

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are thrilled to see the Maternity centre completed!!! God is good!!

The solar system for the dormitory lights is up and running.

The centre was dedicated to God on Saturday the 27th of this month in the presence of the Hopeventure team led by Carlie.

As the warmth of July envelops us, we are reminded of the spirit of renewal and growth that this season

brings. Here at Wakisa Ministries, we are filled with a similar sense of excitement and hope as we share with you the latest developments from our community. This month, our newsletter is brimming with inspiring stories.

We thank God for all He has done for Wakisa Ministries through you to His glory and praise !! We thank Him for all your great support, love and concern!!

**Thank you for your great support.**

## COUNSELLING AND ADMISSIONS

This month, 35 girls have had both individual counselling and group counselling. Among the topics discussed were life skills.

Several parents were counselled through Telle-counselling about accepting their daughters back home. Yesterday one of the mothers came to see her daughter forgave her and were reconciled. The girl is now at peace

***Uganda still have high teenage pregnancy rate in the Sub Saharan Africa. Just a week ago we received some disturbing news of the findings in a primary school in Amolatar in Lango.***

***7 girls between the age of 12 and 14 were found pregnant in Primary 7! One of the girls had incest pregnancy by a father! This is a great concern!***

- 16 young pregnant mothers went to the hospital for ultrasound scan. 1 young mother has a twin pregnancy.
- 28 young pregnant mothers went for Antenatal
- 3 young pregnant mothers had Urinary Tract Infections.
- 4 had vaginal candidiasis with heartburn
- 8 with Respiratory Tract Infections
- 1 with Syphilis

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## DELIVERIES

#	NAME	AGE	SEX OF THE BABY	WEIGHT(KG)	MODE OF DELIVERY
1.	ANGELLA (not real name)	17	BOY	3.4	Normal Delivery
2.	RACHEAL(not real name)	15	GIRL	3.2	C/Section
3.	VERNNET(not real)	14	BOY	3.2	C/Section



# Empowerment

## Sarah (not real name) at the vocational institute

My name is Sarah I got pregnant at 16 years of age and regretted it. According to the situation that was at home I was tortured and mistreated at a tender age. I once tried committing suicide but I am alive by God's grace. My stepmom wasn't that bad but her children were harsh because they knew that I was not their sibling.

I always used to tell my dad about the situation at home but he always said one word. "Be strong "because they are just helping us. I grew up in that situation. The house belonged to my stepmother. The moment she got to know that I am pregnant she frankly told me to look for the father of my child and I was sent away from home. When I went to the child's father, I found that he had left the area. I had nothing to do but to only stay on the streets.

I was brought to Wakisa and I was warmly welcomed by everyone I had no hope after what I had gone through at home and when I was pregnant. I never knew that I would get someone to love me and take care of me but by God's Grace I found Wakisa aunties and they welcomed me.

I went with nothing but only a black polythene bag with three clothes. My

dad brought me to Wakisa and when we reached, they told my dad that they were to take care of me. At first, I got worried and scared of the place and never liked the area because I was used to noisy streets but I later got used to the environment and liked it.

I was a Moslem and always heard staff talking about Jesus but I couldn't understand. My people are all Moslems and I always thought that the name Jesus is of no value. But when I came to Wakisa, the aunties loved me and gave me hope. Auntie Vivian was the person who motivated me to accept Jesus Christ. Ever since that day, I confessed that I would follow Jesus for the rest of my life.

I am now pursuing a certificate in catering at Pope Paul VI Institute of Catering and Business Studies. I am will be completing in August. When I finish, I have plans to work so that I can take care of my son.

I pray that when God grants me money, I am to help the needy like Auntie Vivian who is a living model of my dream. My sincere gratitude to Hope Venture through Wakisa ministries for your love, and support in this course. May God bless you.

# IMPACT CONT'D

## Matilda- 14 years Old

Matilda (not her real name) is 14 years of age. She came to Wakisa Ministries from Kampiringisa, a Centre for juvenile delinquencies in March 2024. At the time she was 1 month pregnant, she had no hope, was very resentful, aggressive and was always in disputes with her peers that she wanted to quit and go back to the Correctional Centre. Relationships with her peers were proving difficult as every girl shunned her character which was unbecoming as she always found a way of picking on her girls resulting in conflicts.

