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Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry

Warm greetings and Christian love from Wakisa Ministries. It is with gratitude that I share the February News where the mighty hand of God is at work .Your prayers and love gifts make things happen here to the glory of God.

Not so long ago in Uganda, young girls who conceived out of wedlock would meet their death by being thrown down the cliff or left in rock/ cave(as in this newspaper cutting) which caught my eye.

It made me thank God for the existence of such Wakisa Ministry that help pregnant girls in this day and age who face social stigma due to the pregnancy .Wakisa Ministries endeavours to prevent the teenage pregnancy by holding talks to the youth on matters of sexuality in schools.

This month Wakisa participated in the 3 day Uganda Purity Conference which was attended by 300 students of Purity groups from 5 schools.







DELIVERIES

The 5 deliveries in the month of February were as follows with all new mothers receiving post natal counselling and accepted back home and are setting in well.

NAMES OF THE GIRLS	AGE	Date	Baby Details
Zerida	15	07.02	Girl 3.1kg
Rosette	14	10.02	Boy 3.6kg.
Viola	18	10.02	Girl2.8kg
Jessica	13	15.02	Boy 2.0kg.
Sofia	16	22.02	Boy 3.2kg

The Health, Pregnancy and Infant care class had the following classes;

- Foetal growth and development.

- Personal and environmental hygiene, bed making and toilet use.

- Physiological changes during pregnancy.

TRANSFORMATION

Not only were their physical lives transformed but they accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Rosette who has been at the center for several months .God has tremendously worked in her life such that she could verbally make sounds to express her need to the amazement of her guardian!

She is a 14 years old autistic girl, came to Wakisa in September. She was brought in by a Good Samaritan, a neighbour back home from a fishing community at the fishing site in Entebbe. Back home, Rosette come from a family of four siblings, her mother and father. Her mother maintains people's gardens to earn an income to be able to look after her family while her father is a fisherman.

While in the fishing community, an unknown man raped her and asked her to stay quiet which she did. A few months later, Rosette started falling sick and when the mother took her to hospital, it was confirmed that she was pregnant.

Her mother was devastated and confused and this is when she met the Good Samaritan who offered time and money to bring Rosette to Wakisa.





Rosette's autism has affected her speech, comprehension, memory and ability to take instruction easily when given. Rosette did struggle initially when she came to Wakisa with the huge number of girls and staff. However, over time and with counselling and Love, Rosette begun to adapt and begun interacting with her fellow girls, the staff members and became active and involved in class, activities like sports, cooking and cleaning.

Rosette eventually delivered her baby named his Elijah and has gone back home to stay with Mrs Kayondo for a while as she adapts to being a mother and will later join her family who Mrs Kayondo will keep following up with.

Jessica 13year old gave birth normally to a baby boy Elijah Moses on 15/02/2018.Earlier in the month of November the previous year



2017, Jessica had been brought to Wakisa Ministries with the recommendation family friends. Jessica is a victim of rape from one of her close relatives. Jessica was four months pregnant then. Her Father Makola Moses narrated Jessica's current and aggravating situation that friends of the family recommended her to Wakisa Ministries. Jessica's parents said that at that time they were under so much under pressure. Jessica developed skills in knitting and tailoring and that she will be able to use the skills achieved in the future.

She was much more confident because she had leant tailoring, knitting and also she had achieved spiritual growth.

She is able to encourage other pregnant teen mums and assuring them and that being pregnant at such a tender age is just the start of bright future and that they should never at any one time give up on life. She said her relationship with the Lord had grown strong.

Jessica has also enhanced her skills in cookery and she aspires to become a Certified Chief Chef.

more from deliveries



Zarida & her baby





Sophia & baby Conrad

Viola & her baby



The girls are continuously getting better with the vocational skills. This can be seen from the quality of products from the vocational classes; Cookery, Tailoring, Art and Crafts, Agriculture and the participation in the Life Skills class is continuous. This improvement has helped the new girls to catch up in their unrestricted time (weekend) as the old girls teach them.





Kaizen Mission Community, Conny from Doing Good, Watoto Church and other individuals have come to spend time and support the centre through various outreach activities like mentoring, praying among others.

The center received a recognition for the work done in Community transformation from NSSF Uganda.





some pieces in the gift shop made by the girls



SPONSORSHIP

The Results for A and O level are out! Out of the 8 candidates who sat for their exams ,6 sat for their senior 4(O level) and 2 did their Senor 6 (A level) , 4 out of 6 passed their O Level exams and are thrilled to bits.! We thank God for these young mothers who are better educated than many who have failed to go back to school because their parents cannot afford to pay school fees. We have 21 girls in formal education and 10 girls at a Vocational institution. Before schools opened in early February, we had a Student - Parents meeting with a theme "Staying in School and Purity"





the headteacher with St Micheal girls



ADMISSIONS

We currently have 27 girls at the Centre. They all have been taken for Antenatal care and ultra sound scanning. Findings were, girls and babies are all healthy except for the two HIV positive girl's .These have been well managed and are receiving counselling and medication. There have been 2 new pregnant girls with mental retardation brought to Wakisa In We have admitted 6 new girls who were oriented, counselled and are coping well.

We are ever so grateful to you for your support we continue to look to Jesus, the sustainer of the Ministry and safety of the girls.

We thank you immensely for the generous heart and love for the girls.

In Christ Vivian



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