



## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Responding to the needs of the pregnant girls has made Wakisa Ministries a safe haven to many who are referred. This includes an 11-year-old who is not pregnant but defiled. It proves the Ministry is marked as a center to protect, keep and save girls from further sexual violence.

The plight of a girl child calls for more fervent prayers, more serious intervention and support. We remain ever so grateful to your kindness, love, support and prayers for such as these.

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## CARE GIVEN

The Centre has taken care of 19 girls during this month including the 11-year-old who is the youngest amongst all.

Those pregnant have been able to go for Antenatal visits and ultra sound scanning. Readings reveal wellness of babies inside to the glory of God. The dates of delivery for babies creates a mixture of excitement and anxiety to these girls. The two girls with HIV/AIDS on Anti-Retroviral drugs are positively responding to the treatment. Sleeping under the mosquito nets is curbing the malaria among the group.

All the girls have received their Tetanus Toxoid Vaccination Dose.

The infant care class centred on Breast feeding and Hygiene has prepared the young mothers.



## ADMISSIONS

We have had 9 new admissions this month and the new girls are coping with the new changes well. They have all been examined and we have tentative due dates for 11 of them.

## DELIVERIES

We have two babies baby boy born this month to Scovia 19 years old and our second baby is a baby girl born to Rose 14 years.



*baby Mercy ( Scovia, 19)*



## **SAFETY for Christine**

Christine ,11 years is the youngest of all and comes from a family of five children. She lives with her mother and step father and her other siblings live in the village with their grandparents. Her mother is a casual labourer and the step father is the builder. They stay in a single roomed house and both parents are alcoholics.

Christine used to go to school in the morning and come back in the evening to do house chores. She sometimes cooked for the parents' food who came back in the night drunk.

When the mother was drunk and passed out, the father would sexually abuse her. She reported him to the mother and when the mother confronted the step father, they fought. The fighting and the confrontation did not stop the father from molesting her. This went on for 2 years.

During the holidays, the step father would not go to work some days while the mother was usually out for work the step father would then molest her during day before the mother came back. She got tired of the molestation and she run away during the day when the step father was home. One day she opened up to one of the neighbours who took her to police and opened up the case and the father was detained.

Christine has been through a lot of emotional, physical, and psychological distress. She has been abused physically, verbally and witnessed her mother being abused.

She is afraid of going back to the same school because she fears the teachers and other children would know her story which she thinks would be too embarrassing and she fears being teased.

Christine was brought to Wakisa Ministries for psychosocial support as she awaits to be resettled.

Both parents have been charged and imprisoned and she has no other close relatives, this is why Wakisa Ministries has become a safe haven for Christine.

One other young girl is Rose ,a 14 year old mother ,who was rescued from the hands of a vicious father .Her baby who is two weeks is doing well and Rose is always asking how she can go back to school

Please pray for Christine and Rose.

## LIFE AT THE CENTER

The girls are acquiring vocational skills including Cookery where they have made local foods such as doughnuts, samosas and chapatis which they enjoy.

In Tailoring they have been able to make cloth sanitary pads, bags and baby clothes.

The Computer class excites the young girls as they realize this new skill ,a requirement for their generation.

Life skills have enabled the most shy to open up. It was such delightful to watch these girls in an easter play which they presented to a number of visitors who passed by the centre during the Easter holiday.

Other skills taught include handcraft, bible study, candle making, English and paper bead necklaces.



*crafts class*



*bible class at the center*

## TRAUMA COUNSELLING

The training of 46 clergy of Bukedi diocese was a blessing to the people in that area. Many of the participants were more than ready to set aside a day during the week to offer counselling to those people who needed it.

One clergy broke down as he narrated a traumatic event he experienced some years ago!

We thank God for this group who acquired skills of a people helper to traumatized christians.



*clergy in bukedi attending training*

## DONATIONS

We received a generous donation from Stanbic bank of knitting machines. These will go a long way in boosting our knitting Vocational classes. The team at Wakisa is grateful to Stanbic Bank for this generous donation to the vocational classes.



*Stanbic bank handing over knitting machines*



*knitting maching from stanbic being tested by teacher*

## SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

The 25 girls in school are doing well and have so much hope in a better life when they finish and while they still study, they continuously encourage the girls at the centre to be hopeful for life after delivering their babies.



**May the good Lord bless you for your great support and love.**

In Christ

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