



## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are profoundly grateful for your prayer and financial support. We thank you for standing with us even during this difficult time when we are still serving the Lord by caring for these vulnerable girls.

## Covid 19 Response

Early this year Wakisa was operating normally and little did we know that staff will have to learn to live in the new normal. On arrival, the new pregnant girls are isolated in the isolation room(formerly office) They feed and sit by themselves and are not allowed to interact with the rest of the girls. We will have to take the temperature of those who walk in Wakisa and ensure they have masks and have washed their hands at the gate.

The strict regulations are a cause a lot of irregularities in the way we work,it is 3 passengers allowed in the car at a time .So we can only take two girls in my car on the day of antenatal visit.

It may seem that we are forgetting about AIDS, we now have 3 girls with AIDS. Two of them are new girls and both found out when they were taken this week for antenatal visit. Although they had pre and post test counselling it was such a blow and shock to their lives .Their reaction was that of anger and they sobbed uncontrollably .It was a tense moment for Marion,our midwife who had gone with them to the hospital. It made matters worse when our counselors could not communicate to Gifty due to a language barrier .



## Admissions

We have 23 girls at the center.1 mother with her baby. We had 2 deliveries this month at the center. We admitted 9 girls for June, they were assessed and a put under isolation from other girls. With availability of transport, 6 mothers were discharged. All pregnant girls at the center received medical attention, counseling.

## Admissions

### Among the new is

Gifty who needs all the love she can get .She is 14 years .Her step mum literally sold her to a man who visited their home after the death of her father last year when she was 13!Gifty ,thought she was going to work as a house girl of this old man .On reaching his home ,there was no one in the house ,she asked the man where his wife was and he said to her 'you are the wife'.

From that time Gifty resolved in her heart to ran back home .He kept beating her because she showed no love or respect to him . She suffered sexual abuse as well as physical abuse .Well she run away this year and boarded a home bound truck but she never knew she was pregnant .

Her step mother was not happy to see her and was more angry when she realized Gifty was pregnant .The mother again arranged with a friend to bring Gifty down to Kampala to work as a maid .

She was brought to Kampala against her will and she worked for a few weeks but when the family realized she was pregnant ,they threw her out on the streets. This was her first time in a big city and she could not speak the local

language !

She did not know where to go ,what to do and she walked aimlessly until (I am sure ) by the grace of the Lord led her to Mulago hospital compound .

A kind nurse of the Mulago hospital noticed her on the second day,took her and fed her as she was loitering there and brought her to Wakisa Ministries with a police letter .Gifty speaks a little English ,the counsellors are not able to communicate and cannot not understand her language so I had to contact a former retired Archbishop's wife ,Phoebe Orombi ,who happens to be a counsellor and comes from the same place with Gifty.

Phoebe though in the North of Uganda,has been counselling by phone and has done a great job for this young girl .Gifty can now smile when we give a hug .She freely walks to me and points at my phone and she wants to talk with Phoebe !God is working through Phoebe and the love and care she receives at Wakisa.

Please pray for Gifty,now with HIV ,5 months pregnant and a step mum who does not like to stay with her.



*girls in vocational calss*



*some of the staff at the center*

## Admissions

Another one is Lynette a 17 year old .She too came from a rural area in the Western part of Uganda to work as a housemaid in Kampala .She says her dad and mum never took her to school though her brothers to school and she never studied because the parents have the old belief that girls are for marriage and they don't need education.

She has never forgiven her parents and she says her suffering is because her parents never took her to school.

Well in the city here she ended up at an old woman's brothel who was married to a very young husband.The woman's husband made passes at Lynette and she was dismissed by the woman. One of the men who had been with at the brothel took her to his home but he was HIV positive .He too send her away on finding she was pregnant the Neighbours who had heard about Wakisa brought her .Lynette is not only pregnant but also contracted AIDS. Both are now on treatment .



*girls in the gift shop*

## Ministry Transport

**Ministry Transport.** As the transport get harder and the directors vehicle breaks down often there great need for Ministry vehicle This is for taking girls antenatal and in time for labour ,the collecting their ARV's of those with AIDS from different stations,and the occasional visits to the zoo as an outing and to purchase food items .A van which is spacious enough will carry 14 girls at a normal time but now it will be 7 or 8 girls.



