

WAKISA MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are ever so grateful for your kindness ,love and support .You have blessed us through you giving and support.!

The girls are often filled with joy and are in awe when one of their fellow girls who was earlier rushed to hospital returns with a new born baby in her arms!. Girls get fascinated to see a face of this lovely being. I realize the future of this young mother holding the new born may be bleak and uncertain but the one holding their future is in control! This month 5 babies were born as follows



Deliveries

Name	Age	Sex of the Baby	Baby's Name	
Christine	16yrs	Baby boy	Jovan	
Sharon	17yrs	Baby boy	Jeremiah	
Maria	14yrs	Baby boy	Timothy (by caesarea)	Č 🤪 🦃
Jovia	15yrs	Baby boy	Jehoshaphat	
Juliet	16yrs	Baby girl	Hannah	

Transformed

Rebecca 15 years was admitted 6 months ago with language barrier ,trauma and was uncooperative. The Rebecca is able to lead worship and communicate in English with confidence. She can read a few verses in the Bible. She is a primary four drop out. She hopes to use some of the skills she has learnt when she goes back home in the Northern part of Uganda.

It is my prayer and appeal to you that Wakisa Ministries buys the Good News bibles or Youth ESV bibles at 5 US \$ for each girl to take when going home.

Harriet the girl who is retarded mentally is showing remarkable positive change too.

Child Marriage at 16

Pininian was 15 years when she had a baby.She is an orphan and lives with an auntie in the rural area. She was a school drop out due to lack of fees. She was being sponsored in a tailoring course an organization when she conceived .She was raped but the man ran her away run away from the village..

She impressed us at Wakisa in the tailoring class with her exceptional skills and love for the course that we decided to give her a sewing machine when she was going home .This would be a start up resource for a tailoring small business. We believed that auntie had welcomed Phinian back home ,sadly this she refused to keep Phinian and the baby .After some months she decided to marry her off to a man for 500,000 ugx (130 US \$)! The man is twice Phinian 's age and Phinian had no choice but to accept living with this man who promised to look after her baby.She was forced to leave the sewing machine at her auntie's place. She ran away from the man but the auntie took her back because of the 'colossal ' amount of money she received from the man!

Phinian is NOW the second wife of this man with the first wife in the home and her grown up children..

SKILLS

The skills they acquire are for a life time. They will always have something to fall back to if and when education fails . Cookery, their favourite subject keeps all attentive and is well attended.

The girls have learnt about Malaria ,one of the killer diseases in Uganda . The risks during pregnancy and what can be done in a household to prevent malaria infection. Teaching about malnutrition has also been key so they can better understand why they need to have a balanced diet. Also key was the understanding of HIV/AIDS elimination of mother to child transmission .The Saturday candle making class is picking up and the girls are now able to make candles with minimum supervision from the teacher in charge.

The agriculture class has been active with spraying the tomatoes and spinach and harvesting of tomatoes, spinach and lettuce. This has helped reduce the cost when it comes to purchasing vegetables for the girl's meals.

The girls gain confidence through the literacy class so that they can express themselves in English and debates are a good source to free speech. Rebecca is a committed attendant of this class.

The cookery class has been focused around vegetables this has been; salad making, vegetable steaming and cooking.





making paper beads



candle making class



catering class preparations

Tailoring

Life at the Center

10 girls were admitted the total is 28 currently with 3 HIV girls who are on ART.(anti retroviral therapy)

Harriet aged 16, is mentally retarded. It is a daunting task to communicate with her and to comply to the routine .One has to be very patient to talk with her .She has however warmed up to her fellows and no longer cold. She knows the name of the boy ,who made her pregnant (a boda boda rider) because he been defiling her but she kept quite and never told her auntie.The boy has been imprisoned .

The 4 who were admitted with severe ringworm on their skin made the staff concerned about the rest of the girls getting infected. This has been well managed with treatment and isolation.

As always the new girls have been oriented into the life at Wakisa ,they received counselling and antenatal visits and ultra sound scanning . They have joined the classes and have integrated well.



a light moment during a class at the center



some cleaning at the center

Followup

The team at Wakisa was able to do follow up visits and 5 girls were visited. The visit to encourage them to use the skills they learnt at Wakisa by starting small businesses for the girls. Sylvia was one of them visited .She was resettled home a month ago .Her baby died a day after birth and Sylvia is an HIV /AIDS person .She stays with her maternal auntie who depends on selling charcoal in a dilapidated structure. Their home is nearby and is no different. The auntie cannot afford to take Sylvia back to school so her plan is to make candles for sale if and when the auntie buys the requirements .Sylvia had a dream of being a lawyer but now due to her HIV status and lack of fees ,that dream may not be realized. The life and home seem pathetic. The Wakisa staff took some food items and toiletries to her . Below is Sylvia receiving items at her auntie's work place

Please remember Sylvia in your prayers.



visit to check on Sylvia



Visitors & Visiting Teams

It was great to receive Blaise from WorldShare at Wakisa Ministries. He met and graciously interacted with the staff, board members and girls at the centre and some of those who left and were sponsored and successfully completed their courses in University and Institutions . He was also taken to Agromax Agricutural Training where 5 Wakisa girls completed and attained certificates.We are grateful for the words of wisdom ,insight and fruitful discussions we have heard and held with him that concerning the work of Wakisa .

We had different local as well as groups from the Christian fellowship Mengo hospital, from Netherlands who came with Pr. Muwonge and St Luke's church who came and did some major cleaning with the girls.



visitors from Netherlands



Blaise at the center



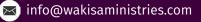
Prayer Points

For funding towards the Ministry needs - transport for girls to hospital for

- antenatal visits and outing, for outreach and follow up and the running costs. Continued good health of the pregnant teenage girls and their babies at the
- center
- For the approval of the Wakisa Centre plan by the City Council Authority and funds for the Construction of the Center .
- Praying for the teenage mothers in school to perform well most especially the candidates
- For the discipline of the young mothers who are back home with their families and guardians.

May the Lord reward and bless you for the great support towards the work of Wakisa Ministries.

In Christ Vivian



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