



graduation at wakisa

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

It is always a pleasure to share with you the news of Wakisa Ministries with you. We always remember you in our prayers giving thanks to God for your generous heart and love for these young mums.

The grace of God has enabled the Ministry personnel to receive and handle with love all young pregnant girls who find themselves here.

Vocational Skills

Skilling come in handy

Doreen is a first born to four siblings. Her parents lost their home and became homeless after failing to pay back a loan. They moved to Kampala from Kagadi and found an incomplete house under construction. They were hired to keep this place while they received shelter. The mother started cooking and selling lunch to builders and local workers around. Doreen, used to deliver the food and collect money. Sadly, during one of the deliveries she was raped.

She has been at Wakisa and a month after she delivered her baby

Doreen was resettled home. However, Doreen's parents did not fully accept her back home and felt that she and her baby were a burden to the already struggling family.

Doreen was asked by her family to leave the home since she has brought upon them the burden of taking care of a baby. She is facing emotional abuse and has reached out to the Ministry. A sewing machine to start earning a living for her and her baby through tailoring is what she required for she mastered Tailoring at Wakisa.



tending to the wakisa garden

Meet Faith

Faith is the girls' Matron and also a teacher of agriculture and English. Thanks to Aunt Faith, the young mothers who join Agromax have a foundation of learning agriculture and passion for farming. The girls consider her a mother figure, mentor and counsellor.

This month in the agriculture class, Collard, a vegetable was harvested and the girls enjoyed the fruits of the gardens at the new place. She has taught them how to grow beans, maize and transplanting tomatoes.

Jackie

Jackie (not her real name) ,14 years old is one bitter, angry, vengeful young girl and this is written in her face and in her speech. She has body scars on her arms.

Jackie and her older sister were brought to their uncle when his brother, (Jackie's father) and mother died. The uncle started defiling the two girls, the bigger sister ran away leaving Jackie behind. The uncle continued raping Jackie, cutting her with knife when she resisted. She told the wife of the uncle but she always got beaten instead.

Eventually Jackie ran away from home to a nearby police station where she reported the case. As she was visibly pregnant the police told her about Wakisa and before she was brought at Wakisa, the police went with her to the uncle's home and they took him away. It took the police unaware when Jackie got a knife and stabbed the uncle on the thigh as he was taken away. Please pray for Jackie's anger and fury. She vows never to forgive him



some moments at the center with the girls





Admissions and Babies

We have had 35 girls at the centre this month, 5 of them young mothers .3 were admitted during the month and 3 were resettled back home with their babies. We are humbled by the experiences of forgiveness and reception back home.

▪ Carol	17years	Baby girl
▪ Joy	18years	Baby boy





Back to School

The sponsorship program has 32 students in all. The candidates of primary 7, senior 4 and Senior 6 went back to school and had exams a few weeks after resuming school. They are settling in well after being out for a year. Thanks to the 'Learn from Home' program that prepared them well.

The rest of the student young mothers who are resuming school in March are excited and are looking forward to learning and socializing with their friends after a long time.

Graduation

Wakisa Ministries hosted the graduation ceremony in the Teaching facility for the 8 young mothers who have been studying at Agromax. The colourful graduation was celebrated by The Agromax Reps, Board of Trustees of Wakisa Ministries, Uganda Women's Parliamentary Association, Betty Lumu Foundation and Wakisa staff and girls. 2 of the girls have started a tomato farm and shared their story and produce. The graduates are excited about being empowered and are looking forward to earning a living from Agriculture.



New Center

We are thrilled to see the new dormitory in use, and the almost completed Teaching block! We give all honour and glory and praise.

We are now earnestly praying for funds to start the Health Block and Admin block. The One who started this good work will bring it completion! We are also praying for a need of a van to transport the girls to hospital.

A Solar system too in this rural area is much needed.

May God touch your heart to support us towards these two structures, van and Solar.



new block nearing completion

Outreach

Wakisa Ministries, through the 'Learn from Home' program reached out to the Youth at the Youth Conference in Makerere, hosted by St. John's Church Makerere Parish. We spoke and shared with over 200 teen and youth in formal education from the local community. The teens and youth each received a copy of the Youth Aim High booklet, a tool by the Ministry for Youth and how to deal with Sexual Pressure.



outreach program

We thank you for all your support, your love and care

In Christ

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