

CHICKENS CHANGE LIVES: Lazarus and Mayi's Story

Which would you prefer, a little money or a chick? "Chick!" was Lazarus and Mayi's mutual, enthusiastic reply.

Because when a family has chickens, a family has options. Having options means eggs can be sold, eaten or hatched into more chicks, and chickens can be eaten or sold for money to pay for necessities like school fees, medicine and clothing.

Lazarus and Mayi's family lives in a little village called Bugubo in Uganda. They received 10 chickens through our family empowerment project, and their chickens have increased their income and reduced some of their financial worries.



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Though Mayi is a nurse and Lazarus is a farmer, they didn’t have enough income before to pay rent and school fees. But now Mayi said she can sell eggs and chickens to get the money they need to meet many of their home needs...and even hire people to help with the farming, Lazarus said.



At the time of interview, Lazarus and Mayi had multiplied their flock to 40 chickens and many little chicks!

According to Mayi, **“there is less value in Ugandan money these days, so you will use it buying sugar and salt and finish it before doing any investment, but with a chick—if well catered for—in just four months you will be selling eggs to make money and you will have more chicken coming your way when it hatches the remaining eggs.”**

This is real impact, with real, evident change for an entire family. THANK YOU for giving options, empowerment and Hope to families like Lazarus and Mayi’s in Uganda and Zambia!



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