

# our Titus Landing families

## Meet Ousmane & Oomou

Growing up, the evening meal in Guinea was when my family would gather and share a meal together. This time as a family was something we all enjoyed doing, and no one could miss it - it felt like a party all the time! I want my family to have the ability to call a place home



where we can start our own traditions.

I had always dreamed of living in Canada ever since I was a teenager. Growing up in Guinea, I used to see that people who lived and studied in Canada had better opportunities in life. When I had the chance to immigrate to Canada in 2010, I did not hesitate to apply.

I met my wife through my cousin, who was studying with her in Belgium. After a couple of months, we got married, and then she moved to Canada so we could start a family together.

In 2019, we moved into a three-bedroom apartment. Our large six-person family has been trying to fit into a small three-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment. We need more bathrooms to accommodate the whole family, especially when we are trying to get ready in the morning and evening; otherwise, there is a large lineup.

Since our apartment is considered a new build, our rent will increase annually.

Unfortunately, this means that the increase in rent is going to be out of our budget. Another issue is that my oldest daughter's school is 45 minutes away. She has to travel an extra four hours a week just to attend school rather than using that time to partake in extracurricular activities and studying.

Becoming a Habitat Homeowner will allow us to move into a safe home with payments that we can afford. Our children will have their own spaces to go and play. If our kids are happy, we are happy as parents. We hope that our future will be bright - especially for

our kids. We want them to thrive in school so that they will have an opportunity to be successful later in life. I think this will happen when we settle into our new family home.