

Morris and Maroy 326 Nelson Avenue

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Morris Shabani and Maroy Chibalonza, along with their delightful children Rosette (15), Moses (12), Honorine (9) and Joana(4), have called Lexington home since 2016. Both Morris and Maroy were born and raised in Goma North Kivu, located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They fled the area in 2009 to go to Uganda where they lived in a Refugee Camp for the next seven years.

Morris works full-time at NSG Pilkington North America in Lexington where he is a production assistant while Maroy stays at home with their youngest, Joana. Morris worked as an electrician in Africa and has a diploma as an elementary school teacher. Morris and Maroy both value a good education for their children as well as their happiness. They say that their main goal is to remain faithful in their religion and to be honest, joyful and friendly to others. They expect the same of their children. The entire family attends church at Providence Community Church.

Their eldest daughter Rosette attends Tates Creek High School and loves music. Moses attends Tates Creek Middle School and like many boys his age, is crazy about basketball. The two younger children are nine-year old Honorine, who attends Tates Creek Elementary School and loves track & field and four year-old Joana. Joana stays at home during the days with her mom and enjoys gymnastics. During their family time, Morris and Mary like to go to the park with the family, play with the children and study the Bible. They enjoy the opportunity to watch gospel singing on the television.

Morris and Maroy were told about Habitat for Humanity from another homeowner and were eager to qualify for the program. They both feel that having the opportunity where they can get a safe place to live with their family will be like “a new beginning in life, a place where we can stay.” Providing a safe home for their children is very important to both of them.

Morris and Maroy are thankful and excited to become homeowners. They are so thankful to their home sponsors, the HEN congregations, and would like to thank all of the volunteers that are helping them for their love and would wish on them that God give to them what they give to others. They both agree that the first thing they will do when they move into their home is to thank the Lord and leave everything under his control.



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LEXINGTON HOMEOWNER STUDY OUTCOMES

- 98.4% of homeowners are **proud** of their home.
- 80% say Habitat classes **prepared** them for homeownership.
- 87% reported learning a lot from their sweat equity.
- 41% have been working at the same job for 5+ years.
- 96% reported their children are **happier**.
- 90% say their children have a quiet space to do homework.
- 76% stated their children’s grades had improved.
- 84% reported their children’s school attendance had improved.
- 86% reported their children were **healthier** and sick less often.

