

10
years
of wakisa

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry

As we mark the 10 years of Wakisa Ministries' existence, we thank God for your partnership as you bear with the failings of the weak ones through prayers and support. The lives of babies are being saved, the young pregnant girls accept and receive the indescribable gift of God, our Saviour Jesus Christ!



Girls are equipped with both life and vocational skills so that those who are unable to go back to school have a way of earning a living for the rest of their lives. While some are sponsored and reintegrated back in school, many of these young mothers will never get the opportunity to have formal education, hence the vocational training.

One of the beneficiaries of the Sponsorship Programme Winnie Chamtai is now helping at the Center. She is one of the 3 young mothers that have completed their degree courses. She did a Bachelors degree in Micro Finance.

Winnie was sheltered here in 2009 when she was 16 years old, she was sent away from home by her drunkard father who had threatened to kill her because she was pregnant. Wakisa Ministries sponsored since her 2010 after she had her baby and she has made proud. She accepted Christ at Wakisa and has grown spiritually and now she teaches the Bible Study and teaches different paper beads.

New Borns

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Joyce with her baby

A baby girl born of Rebecca Najjemba 16 years was raped when she was coming back from the shops where she had gone to buy paraffin for the night. Rebecca had her baby on the 4th of September and she and her mum were not ready and willing to take home the baby

Baby girl (died) born of Shadia 2 aged 15 who had a caesarian section. The baby died before she left the operating. Shadia has suffered sexual abuse by her 2 cousins since she was 9 years but feared to tell her auntie lest she was thrown out of their home. She went back in tears to the same home. Shadia lost her mum and dad when she was young.

Baby boy born of Christine on the 6th of Sept. Baby Emmanuel was left behind because both Christine and her father did not like the child. The 16 year old was raped by an acquaintance during a circumcision festival/rituals. The boy and his family denied responsibility and poor dad and Christine decided to give in the baby for adoption. They signed as



Kevin with her baby



Beatrice with her baby

they left the baby behind. Emmanuel is now 3 weeks and still at Wakisa.

Aisha 16 years had a baby girl and has now gone back with the baby to her employer where she was working as a house maid. She had a relationship with a free lance photographer who is now in prison. Her father and step mother never took her to school so she came to Kampala to work.

Kevin 16 years had a baby boy on the 23rd by caesarian section. She attended a party and she felt dizzy after drinking a soda. She woke up bleeding and found herself by the roadside in the early hours of the morning. She was rescued by passersby in a vehicle and took her to hospital.

Beatrice 16 had a baby boy after a relationship with a fellow student in the same class.

Claire 17 years has had a baby boy and still in hospital.

Annette has had a baby boy, has both parents but was rejected by them and taken to her grandma when she was quite young. She looks 16 and was brought by an organization.

Joyce 16 years born with HIV/AIDS. She lives with her paternal uncle and had a baby boy from a relationship. Joyce's baby was protected by PMCT medicines (prevention from mother to child transmission). It is unfortunate that a girl child or a female in Uganda is seen as a sex object and abused.

Vocational Skills training



mushroom growing

The young mothers have always appreciated the skills training which they can hand down to their children and family members, and which will open doors for income generating projects for these girls in future.

Agriculture has been successfully done, with the teacher keen on giving practical skills of how to grow vegetables. The girls have this month enjoyed the green leafy vegetables from the garden. Mushrooms have been grown in the dark room which was formally the kitchen coup.

Cookery class has been well received and girls learnt how to make Kebab, chaps, scones, rock cakes, samosas, pan cakes, chapatis and cocktail juice. Handcraft stuff has been sold to visitors and we have been prompted to make a gift shop at the center will to attract more visiting buyers.



Baby massage class

There are various items made in the tailoring and knitting classes which will be put in the gift shop.

We have been so grateful to Linda Davis from Sydney, who for the five weeks has spent with the girls teaching them how to Baby Massage. It was during the handing of certificates that girls expressed their gratitude to Linda and shared the benefits of baby massage :1st That it helps create a relationship between mother and baby and there is bonding ,2nd .It makes the baby's muscle strong,3rd.It makes the baby's brain sensitive and makes the baby active.

The Bible Study has trained girls to memorize scripture and Nakato Joyce a 16 year old Karamojong pregnant girl has been to my office and confidently recited Psalm 23 !



Auntie Julian training girls Life Skills



Girls in the garden

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Girls

There are 29 girls currently between the ages of 14 and 18 years .

Annette 14 years with her one day old baby is doing well. She was raped by a thief when she was left in the house alone one night .In the one roomed house, when the man broke in she screamed and he slapped and then raped her and took off with saucepans and plates. The grandparents thought she was the one who had invited the man to the house in their absence .Now Annette does not want to go back home for fear of her community and grandparents.

Family

I thank God for the time I had with my family. We had a wonderful day for me on my Birthday on the 20th of September when I became 61! This was a family get together at Paul and Susan's home where we had a Barbecue, so the food, fun and fellowship made the day quite enjoyable. Miriam looked so gorgeous in her little pink frock and was also comfortable being held by new faces and arms.



Birthday gift from the girls

Tim and Ruth have ventured into photography which they do during their free time on weekends to earn some more. Ruth as the new center manager at Wakisa has brought in new ideas to uplift the standard of the Organization.

I thank God for all that you do for the Ministry for your great support which has sustained the daily work and activities of this place .My faith has grown by leaps and bounds as I witness God's faithfulness through you !



Birthday with the girls



Greg hard at work

May God Bless you and continue to use you in a Mighty way.

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