

RAINING HOPE

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

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On Our Knees - Bold Praying Raining Hope Compliance



In the June 2023 Newsletter, I talked about a wonderful devotional called **"On Our Knees: 40 Days to Living Boldly in Prayer"** by Phil Wickham. In the forward of the book, Phil Wickham talks about how this book on prayer began with a song he wrote called, "Battle Belongs". <https://youtu.be/qttvQNZPHn-w>.

The words of the song began from a simple phrase that caught our attention about prayer: **"fighting on our knees"**. The devotional "captured the mix of commitment and surrender that goes into praying." **"On Our Knees"** has become a favorite devotional of mine. It taught me that "prayer is so much more than a religious routine; it is a pathway to true intimacy with Him." I am "learning to **pray with the expectation that He will answer according to His perfect love.**"

I am asking you to join us on our journey in a special **"Call to Prayer - On Our Knees"**. At the time of that call to prayer it was focused on the Send Off Celebration for our graduates and the Introduction and Wedding for Hilary and Florence. God answered our prayers in ways that can only be explained by Him. We know He has done it before and He can do it again.

This edition is the **list of what needs to be accomplished for the 2nd phase of compliance**. In order to continue to operate, we need to accomplish these tasks in a very short time. We are calling on a **Virtual Fundraiser** in order to accomplish the list by July 2024. We will have an event **AFTER** compliance when Phase 2 is complete to celebrate the victory and to thank our supporters and sponsors.

God is doing great and miraculous things! There is so much more to do in the lives of our Raining Hope family. Will you join me as we "fight on our knees" and watch God do what only He can do?!

(*quotes are from the introduction by Phil Wickham pages v-ix)

COMPLIANCE UPDATE

We are so thankful for **all we have accomplished** since we were first faced with the **initial compliance requirements starting in 2018**. This was due to your immediate response. There is still more to accomplish in Phase 2.

All faith-based and non-governmental organizations operating within the city of Jinja needed to re-register under the new compliance changes due to the city of Jinja incorporating. Godfrey had to submit a **work plan with key requirements** to complete by June 2024 in order to receive our official permit to operate. If we don't complete all of these things by June/July 2024, we will be asked to dissolve and face penalties.

Each item will be explained in detail on a separate fundraising issue with a list of what funds need to be raised.

1. **A van** - We currently have one car. **They require a standby vehicle** for emergencies in case Godfrey is not home.
2. **Nursing Room** - The nursing station is currently in the office. They require it to be separate.
3. **Paving Compound** - Part of the compound needs to be paved due to mud
4. **Garbage Can** - They require garbage cans for sanitation
5. **Self-sustaining project/income generating activity** - We started this right before COVID. But the chickens we were raising had to be sold due to the outrageously high cost of feed during the pandemic.
6. **Community development project** - We had these in development before COVID. We are now being asked to implement them.
7. **A visiting doctor & nurse** for weekly visits.
8. **Regular clothing budget** for personal hygiene.
9. **PARTIALLY COMPLETE** - **Repairing the perimeter wall - more work was needed than originally anticipated**
10. **COMPLETED** - **Purchase new chairs for living room and dining room.**
11. **COMPLETED** - **New sign post! (See image on right!)**
12. **COMPLETED** - **Repairing the gate**

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

REPAIRS: The outdoor toilet doors are worn and broken. We will need to replace the three doors. Cost is \$320.

FUMIGATION: We need to fumigate the house. Cost is \$55.





On Our Knees - Bold Praying

From **"On Our Knees" by Phil Wickham** (page 15) - "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today" (Exodus 14:13) "In some situations, I can find it difficult to pray a big prayer or believe that God will truly move in miraculous ways. I must confess that all I see at times is the seemingly uncrossable sea ahead and the doubts, fears, and impossibilities closing in from behind. But just like the story of the Red Sea, whenever I step back and focus my heart on the

bigger picture, I am reminded that God has been at work the entire time. If I take time to focus on Him, I can find His hand in all that He has done and brought me through. It is the story that emboldens me to pray, **'Lord, please give me the faith to see where You will make a way.'** It is one I want to pray when the world seems to present me with impossible circumstances. The Red Sea is the place where we all can be reminded that **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH OUR GOD**".

As I was finishing this, a song by **Tasha Layton, "Worship Through It"**, immediately came on Air1 Radio <https://youtu.be/pBeivKtQORM?si=kNNMytMLY121YjtK>. It brought me to tears. 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." Join us as we **PRAY, TRUST and WORSHIP THROUGH IT!** God receives all the glory for what He will do!

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 **this 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.

***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



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

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Note: * These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts.