

# **WAKISA MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER**

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## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

It is with profound gratitude to you and to my Lord for all the work done at Wakisa Ministries.

We remain one of the leading Ministry's in the support of teen girls with early pregnancies. Wakisa Ministries was once again invited to the Parliament of Uganda for a workshop to discuss ways of creating safe spaces for young adolescents facing domestic abuse and drug addictions. The parliament also recognized and appreciated Wakisa Ministries for offering a safe shelter and offering services to marginalised pregnant teenage girls.



#### **GIRLS**

We thank God for the 7 girls who have delivered this birth and kept alive and well. They have had shocking stories to tell upon discharge from hospital. The 6 girls witnessed women next to them in the labour ward die during and after labour in the labour suite!!!One of these girls was left unattended to when a women next to her died. This girl's baby was on the way and she felt the baby's head coming but the medical people had gone to the next bed!

So when they came back to Wakisa we all could not thank God enough!!

We lost a 1 week old baby this month born to Jennifer. We have not have yet disclosed it

to the rest of the girls for fear of emotional trauma and its consequences during their time of pregnancy. Jennifer's baby developed severe pneumonia and we had to take her back to a better hospital. The diagnosis of pneumonia we were told was due to inhalation of the mucus discharge at birth because the suction of the aspirates was not adequately carried out.

Kindly keep the mother in your prayers.
Jennifer is an orphan and she is from one of the Watoto homes. The Watoto team picked Jennifer from hospital with the dead baby and after burial we found a nearby home for Jennifer where the counsellor will be going to offer her more counselling



#### **SKILLS**

The bible study class is run alongside the Alpha Course which has been interactive and included various activities like skits to improve on the understanding of the word of God.

In the art and crafts class, the girls are learning how to make mats and baskets. This also keeps them busy during their free time over the weekend.

The agriculture class has been active and the girls have planted tomatoes, lettuce and spinach which are prepared and they eat these vegetables at the center.

In the Infant Care and Hygiene class, the girls learnt the reason for the need to visit the Antenatal clinic and the services which are provided to the pregnant mothers like them. They also learnt about diet and the foods they need during pregnancy which will help to boost their health together with that of the new babies. Sickle cell and Anaemia during pregnancy were also addressed during the classes.

The gift shop has supported the vocational classes and also is a source of hope to the girls that when they leave the center, they can earn a living from these products.















## **Babies Delivered**

Gloria, Irene and Suzan1 and Susan 2 ,all 17 years , Jennifer 16 and Ritah 14 delivered their babies this month .They all had baby girls. Sadly Jennifer's baby passed on.

We have a new hospital attendant called Namatovu Sarah. She is an amazing mother of 2 boys and a hard worker. She pays attention to detail and has been a great addition to the team.



new babies at the center

### **Retained In Hospital**

uzan, 17 years old is currently retained in hospital because her baby girl is in ICU. The baby got complications after labour and so they could not be discharged.

#### **FAMILY**

y family and I are overjoyed for the arrival of lovely Elizabeth born of Paul and Susan.! Both mum and child are well and the glory goes to God .





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wakisa girls with her baby visiting

Home of the youngest girl at the center currently

## **Prayer Points**

- Comfort for the young mother who lost her 1 week old baby.
- Continued good health of the pregnant teenage girls and their babies at the center and after delivery.
- For Kampala City Council authority to approve our plan to start construction of the new center.
- For the funding base both financial and in kind to remain constant and grow
- For the discipline and healing of the young mothers to be at the center
- For financial funding towards the medical department because the National Referral Hospital Mulago Hospital lacks the hospital requirements, like; gloves, switchers, Syringes, which are crucial for mothers in labour and we have to purchase these items whenever a girl is in labour.



## **Visiting Teams & Student Mothers**

#### School

The second academic term ends in August. However, we were able to go and visit the girls in school; Buloba Primary and Namirembe Infant School , St Micheal High School and Buloba High School

#### **Visiting Teams**

We had several groups of visitors who came over to encourage the girls and know more about the center.

These included;

Mama Africa visitors, the team from South Carolina, a team from Watoto church, The Hope Venture team, a group of paediatrics from Mulago hospital, visitors from General Health Initiative, Taibah college school and Dr. Kamya and his psychology students from Boston and other individuals.

Young mothers have come by with their babies to say receive guidance and counselling as well as clothes for their babies and themselves.

The literacy classes have boosted confidence and self-esteem through debates held and the girls are clearly learning to express themselves better. The debate motion this moth was "Boarding school are better than day schools"





student mothers ready for school





May the living God continue to bless you as you bless the vulnerable girl child and the babies of these young mothers. Thanking you for your love and commitment.

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