*practicing baby care*



## Vocational Skills and Life Skills

It is with the above incidences that Wakisa has deemed it fit to scale up the vocational as well as the life skills training for the girls to gain more confidence, self esteem, assertiveness and the like.

It is in this season of school lockdown that we see and realize how important and essential the vocational skill training is. The Tailoring, Computer, Knitting, Health and baby care, Cookery and Handcraft classes are in full gear. This group of girls at the Center seems so interested and keen to learn these skills. We will

be able to receive Certificates for our girls from a well established organ in Kampala to which our Skills program will be affiliated. Although we have restrained our instructors who are with cold from coming to work for a period, girls aided with staff carry out their homework left by the these instructors

We are encouraging those students at home to apply the skills that they learnt at Wakisa. We will offer in kind some material as a start up for a small business at home to a young mother who would be interested in doing so





## The Building Project

The Lord is faithful and worthy to be praised and the dream has come true !We are so thrilled to see the dormitory block progressing .We thank God for WorldShare Australia that has so generously donated toward the Dormitory and Training Blocks. We will have space to help 45 girls in crisis pregnancy at the same time be able to apply social distancing .

We are praying and appealing for funds for the Health center block ,the perimeter wall and the administration block.



*praying at the site*



*dorm and training blocks under construction*

## Deliveries

We have had 4 babies born this month and they were all girls. All the young mothers have had ultra-sound scan and have had normal deliveries.

### 1. Lomiro 16 baby girl.

On discharge of Lomiro ,the director of the home where Lomiro came from wrote me this letter

*"I bring you greetings from Dwelling Places.The aim for this email is to extend our sincere gratitude to Wakisa Ministries for the partnership Dwelling Places has enjoyed over the years of our work with children and youth. It is our prayer that all our children would go through the straight path of school, complete school, get a job, get married(yes) and then give birth to their own children. However, for a number of them, this straight path has not been a reality for different reasons, sometimes which have been beyond their control. It is heartbreaking to see some of our children/youth become teenage mothers yet they still young and in need of care themselves.Therefore, we bless God for each and everyone of you in Wakisa Ministries, for touching the lives of each young girl in pregnancy crisis, in your care. Thank you for giving them back hope, that all is not lost, skills as back up for a bright future, love which has helped them thrive*

*even during these times that seem dark sometimes. Your work has impacted them to face life after bringing forth these new lives in the world. Oh what a joy to have partners like you! You working with us and opening your doors to these young girls who often find themselves in a dilemma bigger than them and are at cross roads, is a blessing not just to the girls but also to Dwelling Places as a Ministry.Thank you so much for your love, support and encouragement to every girl that has walked through your gate. Thank you for walking alongside them during the 9 months journey which has not only helped them bring forth their babies safely but also come out more hopeful and skilled. With all your support the girls come out believing that there are still opportunities for them out there, no matter what has happened.Thank you for serving the Lord through touching the lives of each young girl who has gone through your care.May God bless you abundantly and provide for the needs of your Ministry.*

*Have a fruitful day  
Sarah Linda Kisakye(Mrs)  
Deputy Director Child Protection  
Dwelling Places*

2. Victoria 18 baby girl
3. Helen 14 baby girl
4. Gloria 15 baby girl.



## SPONSORSHIPS

Total Number of girls under sponsorship are 36, we have 27 in formal education who are home until schools reopen. They are learning with the available resources on television and radio. The 8 girls are attending Agricultural skills training at Agromax where they are taught Coffee planting, Banana planting, tomato planting, Sweet and Irish potato growing and elements in business. Thank you for your prayers and financial support, we were able to visit the girls, during our visit, we encouraged the students work hard and to perform better. Our counselling team went to visit the girls and offered counselling to the girls. With your support the girls were able to receive necessities during our visit.



*a visit to Agromax*

***We are thankful for your love and great support .Your heart ,prayers and giving is God's channel to save the lives of babies and their mothers.***

**THANK YOU !  
*May He richly bless you and reward you.***

**In Christ**

**Vivian**



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