



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We remain ever so grateful for your great support through prayers and donations. It is in the Center activities on a daily basis that we see and witness the reforming of the girls by and through the word of God.

Though there is great inflation in the country and anxiety in the hearts of men and women, we continue to trust in the Lord God for His faithfulness in supplying the needs of the increasing number of girls post Covid. This month God has changed the lives of our young pregnant girls here and those that have left.

Doctor's intervention

Today I got a call from a doctor who had referred a pregnant girl to Wakisa Ministries. She wanted to procure an abortion.

The Christian doctor talked her into saving and keeping the innocent baby in the womb. He shared with her that he himself (the doctor) was a product of early pregnancy!!

The young girl, who had been thrown out of home changed her mind and was brought to Wakisa.

Admissions

We have had 43 girls at the center this month with 40 pregnant and 3 are young mothers who delivered in April.

4 young pregnant girls were admitted at the centre and they have been oriented and are settling in well. We now have two 13 years old, and one is HIV positive. Please include her in your prayers. 9 young mothers were resettled with their families and will be followed up as they resettle back home for a year.



girls exercising at the center

School Holiday

No sooner had the schools started than they broke off for a short holiday. This left a lot of take-away homework for students which they brought to do at home. The next semester is due 8th May 2022.



some artworks made at the center

Counselling

43 young mothers were counselled and given life skills. The counselling department with 2 counsellors, Jane and Carolyn also had group counselling sessions at the centre. The young mothers were empowered with skills and practices to reduce their anxiety levels and deal with the rejection they have faced.

GENE - Resettlement

Gene is from a family of 8 and she is the 1st born in the family. They stay with both their parents. The step father is a security guard and the mother is a casual laborer so she can earn a living to support her family. Gene came after the parents found out she was pregnant and they sent her to live with the boy which is forced marriages. A good Samaritans intervened and referred her to Wakisa.

At Wakisa she was given counseling, medical care and vocational skilling . She gave birth . However, the mother remains angry and disappointed with her daughter and was saying will not take her in and the baby because she also had a baby. They are struggling financially.

Gene's parents are in dire poverty, they stay in a makeshift home and are squatters on someone's undeveloped land and keeping it away from encroachers. So, any time they can leave that land and will have nowhere to go. The step father says they don't have land that they own.

Though she was resettled at home, her parents seem still so detached to Gene.



MACK

Mack was resettled back home this month.

Mack is 13 years old from the family of 3 and she is the second born. She grew up with only her mother and sisters and she has never seen her father. She is also HIV positive transmitted from the mother. She has been in school in primary seven.

At home they sleep in a 2-bedroom house where they share a room with her cousin brother and her bigger sister . The cousin brother who is 18 years old took advantage of her sexually more than 3

times. She conceived and had no idea what was happening to her, she missed her periods and she did not open to her mom due to her naivety. The mother also did not know that the daughter was pregnant until the neighbors started talking about her physical changes, the mother took her to hospital where it was confirmed she was pregnant. The mother became bitter and angry with her and sent her to her aunt's place who could not take care of her. The aunt referred her to Wakisa .

Aida's Story

Aida (not her real name) || 19-year-old Aida became a mother 2 years ago. She was 17 when she came to Wakisa Ministries in 2020 and left in 2021. She is the only daughter and has 4 brothers. Before her pregnancy she was loved very much by her father and she was her favourite of all her father's children. He had given her a special name. While she was in S3, Aida had a relationship and conceived. Her father was so disappointed in her and rejected her because of her pregnancy. The father chased Aida away from home and said he does not want to see her. Aida faced rejection from family members and friends. She was brought to Wakisa by a relative.

While at Wakisa Ministries she learnt practical skills including cookery, tailoring and handcraft among others. Aida also received counselling and enjoyed the word of God. She had always thought she was a good Christian but at Wakisa she found and accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour.

Aida says "When I came to Wakisa Ministries, I saw many pregnant girls, I received unconditional love, counselling, and I was provided with temporary shelter. The aunties showed love and cared for me. My Father who was my best friend abandoned me and I was hopeless however when I came to Wakisa Ministries that changed. I was able to totally forgive my father though he has not forgiven me. I also learnt to pray and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and my personal Savior.

