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## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry

How excellent are the works of God so clearly displayed in new born lives.

The Almighty is using the Ministry of Wakisa to save these babies, to restore, repair and reconcile the girls to God Himself and fellow man through Jesus Christ!

We are indeed grateful to God and to you for the great support through funding the various activities going on here.



GIRLS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

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We have 25 girls currently and the youngest ones are 14 years.

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17 year old Lydia testifies, "I am the 2nd born of the 9 children, I had already dropped out of school due to lack of fees. We stayed in a two room house which was so small that we took turns to sleep on the only bed in there. I was lured by a boy who promised to take me to the city of Kampala to find me a job of a house girl. He slept with me after this promise and when I got pregnant, Daniel told me to terminate the pregnancy and deserted me. When my mother and found out that I was pregnant, she started verbally abusing me daily and I decided to run away, came to Kampala, found a job and started working. The lady of the house sent me away when she found out I was pregnant and with the little money I could not reach home. I then went to a church and slept there. There was a girl who knew Wakisa Ministries. When I came here, I was well received and have made good friends, I have learned so many things especially knowing God, accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour through auntie Racheal's message. I have become more confident through life skills classes by auntie Ruth. I have learned to sit at table and use cutlery to have a meal. I am going to make samosas, doughnuts and chapatis to sell them to the nearby schools to get money if I get money to start a small

business".

Lydia with tears in the eyes said she was indeed grateful for her time here and she cannot thank us enough. She is not all ready to go back home though her mum is ready to receive her back.

Lydia had a baby boy on the 24th of March and named him David. David weighed 3.18 kgs.

'I have received comfort, acceptance and unconditional love here which I have never received even from my own single mother' says 18 year old Doreen who has been here for one month.

## NEW ADMISSIONS

Among the 6 new girls is Aisha, a 14 year old twin. She never knew her mum but was told she died while delivery them, her dad died last year. She is been staying with an old grandmother. Aisha had stopped schooling in Primary 6 and she was also brought to Kampala to work as a house girl. She got a job in a kiosk, a taxi man who befriended her could give her a ride, offer her 5000 shillings (less than a dollar) and sleep with her. This went on for a period of one month.

When she conceived, the man disappeared, her employer threw her out the shop when she realized Aisha was pregnant. Her half sister rejected her and instead took her to a hospital which referred her to Wakisa. Aisha is 4 months pregnant. She says she has learned not to use foul language, keeping herself clean since she came to Wakisa. She has also learned how to prepare and

make main meals in cookery class .

**Incest:** Joan, a 16 year old girl was brought on 31st at the close of day by a probation officer from Mubende. She is an incest case, her father is on the run after Joan could not keep quiet anymore , reported the matter to the police. She is with a severe offensive venereal disease, never attended antenatal clinic and 6 months pregnant. When her mum passed away Joan was 3 years and at the age of 6 her father started defiling her .She escaped to her auntie and told her but the auntie warned her not to tell anyone about this and brought her back to her father.

Joan's auntie instead tied some fetishes around her waist to keep the issue a secret!!!!

Her family members have turned against her and sent her away because she has ashamed their brother by reporting her father to the police.

## MARCH DELIVERIES

**Samalie** 15 years had a baby boy Daniel on the 7th who weighed 3.5 kgs

**Lydia** 17 years had a baby boy David on the 24th weighing 3.1kgs

**Lisa** 17 years had a baby girl Abigail on the 28th after a long night having labour pains. Please pray that we find a home for Lisa to settle with her baby.

**Daphne** 17 years had a baby boy Joel weighing 2.8kg on the 29th

**Immaculate** 17 yrs had a nasty experience in the labour ward when a rude midwife demanded money from her while suturing her tear without any pain medication. Her baby girl is Marjorie born on the 29th and weighed 3.2 kgs.

Racheal has done a great job staying with each girl day and night in the hospital labour ward.

We thank God for the lovely babies and equipping their mothers with various vocational skills to make some money . We hope their people will come for them when contacted expect for Lisa who is an orphan.



LISA WITH BABY ABIGAIL



DAPHNE WITH BABY JOEL



IMMACULATE WITH BABY MARJORIE



LYDIA AND BABY DAVID

## SKILLS TRAINING

The girls enjoyed making booties, taught by Rebecca, Kim and Kerrie this month .They also taught them how to make soap and sanitary towels.

Tailoring has enabled each girl to make her own maternity dress. The urban agriculture classes which have been more of indoors theory than practical due to a severe dry spell this month. Girls have learned about the different topics - types of soil, how to make compost manure ,soil erosion and preparing a garden.

Fatuma 16 yrs who dropped out of school due to pregnancy is ready to use her gardening skills when she goes home. She would like to plant half an acre of tomatoes to raise money to care for her child. Fatuma is truly thankful for the opportunity to learn to grow vegetables spinach and collard down in the garden.

The follow up we intend to carry out this year will give us a right picture of how the young Wakisa Alumni have utilized their skills.



KNITTING CLASS WITH THE VOLUNTEERS, MAKING BOOTIES



COOKERY CLASS, GIRLS MAKING SAMOSAS

## GRADUATION

We held a luncheon at Wakisa in honour of the two young mothers who had completed their studies and received certificates. Justine and Amina received certificates in Catering and Hotel Management and Hair dressing and cosmetology respectively. They were joined by their single mums and all the girls at Wakisa Ministries. Justine's mother gave a speech that touched all of us and the function was a great way to encourage the pregnant girls not to lose heart and hope for future studies.

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR WORK AND FAMILY



GRADUATION PARTY OF JUSTINE AND AMINA

## VISITING TEAMS

We have been blessed by the visit of a Bank Manager a friend of Wakisa Ministries, Micheal Mbabali. God has used him over the years as He used him even before Easter by bringing sacks of food items and drinks. This was an answer to prayer.

The Visit by the Girls not Brides officer gave us clearer perspective of the organization's purpose and activities.

Dr. Graham Barker's team from Australia comprising Dawn, Paula, Rebecca, Kerrie and Kim was a special group to the girls. As Rebecca, Kerrie and Kim trained the girls in making sanitary towels, booties and soap. The girls were fully engaged and greatly enjoyed the company of the trio. We thank God for sphygmomanometer and blood sugar testing apparatus that Paula brought to us. It was a blessing to see Dawn who had never been but had supported the girls. Ruth and myself had quality time with her as we held meeting. I thank God for Graham who graciously agreed to lead the Easter Sunday Service of Baptist High school where he also delivered an Easter sermon to about 300 students.

A team from REAL PEOPLE Uganda visited Wakisa and were so kind to bring food, toiletries, cloth and clothing to us. We thank God for all His providence despite a real financial constraint, He cares and keeps surprising us. It is by faith that we serve. Please pray that He opens doors for operational expenses.

## FAMILY

Easter was a family gathering but we missed Paul, Susan and Miriam because Miriam had a cold and they decided to stay at their lovely country farm home. She is better and her active girl. Tim, Ruth and Ruth's mum were at my home after Easter service and we had a good day. Tim's photography keeps him busy as he gets more and more functions to cover.

I am thankful for all your support and prayers. I do pray that your giving towards the operational costs will enable us to care for these girls.

May God continue to bless you

In Christ  
Vivian



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