

RAINING HOPE

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

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An “Almost” Accident

Godfrey was in a “close call accident” just a couple of weeks ago. We are praising God that he manage to not get hurt. Here is his account of what happened:

“I am thankful to God who rescued me from a fatal accident. I was going to Kampala for the Radio Ministry. I was about 19 miles away from home and was coming up to one of the police road blocks which are required to stop for COVID checks. But from a distance away, the van’s brakes jammed and I couldn’t slow down or stop. I fought to control the van. All I could think of was I didn’t want to kill the traffic police. Secondly, I wasn’t sure how to stop the van to not kill me. Thirdly, I didn’t want to kill anyone else on the side of the road. By the GRACE OF GOD, I was able to go off the road and the van stopped near the police check point after struggling to control it.

I was questioned by the traffic police who were so disturbed by what they saw happening. I explained the whole situation. They were able to help me get it towed to a nearby shop. It took me almost 15 minutes in complete silence to ponder on God’s mercy and protection.

I am thankful to God who spared my life when all I could see was death in front of me.

Once the van was looked at, we discovered the battery almost burst . We had to have experts come and dispose of the battery. It was all such a terrible experience.

The van needs new brakes front and back as well as a new battery. Considering what could have happened, we are thankful that the damage was just to the van that can be repaired.” Godfrey

Our God is good all the time...and all the time God is good. Words can't fully express how thankful we are that Godfrey and others were not hurt. Continue to keep your loved ones close in prayer. Continue to love one another and not take one moment for granted. Find time today to encourage someone you love. We love you...Mama Kisakye

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests with this in mind; be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

Ephesians 6:18

Raining Hope Radio Ministry



"Thank you for praying and supporting the Radio Ministry. God chose to use this avenue to reach hearts during the pandemic. We have heard testimonies of his goodness in the lives of many and He continues to do what He alone can do. I have experienced His grace and mercy as I see Him touch lives of people. I am forever humbled by the power of His word embedded in His name." Godfrey

Godfrey sent **two testimonies from listeners who call him after the program:**

Testimony 1:

After preaching in Kampala, I received a phone call from a gentleman who had been listening to the National Radio program. He was addicted to alcohol and did not expect to turn away from it. He had many times tried various ways but all in vain. He knew all was gone and he had no hope left except to be a drunkard. He was working and getting good money but all went towards alcohol. One day he turns on the radio and heard me preach about new beginnings with the Lord. Since then he has been following my messages over the radio as I share from God's Word. Last week when I almost got into an accident in Kampala, he eagerly was waiting and that is the day he chose to stop alcohol and turn to the Savior. I have been talking to him and he is full of joy. He says things are happening and his life is changing for the good.

Despite the distance, I will preach because it's winning souls. We will continue to pursue this noble task and path that was started by the Lord himself. I am thankful for all the support and encouragement.

Testimony 2:

There is another gentleman who is a Kenyan but lives in Uganda. He works in Kampala and has businesses. He called me and asked for prayers that God may open doors for him to return to the Lord. For years he was into making money and forgot his Savior. This affected his family and children. It is in this lockdown that he spent time to actually begin listening to the Gospel. As he was following this ministry over the radio in Jinja, his heart went back to following Jesus and he asked to be part of the Church when it all opens. He says he and his family have been encouraged and when Church opens, they want to grow in grace through Raining Hope Ministries.

This is the reason we continue to do what we are doing. We are continuing to touch lives. I pray that the Lord may continue to work through us for his glory. We may not be able to feed the masses food, but we have been called to proclaim the Word of God which is food to the soul.

Amen!

Godfrey



Meet Joanne



Hello sponsors,

Greetings from Raining Hope. My name is Joanne and I am 17 years old. I want to thank you for the support that you have given to us. I thank God for Raining Hope.

My life before joining Raining Hope was so challenging and full of struggles. Life was so tough on my side. I never thought of something like going to school.

I thank God because through Raining Hope I have come to know more about Him. I am achieving my dream through going to school and trusting God. I have learned a lot from Raining Hope.

2019

My dream is to be a surgeon. According to me, my dream is becoming true through Raining Hope.

I want to thank you so much because you have always supported us right from the start. We pray for you everyday and we love you so much. It's our prayer that the Lord may sustain you just like he sustained the children of Israel.

We love you so much. God bless you.

Happy 10th Anniversary!
Joanne



2019



2016



2019

Birthday: August 21, 2003
 Dream: Surgeon

 Joanne loves to play basketball.
 Favorite subject in school: Science
 One of her favorite Bible verses: "May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry." Psalm 88:2

MEET TRUST



2019

Dear Sponsors and Mum Kisakye,

Trust is 3 years old. Her birthday is August 12, 2017.

