

Isaac and Estella

697 Georgetown Street

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There are common themes in hopes and dreams among the people that join Lexington Habitat for Humanity's homebuyer program. Yet for each individual, family or household that come together to purchase a new home, the opportunity to build a new home is unique and uniquely precious.

For Isaac Lameke & Estella Hamenyimana, that dream of a home to share with their family began years ago in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Faced with violence and displacement as a result of the war in their home country, they have traveled through Tanzania and Knoxville before coming to Lexington in 2010. Here, they have made a home with their children Happiness (3), Ezekiel (2), Moses (1) and a member of their extended family, Odifax (17). It's clear that theirs will be an energetic home!

Isaac and Estella are optimistic about the life they are building in their new community, despite the disruption they have faced. They look forward to pursuing more education when they are settled. They look forward to sharing time with their immediate family, and extended family who are also Lexington Habitat homeowners.

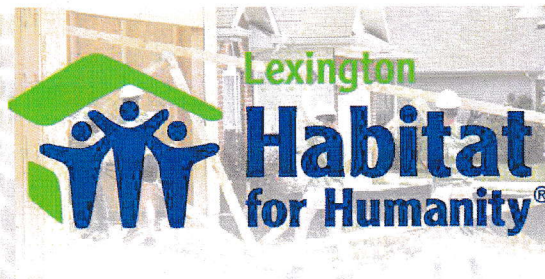
In May, when the first walls go up on their new home, Isaac and Estella will be able to share face to face with their sponsors, Disciples for Habitat and Thrivent Financial Services, what an affordable and secure home means. For now, they say "We don't have enough words to describe how much we appreciate...this program."



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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.



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