

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ELIZABETH KABANGASHA

Elizabeth, a 70 year old widow, takes care of her three (3) biological children (Eugene Mwinsa – 18 years – son; Eunice Mwinsa – 18 years – daughter; Alex Mwinsa – 14 years – son;) and for the past four years assumed guardianship for three (3) grandchildren who are double orphans (Matthews Mwape – 9 years – grandson; Violet Mwape – 7 years – grandson; Collins Mwape – 4 years – grandson). Since moving into her new Habitat home she has brought in one more grandchild, Joyce, who is also an orphan; bringing the total number of orphans in her home to four.



Before receiving a new house Elizabeth lived in a three roomed makeshift house which was severely overcrowded. The young boys and girls had to share the same room. The shack had no windows and had not been constructed with secure building materials. The roof was made out of plastic papers, and a few drum sheet metals. Their roof leaked during rainy season which flooded the house.



The new HFHZ house has two bedrooms on either side of the living room which takes into consideration the issues of gender separation. It also has an improved ventilated pit latrine and bath area for the family.

Looking up to the heavens, Elizabeth said that there was not a day that went by without her thinking and praying for the people who constructed her house and says she can only put it to God. Smiling shyly and proudly, she says that her family now are comfortable and the rains will have a hard time soaking them or washing them away this rainy season.

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