

During the visit of Sr. Greet, Sr. Gerda and Sr. Dorien in November 2024, they visited one of the former orphan village residents: Kobwa, a young woman now, with a baby. Unfortunately, like many Rwandan girls, unwed mothers. She lived in a rented house that was in poor condition, including a roof, through which the rain poured in.

Sr. Emilienne went looking for another house, which could be financed by a nice donation. With that money a house was bought, with a piece of land, so that Kobwa can grow something herself.

The house has a living room and three bedrooms: one for Kobwa with her son, one for storing supplies and one for visitors.

Sr. Emilienne conducted an interview with Kobwa:

E.: what is your full name?

K.: My name is Kobwa (Tuyishime Blandine)

E.: How old are you?

K.: I'm 26 years old and I have a son named Ethan Shami, who is 5 months old.

E.: Where do you live now?

K.: I have been living in this house since 2 February 2025. A long time ago I had the desire to have my own house. If I remember correctly, it was in 2013 when I had a dream. Finally, in 2025, God realized my dream.

E.: You have received help to buy and renovate this house. How do you feel about that?

K.: I can't express my feelings, it's beyond my thoughts. I am first of all grateful to God who answered my prayers, I thank all the donors, I thank the sisters from the Netherlands, who visited me and analysed the situation in which I lived. They told me that they would look for a solution. I also thank the sisters of Rubengera who agreed to give such a large amount to buy a house, it was the first time in my life that I received such a gift.

A: Are you happy with it?

K.: YES, very satisfied and very happy.

E.: Are there any things you would like to say?

K.: Just that I want to thank everyone who contributed to this action! It is true that I did not manage to finish the kitchen and toilet, I will do my best to do something, but I don't know how yet. It is not easy to find money in these days. But I am very grateful and wish God's blessing to those who have helped me!