



Homeowner Story



Names – Iosif and Claudia Toma

Age – 28 & 22

Occupation – Carpenter & manicurist

When Claudia was 5, her parents divorced and she along with her brothers and sisters was left to the care of her grandparents. But they couldn't take care of them so they were given to the Orphanage in Beius. After leaving the orphanage she rented in Beius with a family. Claudia graduated high school with catering specialization and got a job in a confectionery shop. This is where Claudia met Iosif. Claudia says "It was December and Iosif came to the place where I was working. He came one day, and then next day ... soon we were in love."

Iosif stayed with his mother, 4 brothers and 1 sister in a two-room apartment in Beius.. All the boys used to stay in one room and his mother and his sister in another room.

Iosif and Claudia currently live in rented accommodation. Last year they suffered the loss of a baby. This was due to Claudia's working conditions in a shoe factory where there were gases from the glue used for the shoes.



'Our greatest joy since we got married was the day we found out we will be the beneficiaries of a Habitat house. We started our life from nothing and have slowly managed to buy what we needed. We will never forget where we started from, says Claudia.'

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