We love you and thank you for all you are doing for us and Mammy and Daddy.
I am in Top class and next year I will join Primary one.

When I grow up I want to be a pilot and fly planes.
Through your support I know I will make it. I love the color red and my favorite meal is rice and chicken.

I miss you Mum Kisakye and love you all!
Happy 10th anniversary
Bye Bye,
Hope

Birthday: January 5, 2015
Godfrey and Irene pray that Hope will spread the Word of God. She likes talking to others and making friends. She is reasonable and open to learning. Hope likes singing and telling others what to do. Ha ha! She is funny!



2016



Jireh, Trust, Jael, Hope - 2019



2019