



Health Education Africa Resource Team

JOY AS CHRISTOPHER AND BRIAN NYANCHOKA GET A NEW SHELTER

BACKGROUND

After enduring life in an 8ft x 8ft leaking house that the grandmother and the community helped build after their father committed suicide, Christopher Nyanchoka KFS # NY/ny/526, Brian Nyanchoka KFS # NY/ny/391 and their mother Pamela Nyanchoka could not believe their eyes when they saw HEART team and the community come together to ensure they had a nice roof over their heads. Their parents (Christopher and Brian's) had marital problems that led to their father committing suicide, and a few months later their house collapsed. They had nowhere to stay except to seek refuge at their grandmother's house.

Their grandmother hosted them for a while but luck was not on their side, for there were constant quarrels between their mother and her sisters-in-law. Their grandmother sought assistance from the community: Using old, rusted iron sheets, they built an 8ft x 8ft house. Due to the poor state of the iron sheets, the roof started leaking, exposing the children to the rain and cold. They had no mattress and slept on the floor on worn out blankets while their mother slept on an old bed with no mattress and worn out bedding.



Before picture: The dilapidated family house and members of HEART team ready to make a difference.



Before picture: The family inside the house and the mother's bed. The children sleep on the floor.

God was watching and opened doors for us (HEART) courtesy of the McGregor family, who funded building of the house and the toilet (choo). It was not only a joy for the family but the community as well. This was evident in the way they came in to work singing and dancing to the visitors for their big hearts! The family not only received a new house but furniture as well. The mother got a new bed, a mattress and blankets while the children also got a new bed, mattress and blankets. They also received more household gifts from the HEART team.



Above: Happy community members singing to the guests and the McGregor family jumped right in and dance!



Above: HEART Team members together with the community join hands in building of the house. Looks like Dr McGregor is quite handy with the tools!



Above: The toilet under construction



The family happy to receive the furniture from HEART Team members.

We thank God and rejoice with the family over the new house that was built. Because of the big hearts and generosity of the McGregor family, this family not only has a new house that will protect them from ailments due to poor shelter—but they have a nice home.

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