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“AND HE WILL SEND SHOWERS OF RAIN SO EVERY FIELD BECOMES A LUSH PASTURE.” ZECHARIAH

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To our Dear Friends, Sponsors and Partners:

I greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus. We thank you for all you do and for all of your prayers for the ministry. We thank God who has continued to use you in our lives in such great ways.

This Christmas, as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember you for communicating the love of God that brought Jesus to the earth. Thank you for showing us such love over the years through your support to have many of our children have smiles on their faces and realize their dreams. Therefore, I pray to our Father in Heaven that He may fill you with every good thing. May this Christmas season bring joy and unity in your lives and families. Just as it was joy to the world when He was born, may that joy continue in your lives in the midst of a world that is full of pain.

May you find joy in Him and may your hearts be filled with all His goodness this Christmas. We love you and pray for you always.

Merry Christmas,
Godfrey and the
Raining Hope Family Uganda

FOR UNTO US
a child is born
— ISAIAH 9:6 —



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT



Our **daughter and son-in-law, Kiana and Taylor** announced the **arrival of their daughter, Luna Parker on Sunday, December 1, 2024!** It is exciting to be a first time grandparent! Mom, Dad and baby are all doing fine.

What an absolute gift to have Luna born as we begin the Christmas season. Thank you for those who have been praying for Kiana's pregnancy. We are thankful for a safe & healthy delivery!



CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

I wrote my **third article for the California Southern Baptist Convention** for the **California Connections segment**. The title of the article is **"Telling the Greatest Story of All"**. My first article was in April 2024. The second article was in August 2024. My theme has been focused on telling stories. Our individual stories are bestsellers filled with page-turning chapters just waiting to be read! They are powerful because we are telling His story through our stories, connecting how God is using us to fulfill the Great Commission.

As we are approaching Christmas, **the greatest of all stories ever told is being read and shared throughout the world.**

This year, because our family is celebrating the **birth of our newest family member, my granddaughter inspired me to look at Christmas with new awe and wonder.**

Here is the link to read the article: <https://csbc.com/resource/telling-the-greatest-story-of-all/>

May you and your families experience the awe and wonder that comes at Christmas. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Peace-Filled New Year as you enter into 2025!



FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT & CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MEAL

For the past nine years, we have purchased one main Christmas gift for the whole family. Our students live together as a family. This is different from other organizations whose children don't live together under one roof. Godfrey is the one who will let me know what gift is most needed. Because we are **focusing on getting budget needs caught up**, they have decided to wait until January to begin raising funds for this year's Christmas gift. We will announce in the next newsletter what Christmas/New Year's gift we will bless the family with. We will also be raising money for a Christmas gift for Godfrey and his family. **Right now they are extremely thankful that we have our operating permit and can stay together as a family!**

But, we would like to provide a **Christmas AND New Year's Meal** for the Raining Hope family. Even our students who have graduated will come back and join with the family to celebrate the season and the ringing in of the New Year.

Annual Christmas & New Year's Meal & Party for the family: \$200

HELPING FAMILIES WITH FOOD THIS CHRISTMAS



RAINING HOPE would like to bless at least 12 families with food this Christmas!

This will be for the families of our children. Many families have continued to struggle with the rising cost of food and supplies. We would provide **food baskets** of rice, beef, cooking oil, sugar, bread, butter, soap, salt & fuel. We also want to provide enough to carry them through the New Year. This includes the families of our students who have graduated as they are still an active part of our ministry.

The cost: \$420 or \$35 per family. Because we are still catching up on budget needs, we will **first raise enough to take care of our student's families.** If additional funds come in we will bless more of the needy families in the community.

If you would like to **sponsor a family or give a designated amount**, please contact Carol John or Mama Eydie. **We would like to send the funds this week so Godfrey has time to purchase the food.**





1. **PRAISE REPORT: We have received the official operating permit!!!** It is good for one year. We will have to renew it annually. This is a huge answer to prayer!
2. **PRAISE REPORT!** We received a generous donation to fund the rest of the poultry project!
3. **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 five months we have not been able to cover it all.** Compliance issues, higher school fees, an increase in the monthly radio costs and a decrease in monthly sponsorships has contributed to the budget challenges. Godfrey has bought some things on credit and waited to pay other bills. **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. **We need \$708 to complete the budget for December.**
4. **Insurance Comprehensive** - The yearly bill of **\$342** is currently due.
5. **Car Repair:** Continue praying for Godfrey's car that needed a new transmission. **The repair cost was \$958.**

IN-DEPTH PRAISE & PRAYER FESTIVAL

Raining Hope organized an **In-Depth Praise service on December 8, 2024.** This was our third annual event! It was a huge success! During this time, they invited choirs and guest singers to come as well as other churches for the praise of our God. It was a time of celebrating God for who He is. We also had a meal together and observed communion. It was a great time of thanksgiving to God. We hosted about 240 people. We experienced some people being filled with the Spirit of God and others praying like never before. There was joy on everyone's faces. One testimony came from a young man who attended the In-Depth Praise service and was delivered from oppression. We thank God for our young adults at the home because they are well spoken of for their skill in singing and playing musical instruments. It was a great time of outreach for the community as well.





RAINING HOPE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER & JANUARY 2024/2025

This year we are hosting another VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER that will run **through the entire month of December and January!** The fundraiser will raise the much needed funds for our regular budget and the special projects in this newsletter. We also are preparing for the **first term of school for 2025**. Last year our virtual fundraiser was a huge success thanks to all of you!

We can't express enough how grateful we are each year to all our sponsors and supporters who **continue to pray and sacrificially support the Raining Hope family**. We know you have your own needs for your own families. We are deeply honored by your love and support. God has used each one of you to **make a tremendous difference in the lives of these precious individuals**. Thank you for blessing us this Christmas with your love, support and encouragement. It means the world to our Raining Hope family! You are deeply loved!

Eydie is available to come to your church, clubs or ministries to speak and share about all that God is doing in and through our Raining Hope family. Please contact Eydie if you would like more information about hosting a fundraising event or having her come to speak. Contact Carol John if you have any questions regarding how to give

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 or Christmas gift**, 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 **regular 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.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code to the right. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**

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.

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

Enter the dollar amount

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

All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

Note: *These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts. There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.