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Kirabo Family New, Safe Home

During our summer trip to Uganda, one of our sponsors learned that their sponsored Child's family was living in a home with a leaky roof. Wanting to provide a warm and dry environment, they reached out to see if they could repair the roof. When our staff visited the home to inquire of the challenges, it was found that the existing walls of the home could not even sustain the weight of a new roof without collapsing. This sent our staff on a different journey of discovery where they shared the following:

We had the opportunity to visit the Kirabo family alongside a civil engineer to obtain a knowledgeable assessment and recommendations regarding the proposed roof repairs for their residence. Upon evaluating the existing structure of the house, the engineer concluded that it was constructed either with ill intent or by individuals lacking sufficient knowledge about building, resulting in significant issues from the outset. The rear wall of the house is riddled with cracks, and should heavy rains occur, the structure could easily collapse. Another pressing concern is the issue of privacy. This dwelling consists of two small rooms that house five individuals, including the mother, her brother and three children. We were granted access into this home, and we regretted entering, as the conditions inside were difficult to see.

Considering the overall situation of this family, it would be advisable to construct a reasonably sized house with three rooms. One larger room would be designated for the mother and her three children, the central room would serve as the living area, and the third smaller room would be allocated to the uncle, as their mother is responsible for his care. The engineer also cautioned that roofing the house in its current condition could result in its collapse during the roofing process due to the weight imposed by the builders.

After the house was built, the community celebrated with Mama Kirabo and how God had protected and blessed her family. What a testimony this act of generosity was to the community where we serve.



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