

"AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE." ZECHARIAH 10:1

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On Friday, October 4, 2024, we had two more of our students officially graduate from their studies at Nile Vocational Institute! They had completed their studies but had to wait for the official graduation ceremony. We just found out this week when the school was holding the services. Difasi's graduation is in November but they haven't yet communicated the official date.

Joel received his Certificate in Electrical Installation - System Maintenance & Repair. He is currently working part time in town but looking for a more full-time position.



Sophia (Nakato) received her Certificate in Fashion Design - Garment Making and Cutting.

Sophia has been doing sewing jobs. They are planning to get her started with making clothing fashions and selling them.

Thank you for making this day possible with your prayers, support and encouragement. They will have notes of thanksgiving in the next newsletter.





From Left to Right: Annet (Joel's Mom) -Sophia - Godfrey - Sophia's Dad



15TH ANNIVERSARY GREETING FROM JOEL

Greetings from the Raining Hope Family. Praise King Jesus. My name is Joel. I am 24 years old and studied Electrical Installation Systems in achievement of a National Certificate. I will have my official Graduation Ceremony in October 2024.



Truly, before Raining Hope and Living Hope, my life was a mess in that I had not yet known Christ. I used to follow my own desires doing wrong acts and having unpure thoughts towards people. But, as time went on, LOVE found me on the way and I joined Living Hope by then. I tried to pick myself up and after some time, I engaged in prayers and knowing Christ. I also learned a bit of the traditional local drums which I used to play during fellowships.

It really means a lot to me to be a part of Raining Hope. Through it I was able to grow spiritually and understand God's love on the cross as well as attain an education until now. And, as a testimony, I want to thank God for using you all to help us all. Even as a ministry right now, I am playing international drum sets in church that were provided by donors of Raining Hope. And, I am so thankful for all your support and kind hearts you have shown to us all since we were young until now. It is our daily prayer that the Lord God may bless you abundantly and fulfill your heart's desires.

Oh, Happy Day, Happy Month, Happy 15th Anniversary to the Raining Hope family since September 2009 until now. We really thank God for how far He has brought us that we are celebrating 15 years of Raining Hope. For sure, God is faithful to all those who trust and love Him.

I personally want to thank you soooooo much for all that you have done and what you are still doing for the good of the ministry and family of Raining Hope. May God richly bless you with overflow.

Happy 15th Anniversary to the Raining Hope family. We wish you the very best as we altogether celebrate 15 years of God's favor and kindness upon all of us. The Lord bless you and keep you and make His face shine before you and be gracious to you to all your generations.

Birthday: October 1, 2000

Hobbies: I love tours, listening to music, playing

video games and watching movies.

Favorite Bible Verse: The one that encourages me to engage in the battle and fight in Christ Jesus says, "He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world". 1 John 4:4

This verse gives me strength that even when I feel down, discouraged, weak, sorrowful or have no hope, it encourages me to stand firm in the Lord to take my weaknesses to Him who has overcome all and fights for me because He has already overcome. As for me, also, I have overcome because He is in me. So, I am a victor in Jesus Christ.

I want to thank God greatly for all these years and also for you all. Thank you so much for the support both financially and spiritually and may God continue to bless you and fill your hearts.

We love you all and wish you the best 15th Anniversary Celebrations. God bless you and keep you all.

Yours Sincerely,

Joel







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15TH ANNIVERSARY GREETING FROM NAKATO SOPHIA

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Nakato

Sophia. I am 23 years old. I am very thankful to God for His love and protection over us and having joined me to the Raining Hope family. I had a very hard life before joining Raining Hope. I was not in school. Feeding (having food to eat) was a problem among other



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basic needs. But, gracefully, I met with the Raining Hope family which was a Living Hope then and my life changed completely. My health was attended to. I was taken to school. All my basic needs were attended to even up to now. I am really thankful to all our sponsors that have sponsored my education. I have studied primary, secondary and institute level. I studied Fashion and Design and my graduation is in October this year. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Raining Hope family. I can't fail to thank my God-given sponsors having stood with me from my childhood until now. I am really humbled and I wish you all a Happy 15th Anniversary.

I thank God for having connected me to this family because I have learned more about Christianity. My walk with God started with the Raining Hope family. I am really thankful to you our sponsors. May the good Lord bless you more and more.

I love you all. Happy 15th Anniversary to all our lovely sponsors.

I love you soooo much. God bless you. Sophia

Birthday: May 22, 2001

Hobbies: I love playing netball with friends. I love reading the Bible. It has helped me grow spiritually in all that I have been and still doing in church. I serve as an usher and intercessor in our Raining Hope Church. I am very thankful to the Lord that I have an opportunity to serve Him at my tender age. Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 5:6. It really pushes me to always hunger and thirst for righteousness because I know He satisfies me and it has helped me to seek God more and more.





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Special thanks to Ricky MacDonald for updating and designing our new logo in honor of our 15th Anniversary! We officially became Raining Hope on 9-9-09. Thank you Ricky, for your excellence in your graphic design work. We appreciate you for helping us kick off our 15th Anniversary Celebration!



- 1. Continued prayers for our Compliance PRAISE REPORT: A small group of officers came for inspection this week. We have been given the permission to apply for the needed permit with the condition we will complete the poultry and hospital project. Cost for the permit and miscellaneous costs are \$548. That is needed immediately before we can submit the permit.
- 2.Budget We still need your prayers as our monthly budget is still running low. The budget needs in Uganda average close to \$2,400 a month. The last three months we have not been able to cover it all. Godfrey ends up having to make cuts, mainly in the area of food. We are praying as part of our 15th Anniversary Celebration we can raise funds to get back on track with sending Godfrey the full amount at the beginning of the month.
- 3.**Car Repair:** Continue praying for Godfrey's car that needed a new transmission. **The repair cost was \$958.**

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINING HOPE

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to. For **the compliance fundraiser** you would mark your check **"COMPLIANCE"**. If you want to make a donation to a specific **compliance project**, you can let Eydie or Carol know about the designation. If multiple donations come in for a specific area of need, excess funds will be placed in the **compliance budget** to use at our discretion.

Checks can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

*CREDIT CARD: On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

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ZELLE: Transfer funds using Zelle from your online banking account

Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387 First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

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Enter the dollar amount





If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org.

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