After delivery of my baby boy at Wakisa Ministries I was still rejected by all my family members and I had nowhere to go. So Wakisa Ministries encouraged me, still sheltered me and advised me to make good use of my stay at the centre together with my baby until my mother took me home but Daddy had not forgiven me up to now. So I went to my brothers place.

And because of skills acquired at the Ministry, I have been able to start my own small business at home, making and selling small doughnuts. I knead the dough in the wee hours of the night and sell them during the day. I now have customers and I have an income. My business is expanding and I am grateful to Wakisa.

I stay with my brother and I am able to purchase milk and feed my son".

She is asking to pray for her that her father might forgive her. The father never wants to see her and her son at all and said he has taken her out of his family.



Vocational Skills & Training

Vocational classes and life skills training at center this month included; Cookery, Tailoring, Knitting, Arts & crafts, Bible study, English literacy, Computer and Health and Baby care.

For this month in tailoring class, girls made skirts, the agriculture class harvested some cassava, beans and greens we enjoyed them during the month.

Girls weeded sweet potatoes and beans. The Lord has blessed us with abundance of rain and the seedlings for veggies are ready for transplanting.

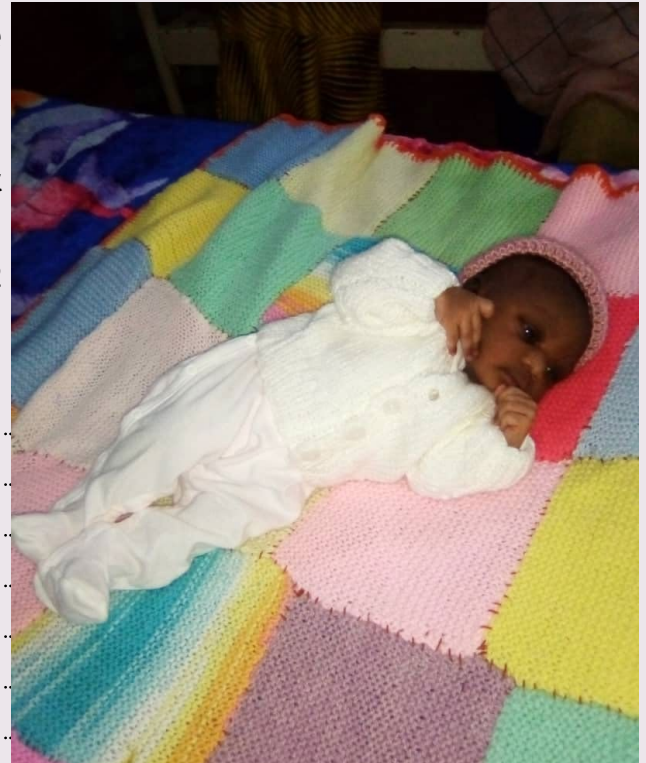
During the Easter season the girls actively participated in the Easter Carols and a play about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The girls were very happy and the best actresses were given gifts to encourage them.

The girls attended and enjoyed a young mothers' conference organised by Women Rotarians where they received knowledge on Newborn Health: Early care for development by Dr Sarah. A gift connect child ambassador Stella shared on best parenting practices through singing for their babies between 0-5 years!



Deliveries

We are grateful to God for the 6 babies who were successfully delivered this month, both mothers and babies are healthy and received post natal care and support from the midwife and medical team. All pregnant girls received antenatal care and 8 girls had ultra-sound scans. 1 girl with pre-eclampsia is on treatment, while 2 girls are HIV positive and are receiving medication and living positively.



Blessing	17 years	baby boy	normal delivery
Margaret	17 years	baby boy	normal delivery
Jenny	15 years	baby girl	normal delivery
Joanita	14 years	baby boy	C section
Dorothy	18 years	baby girl	C section
Lydia	16 years	baby girl	C section





Updates on Construction

The perimeter fence wall construction is under way and almost complete. We are fundraising toward the constructing of the health center.

New Center Manager

Our center manager Ruth Gambu resigned and the Ministry staff and girls organized a good send-off for her. We thank God for all the wonderful work she has done in Wakisa. The new one who was appointed after the interview a month ago is Jennifer Muhwezi .

May the good Lord bless and continue to touch your heart to touch the lives of young mothers and save their babies .

May the good Lord bless you richly

In Christ

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