We are watching her grow as a loving, friendly and jolly girl. She's such an adorable girl who likes calling everyone by their names.

Her favorite colors are purple and blue.

She likes matoke (bananas) and ground nuts.

Her hobbies are singing and dancing.

She mimics almost everyone at home if she hears them sing. Watching her do these things brings so much joy to the family. Trust loves everything about Raining Hope.

So she therefore wants to wish you a happy 10th Anniversary!

Much love from her and her parents!



2017



2019



2019

"...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

"The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Luke 10:27 NLT

COVID-19 PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE - AUGUST 31, 2020

1. **In Uganda there are now 3288 confirmed cases, 1532 recoveries, 33 deaths.** Cases have gone higher as the restrictions have eased. Many are starting to **abandon protective measures as they are tired of following the rules.** The President continues to speak against those who are **no longer taking the virus seriously.** If cases go high, the government and health care may be overwhelmed leading to many corona related deaths. **If numbers continue to increase they may reinstate the quarantine.** Many cases are concentrated in Kampala. **Godfrey and Raining Hope remain vigilant in the fight against the spread of the virus.** We believe it is **important to follow the procedures.** As cases rise, Godfrey said they will continue to stay home and look to God in every matter.
2. **The quarantine** has been lifted but "lockdown" continues with schools, churches, bars, parties and all public gatherings.
3. **Curfew is still in place.** Curfew is no movement on the streets from 9 pm to 6:30 am the next day.
4. **Public means of transportation have begun to function.** Taxi vans must be at half normal capacity and riders must wear masks. This has increased transport fare as passengers are charged double. Boda boda's have been allowed to function with strict restrictions.
5. **Food markets are opened. Some general merchandise stores are allowed to re-open.**
6. **Private vehicles** can operate with no more than three people in a car.
7. **No one is allowed in public without masks** or they will be arrested. The government is going to provide **reusable face masks.** After the mass distribution of the masks lockdown will be eased slowly. If the masks are not ready the lockdown may be extended.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Update:

1. **FOOD SUPPLY** - This is still a huge issue. **The prices are still very high.** Godfrey said depending on the supply and demand, some prices have come down while others remain high. Due to COVID-19 there is still the danger of lack of food and people dying of starvation.
2. **RADIO MINISTRY** - With the increase of phone calls to Godfrey's personal cell phone, we would like to install at least 2 landlines to receive phone calls from those who want to pray, share their testimonies and to pray to receive Christ. The cost per land line is \$40. There is no additional monthly cost for a landline. The phones are mainly used for people calling in. If ministry calls are made out, they would buy airtime like their cell phones.

Godfrey is training our older students to speak to and pray with those who call in! This allows our students to have an active role in the ministry. They are also exploring a monthly training via their social media platforms for **new believers to help them in their new walk with Christ.**

Through two generous donations we have been able to cover the radio program fees **through October 2020.** Continue to pray for the **monthly \$135 airtime fee . The National Radio program is at no charge.**

3. **CLOTHING** - At Christmas we requested help with last year's gift of clothing for all the family. We only had a few donations and were not able to buy enough. We have purchased necessary items like undergarments but are in need of buying clothing for both boys and girls.
4. **COMPLIANCE** - COVID-19 also stopped the process of our coming under compliance to receive our official license. Recently, Godfrey was able to meet with the officials who have been working with us. Because the country is not yet fully open, we still have time to come under compliance. Please be in prayer for the needed funds to finish projects and pay fees.

5. **VAN REPAIRS** - New battery, new brakes, steering pump & labor - \$361

PRAISE REPORT

We are thankful for your continuous prayers for Uganda and Raining Hope. Thank you to everyone who has **given sacrificially in the midst of the pandemic** to make sure our Raining Hope family is taken care of especially with food and healthcare. **Due to generous donations, we have been able to send the full budget needed at the beginning of each month!** This has helped Godfrey tremendously. He is humbled and thankful to God for the provision of our daily bread.

Our budget has increased over the last six months mainly due to the rise in food supplies. We continue to be reminded of Joseph who in Genesis 41:46-57 prepared for seven years of famine by storing up grain. The flooding, locusts, COVID-19 have all done their damage. It will take awhile to recover. We continue to pray for the needed funds to cover the rising monthly budget needs as we don't know what the rest of 2020 will look like. **Thank you all for caring for the family at such a time as this. It has made a huge difference.**

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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE;

During COVID-19 virus restrictions and "shelter in place" orders in California, we requested checks be sent directly to our treasurer, Carol John to deposit. Thank you to all who helped with this. The mail sent to our office is harder to retrieve when the front office is not occupied. 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
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You can continue sending mail to her address or redirect back to the Raining Hope offices in Ventura.