

Date: July 8, 2015

Family to Family Number: 15-022

US Sponsor

Name:

Ugandan Partner Family

Surname: Abbo

Given Name: Dolosay

Sponsored Child

Surname: Ratem

Given Name: Grace

Gender: Girl

Age: 8

Grade: Primary 3



General Information

This family lives in Kayoro, a rural area about seven miles outside of Tororo, Uganda. They are members of the small community group called Makimoth, founded with the help of Give Us Wings in 2007. A few members live in semi-permanent houses made of metal sheets, but most live in grass thatched houses with no windows and only a torn sheet for a door. The parents and children all sleep in one room on mats; those who can afford decent bedding sleep on thin mattresses. Most of the families are peasant farmers who grow crops (rice, ground nuts, cassava, potatoes, maize, beans) for food. Many of these families eat only once a day because that is all the food they have. Occasionally, they grow enough to sell at a local market and earn some money to buy scholastic materials and uniforms for their children. Makimoth means: Taking it slow. And these members have embodied that motto by being purposeful, focused and patient. They have participated in organic farming training, literacy and business training and have received small grants and interest free loans through Give Us Wings' Building Businesses for Family Sustainability program. Although they have made some positive strides, it is still a struggle for the parents to pay for high quality education for their children. Many children are "chased from school" for not paying fees.

Before Dolosay got involved with GUW, she and her husband Rogger, both in their 30's, were subsistence farmers. They still are, but since then Dolosay has participated in business training and received her first loan through BBFS. Now Rogger is able to plant in bulk and sells the produce (maize, ground nuts, millet); Dolosay used the money to start up a retail business where she sells general merchandise. Her income is increasing! She is proud to now be able to provide basic needs for the family (salt, sugar, clothing for her children and pay for some school fees). Although their lives are improving, they still have not been able to send their children to the kind of high quality school they know their children need in order to have a better life. Grace, pictured here in the pink dress, is 8 years old and in Primary 3. **You are giving Grace the gift of quality education! Your partnership with Dolosay and Rogger will make a huge impact on Grace's life and the lives of all of the members of Grace's family**, including sisters Lilian (age 14), Violet (age 10) and Matthew (age 4), and brother, Rogers (age 4). Thank you!