



*girls in the wakisa garden*

## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry

We are profoundly grateful for your great commitment toward the cause of the vulnerable girl child.

Our most sincere gratitude for your support which is enabling us to receive, train and care for the pregnant ones and their unborn children.

The dire need, relevance and worthiness of Wakisa Ministries' service especially during this season of uncertainty is clearly visible. Families still reject and throw out pregnant daughters despite the Covid crisis and changed way of living.

The new admission this morning is a severely

traumatized 17 year old girl who was thrown out of a home by her stepmother and polygamous father. Due to the mistreatment by the stepmother she ran away from home and eloped with a man. The father took her from this man's home but when he realized that she was pregnant, he chased her away. Annet has been sleeping on the verandah of a hospital until she was rescued and brought here! She looks gaunt for has not been eating enough! She is HIV positive.

Thank you for your prayers and support towards such girls. May the good Lord bless you.

## At the center

Among the girls are two who are mentally disabled with impaired speech and so staff find it hard to understand them. They are given and shown all the care and love.

Currently 24 girls are at the center with 22 of whom are pregnant. We had 6 new admissions. As the new normal when we admitted girls, they are isolated from other girls for up to 2 weeks.

We were able to successfully resettle 4 young mothers. One of the them who has never gone to school would like to have a place so that she can make simple meals to sell to local workers

in her area. We are ever thankful to God that we have so far not had any cases of Covid among the girls.

We have received a new intern, Anna from Germany who has kicked off her service with the morning exercise routines with the girls.

It was a very emotional moment for the girls and staff as they said goodbye to Karola (also from Germany) who had been with us for more than 5 months. She contributed greatly to outreach and the training the girls in various skills, most importantly the word of God.



## Sponsorship

13 of the young mothers on the sponsorship program have graduated from their course in Agriculture skilling and training.

We had one candidate in Senior 4 and she passed with a Division 2

All our primary pupils received their study package from School to do studies from home.

We are grateful to all the sponsors of the sponsorship program who have given young mothers a second chance to an education.

We are looking forward to schools opening again and the students going back to school. The young mothers have been supported to Learn from Home through the Youth Empowerment Program.

## Sponsorship - continued



*a learning session led by Ruth*



*the girls attending an online session*

## KEMIGISHA - 14 YEARS

Kemigisha 14 one of the two girls with mild mental disorder believed to have developed this condition after her mother abandoned her at a very young age. The mother left her with dad alone who was a nomadic cattle keeper who also abandoned her in the neighbourhood and he moved away. She has neither seen mum or dad again. Kemigisha's behaviour is unpredictable and the staff members try to understand her. She has a very poor concentration span, she still believes it is the food that makes her tummy swell!!!

One day while fetching firewood, Kemigisha was raped by a stranger and she did not tell anyone as she did not understand what had happened to her. Over time, her belly started swelling and the neighbours got concerned and intervened. The old lady who took her over thought she had intestinal worms. Kemigisha was taken to hospital and found to be pregnant.

The neighbours found out about Wakisa from the local leaders and they brought her over. The grandmother has other children in the home and is anxious to take back Kemigisha with her baby for she does not know if she will be able to feed them all.

Kemigisha is enjoying her stay at Wakisa and is the cleanest girl we have. Bathing up to 3 times a day.

## Joan 17 years

17-year-old Joan is from a family of 11 siblings where she is the 3rd born. Joan studied until Primary 4 when school came to an end because she got pregnant as a result of rape.

When Joan came to Wakisa Ministries, she found a new home where she was loved, counselled and taught skills. She got to know God and has enjoyed a relationship with him since then. While at Wakisa, Joan's favourite class was Knitting and she made a few sweaters and scarves for display in the gift shop and for her baby.

Joan is now home and making shawls, baby blankets and baby bags for sale to support herself, her baby and family. Her son is now 4 months and she has been able to provide for him.

Joan is thankful to Wakisa Ministries for the skills she learnt while she was at the centre. She is no longer worried and uncertain about the future. She will continue to use the skills she learnt to teach other young mothers in her community.

## Outreach

This month we had a number of outreach activities in; Wakiso, Kauku and Nakawa where we empowered over 200 youth in the communities. Of these 18 were young mothers who had been through Wakisa Ministries.

Wakisa Ministries also trained 51 young girls and boys by Zoom on the topic of Causes and Repurcussiins of Teenage pregnancy .



## Vocational Skills

While all Tertiary schools and Formal Education schools remain closed due to Covid 19 in Uganda, the pregnant girls at Wakisa Ministries continue to receive training to the glory of God!

The centre is following the normal timetable, including lessons like ;

- Cookery ,
- Art and Craft,
- Bible study classes,
- Infant care,
- Knitting ,
- Hair dressing,
- Tailoring and
- Agriculture.

In the Agriculture class which is also a good physical exercise , the girls planted onions and

sweet potatoes. The cookery class made snacks and traditional foods, the tailoring class has made maternity dresses ,baby pillows ,baby dresses ,baby skirts ,small bags and bannets .

The classes happen Monday to Friday and on the weekend, the girls are usually making their hair, mending clothes and making blankets for their babies

While all churches are still closed, Wakisa Ministries congregates at the center with girls and staff members for Sunday services conducted by the nearest Church priest ,lay reader and key board player .It is a special day for the girls to sing songs of worship and praise to the Lord and hearing the word of God.



*tailoring class in session*



*the girls with some of the blankets made*



*harvested cabbages from the garden at the center*

## Prayer Request

Please pray for student young mothers and all students in Uganda to keep the confidence in going back to school to learn.

Pray for the team at Wakisa Ministries as they continue to serve and support the young mothers at the centre and in the communities.

For the girls who are about to deliver and for those that have been resettled so that they are fully accepted .

My humble appeal to you is to send us more prayers and more funding so as to continue our work at the center, this help goes towards the operational costs of the center and health center construction

## Bank Information Update

We wish to inform you that Wakisa Ministries closed the Dfcu BANK accounts on the 30th May 2021 and the new account is in the KCB BANK.

Details are as follows:  
KCB Uganda Limited  
Commercial Plaza  
P.O Box 7399, Uganda

Account Name: WAKISA MINISTRIES LTD  
Account Number: 2291297406  
Currency: USD  
Branch: BEN KIWANUKA  
Sort Code: 253047  
Swift Code: KCBLUGKA

***May our Lord who has kept and guided you bless you and your family for all the support you are to us!***

**In Christ**

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