

our Kemptville Korners families

meet Andre and Huguette



We came to Canada just over three years ago from Cameroon. Growing up, some days there wouldn't be food and unfortunately as an elder sibling I had to abandon school to take care of younger siblings. There was a lot of uncertainty and instability, and we both decided to leave to give an opportunity for our children to thrive in a better environment.

Since coming to Canada, it's been a very busy time for us. We're both completing our college degrees while taking care of six children. We were lucky to meet many people that have helped to make our transition to Canada easier, including our good friend Jean-Yves, a retired government employee who has provided us with a lot of advice and guidance and has now become more like a grandfather to our children.

Our children are very passionate about music, arts and different sports. Our family time is precious and we enjoy going to parks and watching movies every Saturday night. We make the best of the situation we have, but the truth is we currently live in very poor conditions. There is water leaking in many places and broken flooring. Outside the home are drug dealers and fights break out often. Since coming here, we have been trying to find a safe, proper home for our family.

We heard about Habitat for Humanity from a friend who lives nearby in one of the previous Habitat developments. When we learned about the homeownership program we thought it was too good to be true, but we are so excited we took a chance and applied!

Despite these last difficult years, our family has stayed positive and held strong in our belief that coming to Canada would provide us with a better future. Thanks to Habitat for Humanity that better future is on the horizon. By becoming a Habitat homeowner, we know it will open more opportunities for us and our children. We're looking forward to joining a community of families. Having a home also means peace and knowing that our children will grow up securely.