



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To God be the glory great things He has done!
May He bless you for your prayers and love for Wakisa Ministries .Please join me in thanking and praising Him for the following.

The Lord has been gracious to us; we managed to get 3 acre land we purchased 7 miles from Kampala for the new proposed Wakisa Centre.
Ruth, the Centre Manager has a lovely baby boy and is on maternity leave.

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WAKISA MINISTRIES HAS BEEN REOPENED THIS MONTH OF JANUARY

1. He has given Wakisa Ministries the victory and we have received the Child Care license from the Ministry of Gender!
2. We were rated high as an NGO with proper facilities for minors by the Health Inspector and probation officer.
3. The Ministry of Gender has allowed us to shelter up to 50 teenage girls if and when the New Center is built.

The Center has since the opening;

- Received 8 pregnant young girls between the age of 14 and 17 years.
- Received the 24 young mums under the sponsorship programme who brought their school reports. They are ready to get back to school on 4th, 7th and 10th February respectively.
- Received 30 young mums and their babies who came to collect baby clothes and clothing.
- Trained 23 girls in vocational skills of which 6 are young mums and 6 are expecting.
- The **Learn from ME** Programme picked up and we have been to 2 youth conferences this month.

Sponsorship Programme

It is delightful to have a young mum given a second chance to have an education and this why our Sponsorship program exists.

Among the young mums sponsored in school are 2 who sat for their exams namely Specioza 15 years and Annabel Aisha 17 last year. Specioza was a Primary Seven candidate who passed and will be joining senior one and Annabel was a senior 4 candidate. Her results are not yet back

It is such a blessing to see a young mum getting out of her trauma trials to a testimony and gaining hope for a better future. Specioza who was brought up by her grandmother, raped by a stranger one evening on her way home from church has been struggling with anger and bitterness and with counseling and intervention, she started getting along with other girls last year. She had her baby and did not want to keep it.

However, her grandmother insisted that the child was innocent and decided to look after the child. Specioza though, is not attached to the baby. More than a year she still suffers from post-traumatic stress with tears when she recalls her attacker and how she was gagged and raped.

Counselling

All the girls (those on vocational skills training, the teen mothers and the teen pregnant girls) have gone through group counseling, the objective of this group counseling was to put emphasis on morals, behavior, how to use life skills in their lives, like decision making, assertiveness, critical thinking, resilience and many more.

During the counseling we use the book "YOUTH AIM HIGHER" to guide us through our counseling session.

Our young mothers who came to the center also had counseling sessions, this was aimed at knowing where the girls are at emotionally, what they are doing in their lives after Wakisa, and if they put to use the skills they acquired from Wakisa.

VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

For young girls on Holiday

The consistent number of 23 girls attending Vocational Skills Training Program at the Ministry three days a week has been equipped with life skills, cookery, tailoring, handcraft and computer skills.

The Skill training Program has helped girls to improve their self-confidence. Girls have been supported in such a way that most of the girls

are now keen to learn new skills. Their prayer lives and social skills have improved and they enjoyed discussions in class during bible study.

One Sandra expressed being grateful for the opportunity as a holiday maker to learn vocational skills. She is happy and has benefited much from ongoing computer classes. The program has helped her improve personal life skills.



cooking class at Wakisa



tailoring class at Wakisa



young mums having lunch



New pregnant girls

Learn From Me

The new programme has recruited ambassadors - four young Wakisa Ministries mothers who were here. They have been to two youth conferences to tell their stories and lessons learnt. They helped 500 girls and boys to 2 different groups on how to make right decisions and choices, having self-esteem and confidence and avoiding peer pressure.

This program is aimed at preventing early pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.



learn from me conference



Admissions in January

NAME	AGE	DATE OF ADMISSION	ADDRESS
Nantege	16	8/12/2018	Masulita
Lillian	15	9/1/2019	Mbarara
Zurah	18	18/1/2019	Bweyogerere
Elizabeth	17	18/1/2019	Kyenjojo
Deborah	18	24/1/2019	Busega
Sophie	15	24/1/2019	Luweero

Sophie

Sophie became sexually active and was in a casual sexual relationship. At 15 years, she is 4 months pregnant. She was in primary seven and her mum struggling to pay her school fees through peasant farming. The mum, couldn't house her when she discovered she was pregnant because her step father would not allow it. Sophie was thrown out of home and brought by a local council representative for women in her community. Sophie had gone to seek accommodation at the home of this leader for women but she could not house Sophie at her home hence bringing her at Wakisa Ministries.

She regrets having a relationship with a boy and dropping out of school. She realized her poor mother was struggling to raise fees. She confesses she wanted to abort but on receiving counseling at Wakisa Ministries, she changed her mind. She says she has no hope of going back to school. Sophie is currently making the most of the vocational classes so when she leaves she can have a source of income to take care of her baby.

Thanksgiving and Request

- I am ever so thankful for your fervent prayers and all the support and partnership.
- I am praying for the continued support as we receive more pregnant girls, visit more schools, train more young mothers in vocational skills and sponsor more of them in formal education.
- Please support financially towards the construction of the new center and a vehicle for the school's programme and the center's operations.

May the good Lord Bless and reward you

In Christ

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