



## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

It is clear that the girls who find themselves at Wakisa Ministries find peace and solace for a purpose of God transforming their lives. Many of them are desperate, many come from poor background and broken families, single parents and lack nurturing. These girls look for ways of survival by going out with men/boys who can give them some money.

Wakisa Ministries as a Christian NGO opens its doors to all young girls regardless of creed. This time around an increase of moslem girls more than any other religion has been noticeable. These are between the ages of 13 and 17 who

have been rejected by family as a result of pregnancy and their story is either they get married or get out of home!

It is quite emotionally touching at the end of it all when both daughter and parents break down in tears as they look at an innocent new born baby!

We are ever thankful to God for His love and care for these young mums and their babies. THANK YOU for supporting the Ministry to protect mother and baby thus upholding the sanctity of life.

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## Was it a Miracle ?

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Teddy 16 years (not her real name) had a strange experience that turned her life around. When was taken to the hospital in labour, somehow her card had no record of having been tested for HIV during her antenatal visit. (Yet the test was done and it was negative but it was registered on the card.

They had to test her before the caesarian section. The results showed positive. They then carried it out a second time and it again showed positive. It was however not disclosed to Teddy that she had tested positive as the hospital counsellor was not around.

After the caesarian section, Teddy came around and saw her baby being given a syrup! She asked our Wakisa staff who attends to the girls in the Hospital why they were giving the baby a syrup! The attendant could not disclose to Teddy because it is only the Counsellor by law to let a patient know her HIV status.

Teddy had a clue though, that such syrups were given to babies whose mums had HIV because they learn at the Wakisa Health and Baby care lessons. So she again inquired why they were giving a baby the syrup. She broke down in tears and refused to take any food or drink. Wakisa Ministries had to send the Counsellor to the hospital to counsel her. Our counsellor was greatly used by God as she explained about the tests which were done and the protection of the baby by giving such a syrup. Teddy remained

emotionally down. On discharge, we had to get a bottle of syrup for the baby from the nearby medical center. The medics there advised us that the young mum be tested before they could give the baby a syrup. Our midwife showed the HIV-positive results for Teddy but they insisted it was a policy to get their own results!

While we thought this would plunge the poor girl into more depression and it was a waste of time, we realized that God was at work! Teddy's test came out negative!

We could not believe it, they had to do a test again and it was negative to the glory of God. Teddy had tears of joy!!! We all praised God!

The previous hospital was contacted and they had to apologize for the mistakes/errors they had made!!

We praise God for Teddy and her baby's life who are HIV-free!!!!

Teddy like David said "What shall I render to God for all He has done for me ?" In tears, she accepted Jesus Christ to be her Lord and Saviour God used this incident to open up the Wakisa Midwife who testified in tears how her mum was also given wrong HIV results and she went on ARV for 5 years when all along she was negative.

As God is at work, please pray that the Muslim girls will hear God's word and know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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## Girls at the Center

The 25 expectant mothers are doing well save for one new girl who suffers from Epileptic fits. She is on treatment but gets nightmares, hears voices telling her to commit suicide and sobs uncontrollably! She is lonely and spends time by herself. She has mood swings. She has ongoing counselling and Christian music and messages calm her. She has a sad story of having been raped by her uncle on several occasions during epileptic attacks when she loses consciousness. The uncle is now in prison.

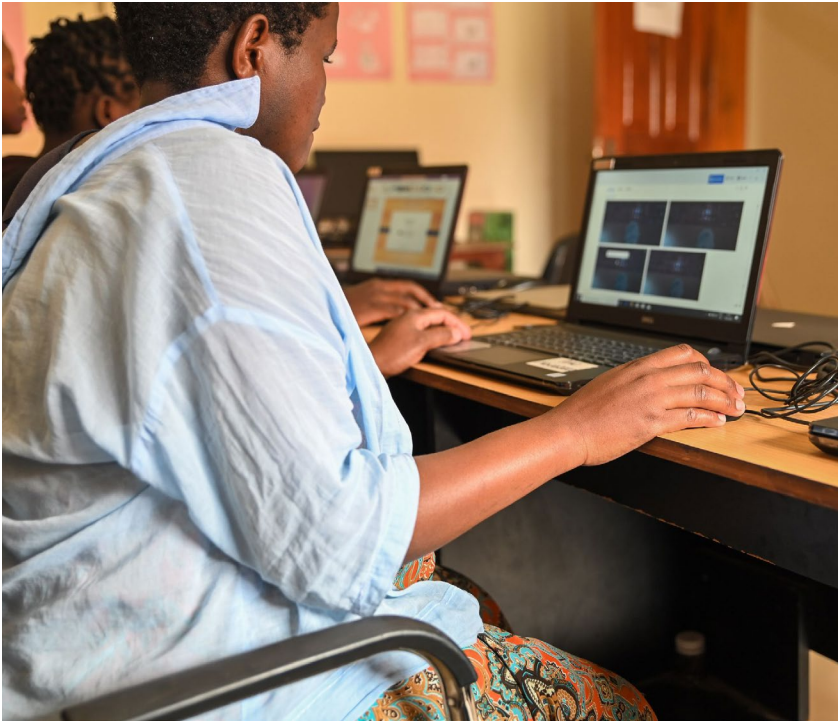
One Mary had to spend 6 days in the maternity ward with ruptured membranes before pregnancy was at term. At birth, her

baby had to stay in the nursery for 3 days. This is a real cost on the side of the Ministry to have a girl and baby in the hospital for more than a week.

A number of girls have been coughing and had to undergo treatment but, unlike in previous months, only one girl has STD and one with HIV.

There has been a reconciliation between the young mums and their families and 10 girls have been resettled by our Social worker. She has to meet with families to make sure that these mums are in a safe place, though forgiven by parents.





## Vocational Skills

One of the popular lessons is COOKERY at the center. They have made doughnuts, potato balls, spiced cassava, pumpkin chapatis, pancakes and samosas.

Jamila 17 says” When I go back home I would love to make Potato balls so that I can take care of my baby and myself, my stepfather never took me to school because he has many children”

**Gardening** is a good outdoor exercise and a skill for the girls. After a dry spell, this month is the beginning of a rainy season and girls have already transplanted spinach and collard seedlings. The cassava trees are getting bigger.

**Tailoring** Betty 16 “ I love Tailoring, it is my best subject and I have gained interest, I have learnt tailoring at Wakisa, I can make shirts, skirts, cushion covers and hair bans I will be able to make some bitenges”

**Knitting** Patricia 17 years has learnt how to knit baby booties, scarves, baby hats, and dresses. We have made paper bead necklaces, she says “ I am going to make money purses and put them in the next-door shop near our home, I will be able to buy items for my baby as I live with poor grandma.

Bible Study, Computer training and Health Care are equipping the girls with the word of God, and vocational and life skills are designed to equip the girls and transform their lives.

Young mums are out in the communities now using such skills to raise an income and support their children.

**WE THANK YOU!**

## Schools

The pupils and students are in the second month of their school and the results of some candidates have not yet come out. Each girl was able to take scholastic materials and toiletries to take with her.

We are so grateful for the sponsoring of these young mums for securing a good promising future for these girls and their children. We pray we can have more young mums in school. The Sponsorship programme has produced an Accountant a Nurse, Human Resource Person, a few Social Workers and a Hotel attendant. Thank you for supporting a girl child.



Lillian, who did Human Resource Management, is now working as a Program Director.

We are humbly appealing for donations towards the school fees, the vocational skills and the WAKISA Health Center. **Your support is NOT in vain, it is much appreciated by us and your Maker.**

**In Christ**

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