



visit to AgroMax with Israel team



Cookery Class

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

“The goal of preventing complications at child birth has been achieved at Wakisa Ministries over the years while so many girls out there in the rural areas suffer complication.” This was the comments made by two gynecologists who were on duty in Kawempe Hospital when 15-year-old Maureen was rushed to hospital. They commended the Ministry for saving lives and noted that the maternal mortality rate was still high in Uganda due to obstetric complications among the young mothers. While all pregnant girls cannot be admitted, the Ministry is offering free counseling to those that are not take in, that are staying in Kampala.

We are ever so grateful for your partnership that enables together with you make a life worth living for these young mothers and their children Our prayer is that is that the new Wakisa center building kicks off for spacious and improved services. Please donate generously to this cause so that we embark on this venture.

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Racheal 16 - In her own words

“One month after I had gone back to school. The school medical routine check up was carried to all students . I was one of the three students who were found to be pregnant .I was devastated! My father is an army officer in the Uganda Army and is currently serving in Somalia ,my mother is in very poor conditions . I knew my father would kill me if he found out! I did not know what to do or where to go. I kept it to myself but deep inside me was overwhelming fear !!

As I contemplated to destroy my life ,asking myself why I ever got involved in a bad relationship, to my surprise and shock the two girls were chased away from school but I was retained . When the two were packing and leaving ,I was taken in by one of the teachers in her home .She contacted an organization called Wakisa Ministries.! I still could not understand ,other girls were chased away and I was favoured and helped!

I am at a place where such girls like me are learning candles, tailoring knitting ,computer and baby blankets. I was brought to a place which offers counseling and now my many questions such as *WHAT NEXT? WHERE NEXT? WHY ME?* have been answered .

I know that God has brought me to Wakisa Ministries to take me through the crisis pregnancy and He will do the rest for me. The teacher never knew what was going on inside me but God knew.

I AM IN A SAFE PLACE !!!!

SAFETY & VOCATIONAL SKILLS' LEARNING

Wakisa has proved to be a safe haven for the young mums. The girls that have been here for more than three months were able to tell their stories and how they have been helped.

The Bible study class had the staff act out the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant in the book of Matthew. The girls were excited to have the staff act for them and it's been the class of the month after the crafts class where they are learning to make paper baskets.



baskets from the art class

DELIVERIES

It's been a girl season. We have had 2 baby girls born this month; Sharon 15 and Elizabeth 17 both had baby girls. We are ever so grateful for the baby clothes and clothing, pampas both disposables and reusable ones donated to us. They come in handy to the mothers discharged from the maternity.



LIFE AT THE CENTER

Good byes are always hard for the girls when one of them is leaving to go back to family. This happened when Maureen left after a month with her baby at the centre. The emotions were raw and Maureen calls the aunties who she misses very much. Her dad is happy to have her home and is open to the grandchild who has come home.

Wakisa Ministries had a management Committee meeting with KCCAs Probation and Health officers to update and go through practices at the home. We were glad that the team was pleased with the work done and the state of the Ministry.



Aunt Vivian during the exercise session with the girls

ADMISSIONS

We currently have 24 pregnant girls at the Centre and 1 mother. We had 6 new admissions and the lovely girls are settling in well and have been oriented. Of the girls at the centre, we have 2 HIV Positive girls who are on treatment and receiving counselling.

One of the new admissions -Shy and very quiet ,Takuwa , 17 years old was brought in this month from a very remote village in the eastern part of Uganda . She is the first born from both sides maternal and paternal. Her mother has three children and the father has seven children. The parents separated when she was young and she has never seen the mother since then. The father remarried and she has never lived with him nor has he ever come to pay her a visit.

Takuwa has always felt rejected by both her parents because none of them has made an effort in finding her or getting involved in her life. She also doesn't understand why she was separated from the siblings and why was she chosen to stay with the grandmother and not

with either of the parents. Takuwa has been staying with the grandmother all her life who is a subsistence farmer. Through the farming she has been able to sell something small that has enabled her to support Takuwa and the rest of the family. Surviving in these conditions is not easy.

Takuwa ended up lacking most of the essentials that she needs both at school and home. In this state of despair Takuwa was approached by a schoolmate who made advances towards her and she responded positively. Sometimes he could give her some little money but most of the times he didn't.

Takuwa started having sexual encounters with him, eventually she conceived. When she discovered her dilemma, she told the grandmother who in turn, went to discuss the issue with the boy's family. They will take care of her but the boy denied having ever slept with her. Takuwa is able to speak with her friends and open up to the counselor.

FOLLOWUP STORY

Immaculate was sponsored at Agromax by Wakisa Ministries in 2017. After doing great in her studies, she was employed at Agromax, a successful career she is committed to. She is one of the outstanding employees at the Institution. She is able to take care of herself and her baby.



Immaculate in nairobi



SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTION

Visitation days for the girls happened and it was such a great feeling seeing the girls in school and hearing from their teachers about the progress they are making. The girls were excited to see aunts from Wakisa and the parents of those who visited. The schools are; St Micheal High School, Buloba Primary and High School, Namirembe Infant School and Vision for Africa.

Ruth, our manager went to Agromax to represent Wakisa Ministries where both organisations were recognized by His Excellency Eyal David and Ms Paola Pileri from AVIS for the work done towards economic empowerment of teen mothers in Agriculture.



Maureen leaving wakisa with her father



Roch serving lunch at the center, he donated clothes to the center



Ruth with deputy ambassador of Israel

Our Counsellor Jane who had an operation this week to remove her 8 months pregnancy after the doctors detected that the baby inside her had died!

Please pray that we raise the funds for the NEW WAKISA CENTER .

Thank you for your great support ,love and kindness .
May the Lord bless and reward you

In His service

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