



Florence's land where she grows animal fodder as part of the Women of Migori project.



Beatrice with Women of Migori farmers

Prayer news update from Migori: March 2024

Dear Friends,

In my last newsletter, I shared with you how the rains have been washing away farmers' crops. I'm excited to be able to tell you that farmers working alongside Ripple Effect in rural Migori, Kenya, have shown amazing resilience. Even though the rain washed away their crops, farmers had time to replant and when it came to harvesting in January, they harvested in abundance!

I recently met with Beatrice, Programme Manager for Women of Migori. She was excited to tell me about the incredible progress of Florence, one of the project participants she's been supporting. Florence is a farmer who Beatrice has been working alongside for the past three years, four months. She is married to Samuel and they have six children. This is her story:

Meet Florence

Before Ripple Effect came, Florence grew only maize and sorghum on her farm. There was never enough to feed her family or sell. She believed that her one acre of land was infertile. Her children were often ill due to a lack of food and Florence would labour on other people's farms to provide food for her family.

Since working alongside Ripple Effect, Florence has transformed their plot of land into a thriving farm. She now has goats and chickens, and grows pawpaw, mango, passionfruit, guavas, amaranth, herbs, lemon grass, bananas and so much more! Florence has learnt a range of techniques which help her to manage the erratic weather which would have previously washed away her crops or scorched them.



Florence with her husband, Samuel, and their family, and their keyhole garden where they grow many vegetables

Please pray

Now her family is healthy as they eat three nutritious meals every day. This is what she told Beatrice:

"Now the children are just very healthy because of the food they get. We get it fresh from the garden!"

Florence and her family are flourishing. With the income she has been earning from the farm, they have been able to move to a bigger house, buy chairs and bedding as well as a stereo and TV.

Florence is making a ripple in her community. She is a Peer Farmer Trainer, so she passes on her knowledge and skills to the rest of the community which means that they will be able to combat the effects of the climate crisis and feed their families too. Florence has developed her farm so much that she no longer has to work for anyone else to earn income and she even has to employ other local people to work on her own plot!

I'll leave you with some final words from Florence:

"I'd like to say a big thank you to the Ripple Effect team. You changed my life, the life of my family, and the life of the community. My request to Ripple Effect is please continue training other people so that they understand and can know what to do at a time like this when the climate is not constant.

Today, I will proudly say that I do have at least three balanced meals in a day, and I'm happy. My family is also happy. So agriculture is good to everybody. Agriculture is good to the young and old, agriculture is good and it is very healthy!"

Please pray:

- **Praise God for Florence** and the hard work she has put into her farm over the past three years and four months. Thank him that her work has been successful and for her role as Peer Farmer Trainer. Pray for all the families she works alongside, pray that their land will also thrive.
- **Thank God for Beatrice and her team in Migori.** Thank him that through their training, their passion and expertise, farmers have been able to grow good harvests despite the erratic weather.
- **Pray for all the families in the Women of Migori project** as it comes to an end in August. Give thanks for those who are ready to celebrate the end of the project. Pray for those who feel that, due to the impact of Covid, they would like more time with Ripple Effect. Pray for confidence in what they already know and have achieved.

Thank you and bless you for your continued support for our work in Migori,

Ann Hatton, Community Manager

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