

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

It is by God's grace that Wakisa Ministries remains among the very few organizations that rescues the pregnant teenage girls. March has brought in more of them that seek Wakisa services. When one hears the sad, regrettable and appalling stories of some of these young girls, one thanks God for the existence of such an organization.

Your commitment to support and offer prayers to God builds up the moral fibre of tomorrow's mothers and promotes the sanctity of life. It is through your support that these vulnerable mums get the physical, emotional, spiritual and material support while at Wakisa center.

Programmes and activities carried out this month have revealed that our endeavours are not in vain!

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IMPACT

Our outreach and Follow up programmes this month targeted the young mums whom Wakisa has been able to reintegrate in schools. It has been a joy to see and find these young mums back on track with a bright future thus, the impact of Wakisa services clearly shown through the lives of these young mums to the glory of God. **THANK YOU for enabling the impact.**

The stories have been encouraging and this compels us to continue serving as God's instruments of change for a girl child despite the challenges in our country. Among those visited is Shakira, an orphan who is now 19 years. She was brought at the center when she was 17 and a month pregnant. She had been raped by her brother, it had hurt her so much and she was suicidal. The Counselling and the vocational and life skills changed her and she gained a heart of gold! She gave birth to a baby boy Brighton who is one and half years.

The brother ran away from their home, the grandmothers place where both were staying after the death of their parents. Although she says she forgave the brother, she vows with tears in her eyes never to talk to him again

Shakira is one of the many girls that Wakisa Ministries has sponsored in Agromax for a six months Urban Agriculture course. She completed the course and has a home vegetable garden which earns her a living!

Diana who was rejected by her parents and entire family when she conceived says she received healing, unconditional love and care at Wakisa. She also acquired skills of making bags and now she earns a living through selling these bags and necklaces.

Though she completed the senior and went on to University when her parents forgave her, it has not been easy for her to get a job. Thanks to the VOCATIONAL SKILLS donations .



Shakira's home garden

VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

It is a great joy to see these young girls gaining interest in the different skill they are trained in at the center. Acquiring the skills will be a future generate an income for some who will not be able to go back to formal education

Candle making, tailoring and Cookery are among others that are being taught. We are hoping to restart our urban agriculture skills on a bigger scale when we build our new center in the 3 acre land which we bought recently.

May the Lord touch you to donate towards our building this new center which will be constructed in phases.



Wakisa Handcraft items displayed at school

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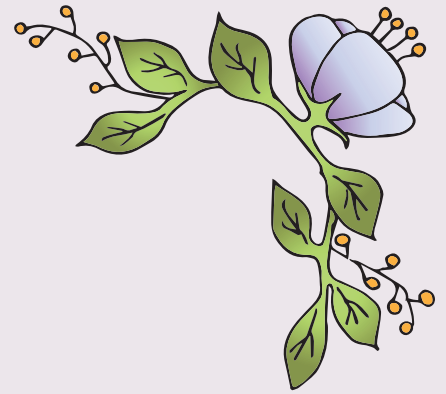
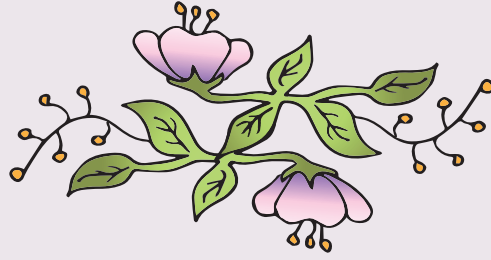
LFM programme made it to two big mixed boarding senior schools! Ndejje senior secondary school and St Michael. Diana and myself presented the programme and we were able to speak to more than 3000 girls and boy in these schools! As Diana shared her story you could hear a pin drop, there was total silence and there is no doubt some lessons were learnt from her.



LFM atNdejje SS



Girls doing exercise



MIRACULOUS REUNION !

Something good came out of a crisis pregnancy !

