

Raining Hope 15th Anniversary

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



Happy 15th+ Anniversary!

Every September 9th, we commemorate when we officially became Raining Hope Ministries!

Mama Eydie Kisakye has been going to Uganda for the past 17 years since Dec. 2006/ January 2007. We started the ministry as Psalms 10 under the leadership of Devo Marshall. We officially became Raining Hope on 9-9-09. Today we are launching a year long celebration of 15 years of being the Raining Hope family! This will be an exciting year for Raining Hope as we remember all that God has done, what He is doing now, and trusting Him for all He has yet to do! You will find updates on the 15th anniversary all year through our newsletter, social media and our website.



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SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE

NEWSLETTER

Each month we will highlight one or two of our students. We want you to get to know our family this year. Each student will share their testimony and how Raining Hope has made a difference in their lives. It will be an exciting journey for all of us.

“Raining Hope is home, a place where my story is written from” Joanne

WEBSITE: www.raininghope.org

We will be adding videos of each student who has sent greetings for the anniversary! Their stories will also be posted to the website. You can start checking the website by the beginning of the week of September 16, 2024.

“Through your support you are helping to raise up a generation”. Hilary & Florence

THE FORGE

In August 2024, there was a theatrical release of “The Forge” by the Kendrick Brothers. It was an excellent movie that had the central theme of being disciples and making disciples. Spoiler alert! There was a scene where Mr. Moore presents Isaiah, who he has been mentoring, a sword, asking him to hold it out, fully extended. There is a limit as to how long he could keep a ten-pound sword straight. Isaiah acknowledged how heavy the sword was getting. Finally, other men in the group added their fingertips for support. The weight of the weapon became bearable. The point made was, **“God gives strength when we stand together”**.

We have been dedicated to going **“deep before wide”**. We have not been focused on numbers. Our priority has been discipleship. We have poured into the twenty+ students discipling them to be authentic followers of Jesus who will disciple others to do the same. **You have been the support who help to hold up the sword. TOGETHER** we stand together and celebrate 15+ years. YOU have given us strength, encouragement, inspiration and love. We **celebrate all of you** with grateful hearts.



PRAYER, PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving”. Psalm 69:30

For the 15th Anniversary, we want to dedicate this year to Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving for Raining Hope Ministries. Beginning today, 9-9-24 we will kick off the celebration with the emphasis on prayer.

Prayer: September 9, 2024. Pray a prayer of Thanksgiving & Praise for the great things God has done in the past 15 years since the birth of Raining Hope Uganda. It has been **17 years** since our first mission’s trip. So, we are celebrating our **15 year + 2** anniversary! It has been nothing short of miraculous! The only explanation is GOD. We have so much to be thankful for.

“I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered. That’s why I trust Him”. Trust in God - Elevation

Worship: <https://youtu.be/iJE4yahEIBQ>

A Word from Godfrey, Manager of Raining Hope Uganda

To our Dear Friends, Sponsors and Partners:

Special greetings to you, all our dear friends, sponsors and partners. We are so thankful to God for this our 15th anniversary of Raining Hope Ministries. It wouldn't have been possible without all your love and support towards the ministry over the years.

In a special way, I would like to extend my sincere thankfulness to all of you for the great work that you have done and continue to do for the good of the ministry. There are many children that are still broken, hurting and confused and without hope on our side of the world. Yet, God has used you to bring hope to those that are with us here at Raining Hope. You have impacted this world by adding a better page in the lives of those we care for through Raining Hope Ministries. Your kindness and support have bought smiles on many faces and hope to the hopeless.

Thank you for helping our students realize their dreams and have a meaningful life full of hope. They have been taken care of in all aspects through your support. We have those who have graduated from university and higher institutions of learning. This year we shall have three more students formally graduate and one next year in January. We help meet their basic needs from food to medication to clothing and much more. We empower them with life skills and help them know God and even serve in the church ministry according to their purpose and call. There is just so much that has been done as a

family. Yet, all this can only be possible through your support and prayers.

We have faced new policies that the government bought up for the good of charity organizations and the children we help. This came with so much need on our side to comply with their new policies. You didn't hesitate to stand with us to ensure that we do meet the compliance needs to remain open. Our hearts are so filled with praise to God and thankfulness for all your kindness and love towards the Raining Hope family. Thank you for trusting Mum Kisakye Eydie and standing with the vision that is endowed on her by the Lord. She many times mentions your love and kindness and how much you stand by our side.

We love you and continually pray for you that the Lord will satisfy you with long life.

Happy 15th Anniversary!

Godfrey

Raining Hope Ministries Uganda



Godfrey, Irene, Hope
and Trust



Godfrey & Mama
Eydie Kisakye



As we have been praying about our compliance issues, I shared the song by **Tasha Layton, "Worship Through It"**, <https://youtu.be/pBeivKtQ0RM?si=kNNMytMLY121YjtK>. I have continued "worshiping through" with this song as I continue to pray about what is needed for compliance. What we have to raise is BIG. But **OUR GOD IS BIGGER!** *"This looks impossible, but You're the God of impossible." "I know my God can do it. So, I'm gonna worship through it."*

Of the total \$23,794 that we needed, we have raised \$15,775! That leaves just the Poultry Project and the Hospital Project!

POULTRY PROJECT: The poultry project is required as a self-sustainability project to help with our monthly budget needs. It also will help equip our students that help with skills and develop an income generating mindset. When the chickens start laying eggs, the money we receive from selling eggs can offset an item or two from the monthly budget. **Total needed: \$5,342**

HOSPITAL PROJECT: This is a required **COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECT**. All homes need to find ways to have more of a direct impact on the community. Our proposed Hospital Project will affirm our impact in our community.
Total Needed: \$2,677

MONTHLY BUDGET: Please pray for our monthly regular budget. **Because of all the major compliance needs, our monthly budget has been running low.** The budget needs in Uganda average close to **\$2,400 a month**. The last two months we have not been able to cover it all. Godfrey ends up have to make cuts, mainly in the area of food. Pray 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.

CAR REPAIR: We are thankful to have the van fully paid off! Godfrey's car has been repaired because we needed to have two vehicles working for compliance. Continue praying for the **\$958** needed to cover the cost of a new transmission.

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 15th Anniversary** you would mark your check **"Anniversary"**. **Those funds will go into the main budget.** 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 **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.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

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Select: Add recipient

Phone Number: 805-377-7387

First Name: Carol / Last Name: John

Select: Raining Hope, Inc.

Select: Yes, you're sure it is not a scam

Enter the dollar amount

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

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