Matilda never wanted any advice or counsel, especially from her peers. She has so far changed her behaviour from negative to positive. She's now friendly to everyone, cooperative, and quick to seek for forgiveness whenever there's any misunderstanding with her peers. She's also comfortable now and has no thoughts of leaving Wakisa until she gives birth.

Through counselling Matilda has come to live and have a positive attitude towards life and now has a positive mindset regarding life in general. Matilda looks forward to going back to school.

## FOLLOW UP

This month of July, 8 young mothers were followed up on,

- 3 continued with formal education,
- 1 is working and putting into practice what she learnt at Agromax
- 4 are still home breastfeeding and still looking for what to do.



## VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Bible, Cookery, Gardening, Tailoring, Arts and crafts and computer

Classes are equipping the girls of the above. We have opened a craft shop at the premises for the dresses and handcraft girls have made.

### English class

This month, the girls learnt how to read and write and did a few assignments to check if they were learning and understanding.



## INTERNSHIP AT WAKISA

Sissi an intern writes:

*“Four months in Uganda – time passed by fast and my time in Uganda is now over. My name is Sissi, a student from Germany, and I had the privilege to do my semester of internship within my course of social work here at Wakisa Ministries in cooperation with the German organization Coworkers (Hilfe für Brüder International e.V.). From March up to July, I worked together with the Social Worker. I was able to get to know how the organization works, admitting and discharging girls, counselling, different kinds of teachings, going on Follow-Ups and taking girls to the hospital. Further, I could spend time with the girls. Seeing some of them giving their lives to Jesus Christ was a wonderful experience. I am impressed by their joy, friendliness and thankfulness. Even though their stories are not easy. Most of them experienced hard things and now are pregnant without families that support them. But during their time at Wakisa Ministries, they can feel comfort, love, support and hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and get a new perspective and courage that also helps them to improve and go on. I am very thankful for the last four months and the various things I have learned, for letting me be part of a good team and a great organization! God bless you and work at Wakisa Ministries”.*





# WAKISA MATERNITY CENTRE

Jehovah's Witness



## THE MATERNITY CENTRE

will offer antenatal and maternity services, Blood tests and Ultra Sound scanning to pregnant girls housed at the shelter and the women in the community.

- The Centre will provide information on key health issues like maternal and newborn health, COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Immunization and other risks that affect the community
- The Centre will offer birth preparation classes to the expectant girls, offer information on adoption, single parenting and fatal incidences and training on child development
- It will also provide relevant life skills to the girls at the centre and in the community
- The building now requires equipment and furniture including 3 delivery beds, an ultrasound scan, delivery kits, an autoclave machine, 8 beds and beddings and screen separators. It is my prayer that God will touch your heart to contribute to furnishing to be ready for use.

### Donate towards equipping the maternity centre

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## SPONSORSHIP

Allen, a Wakisa young mum who has been sponsored by Worldshare has completed her midwifery course and am delighted to let you know she is now one of our staff at the centre as a midwife! We now have two full-time staff members who were formerly Wakisa young mums! THANKS TO THE SPONSORS!

There are 50 girls sponsored,

- 4 students at University
- 14 students in Vocational Institute
- 6 students in A 'level
- 18 students in O'level
- 6 students in primary school.
- Two S.6 girls are still on vacation waiting for university in August.

This month, the young mothers in the sponsorship program were visited at school. The girls were provided with basic needs that is soap, sugar, books, sanitary towels, toilet paper, petroleum jelly, and pocket money. The girls were happy and showed gratitude for visiting them like other students.

Please sponsor a young mum to let her become a responsible person and what God intended her to be.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT contributing to the CARE OF THE YOUNG MUMS AND TAKING SOME BACK TO SCHOOL.**

While we have made some great strides, Wakisa has a lot to accomplish. Would you consider donating towards :

- Maternity Center purchasing a maternity bed at 1400 US dollars
- Schooling sponsoring a young mum to a Boarding secondary school at 300 dollars per term?

**In Christ**

**Vivian Kityo**  
Director

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP BE BLESSED**