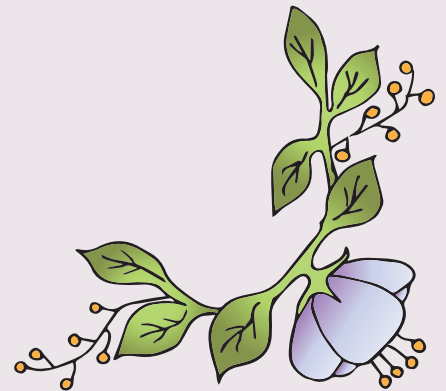
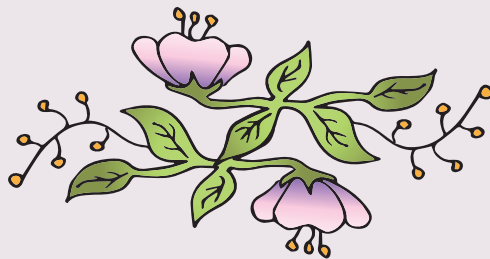
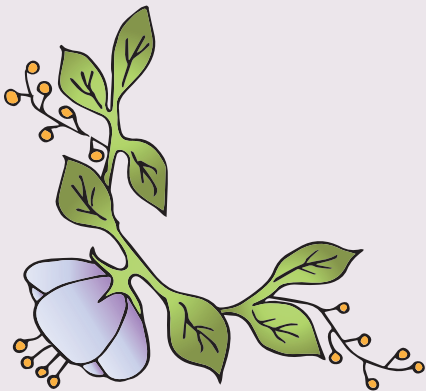
It was a very moving and emotional moment at Wakisa Ministries last week! Elizabeth was brought at Wakisa Ministries by a Probation Officer. Elizabeth was thrown out of home when she conceived at the age of 17. She was sleeping and staying in a church for some time by the time they brought her.

She and her brother had been left with an auntie by their father when his wife walked away from home leaving him with these two children. The father failed to take care of them and brought them to stay with an auntie.

Elizabeth who last saw her mum at the age of 9, found love in a man who later rejected her when she conceived. The auntie could not stay with her when she was pregnant, so she threw Elizabeth out of home. This young girl found a church building where she stayed for a month until the Good Samaritan took her to the probation officer who later brought her to Wakisa.

She has delivered a beautiful baby girl but we did not have a home to take her and her daughter. As a miracle, her mum was traced by a Justice for Women organization and the mother was brought to Wakisa.

We were all touched when the mother was brought to Wakisa, looked at her daughter and broke down and cried uncontrollably! So, did Elizabeth, so did we! Elizabeth and her baby are now staying with her mum





School Programme and Visits

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As the student, young mums are already back to school, the sponsorship coordinator has been able to visit some of them on their visiting Sundays and check on their performance as well as encourage them.

Specioza has made great stride in the science subjects and she enjoys the school. Schooling has greatly contributed to the therapeutic healing of her trauma of the rape. The sad long face and tears she had for a long time after the rape and hate of the baby are diminishing gradually. She has a bright future to look to.

THANK You Ever So Much for sponsoring Specioza and such young mums in schools.



Specioza



Some of Wakisa girls at Ndejje SS

ADMISSIONS

Among the new girls are two who are mentally retarded.

One Mary, 14-year-old was brought by an organization when they realized she had missed her periods for 3 months.

She has a sad story where her life has been affected at the age of 9 by her late father. He for a long time abused her sexually taking advantage of her mental state until he died. The father, who was suffering from HIV since he lost his wife, also infected his daughter! Mary, thinking it was the norm, started demanding for sex from any man after the death of his father.

The organization that took her in has been shielding Mary from such abuse until she recently went back home to visit her relatives. One of her relatives took advantage of her, she informed the staff when she came back and had missed her periods for some two months.

It has not been easy to offer Mary any counselling or to teach her any skills because she needs specialized attention. We are yet to find out where in our country we can refer a pregnant girl who is mentally challenged.

Please pray for Mary.



May the good Lord Bless and reward you as you bless these girls and their babies

In Christ

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