



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

The new atmosphere at Wakisa is due to the capacity building we have undergone as staff members this month. This was through trainings in Theory of Change and Financial Systems which have improved on their professional skills as they continue to support the young vulnerable girls in their care. The training came in time as we recruited a new center manager Jennifer to replace the outgoing one.

Thanks to WorldShare for sponsoring this training which was so timely.

- *It is such a blessing to see young girls from time to time ,reforming and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.*
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“ I thought I had a spirit of rejection ,that no one loved me including my dad and my mum. But since I came to Wakisa ,reading the word of God in our daily devotions I realized my own mistakes, and I needed to change my attitude and lifestyle. I am thankful to God who opened my heart to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour”

So shared 14 year old Gloria to me as she was fitting in one of the reused clothes donated to us by a good Samaritan.

Gloria who was in a sexual relationship with a fellow young boy who used to visit home. She never knew she was pregnant until her

mum noticed her weight .Her mother and step father were devastated and angry .Gloria prays that Jesus forgives all her wrong doing . It is a real blessing to see the girls accepting Christ, becoming new lives!!

Your love and support is not in vain! It facilitates the transformation of spiritual lives and behaviour of these young pregnant girls as well as equipping them with vocational skills and saving babies.

We are ever so grateful for the great support .THANK YOU! MAY GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY!



Admissions

We had 6 admissions at the centre and the young girls have been oriented and are settling in well. One of the young girls is only 12 years old, keep her in prayer as she goes through this chapter of life. 5 young mothers were resettled with thier families and will be followed up as they resettle back home

We are housing now 39 pregnant girls at the center two of them are young mothers who delivered this month .

Counselling

Due to the girls' emotional and psychological trauma ,we still have the part time counsellor to work alongside with the full time counsellor. Hopefully the counselling will enable girls cope with their issues especially the incest cases .

38 young mothers have been given life skills. The counselling department also had group counselling sessions at the centre and out of the centre in 2 schools. The young mothers at the centre were empowered with skills and practices to reduce their anxiety levels and deal with the rejection they have faced.



Sponsorship Programme

All the young mothers in school are doing well and we went for visitation and letter writing exercises to both the formal and the vocational schools. The teachers and counsellors reports on how well they are settling in. One student fell ill and is home recovering. The school visits were at our partner institutions; Agromax, St Micheal High School Sonde and Buloba primary school

We are happy to report that the girls did well in their half term exams. The school term will be ending on 15th April 2022 for most students but the candidates will not get a break as they catch up and revise.

We have 8 students in Primary school, 20 students in Secondary School and 10 students attending vocational studies. During the school visits, counselling was part of the day's activities as well as letter writing and receiving. Thank you for the handwritten letters to the girls. We all appreciate them.

The school visits for the Primary 7 candidates were focused on supporting the students in making choices for schools they would wish to join for their Ordinary-level studies.

Our current waitlist has 12 young mothers who have applied to join vocational sponsorship.



A baby carrying a baby

Joy (not her real name) is 12 years ,is now 4 months from a family of 2, sadly she doesn't know where her brother is, both her parents passed away when she was very young and was left in the care of her grandfather who later sold off the only land he owned and started moving from one make shift homes to another with Joy.

The community was concerned about the little girl's wellbeing and decided to convene a village meeting to see how to help Joy as she was vulnerable. They found her a foster home with an elderly woman to take care of her since she was only 4 years old. The old woman was sickly and sometimes would not take good care of Joy.

Joy became a community concern and was admitted to a school where they waved school fees for her. She has been in primary four.

As Joy grew,she started sleeping with a boy at the age of 7 ,then at 12 the neighbour, a subsistence farmer befriended Joy and bought her gifts for sexual favours and eventually coerced her into sleeping with him. Joy became pregnant and shared that she didn't know she could become pregnant as she had no guidance and information and only relied on the neighbour for information.

When she missed her period, she informed her grandmother who took her to hospital and was confirmed to be pregnant. At the hospital, Joy's grandmother was referred to Wakisa Ministries and Joy was admitted. Joy has settled in and has made friends. She is really her age,playful and enjoys exercises, cookery and agriculture.



Vocational Skills and Training

We are so grateful to Crossroads International in Switzerland for sending 12 laptops for the Computer class and all the support .

The trainer has already fitted them in the classroom and ready for use . Vocational classes and life skills training at center this month included;Cookery, Tailoring, , Arts and Crafts with knitting , Bible study, English literacy, Computer and Health and Baby care.

Angel - 13 years and young mum was shying away from speaking English is now able to construct a sentence and is so proud of herself.

If and when young mums go back to school they will be able to recapture all subjects as English is the main language in our schools in Uganda. For this month in tailoring class, girls made dresses, the agriculture class harvested sweet potatoes and we enjoyed them for breakfast and lunch during the season. The garden has benefited from the rain that has been frequent. The infant care class has been focusing on caring for ceasrean section mothers and keeping babies warm.

Cookery class focused on special dishes and the girls enjoyed pillau and pastries.



girls in tailoring class



girls in computer class with laptops from Crossroads International

Outreach

The month has been a time of visiting young mums in their homes.

We found 10 young mothers have been employed in; supermarkets, restaurants and farms. This has enabled them take care of their babies and pay medical bills too. The girls that are working in farms credited their success to the skills attained while at Agromax.

One of our alumni's is getting married and we are excited for her.

Sadly, we also found 2 of the girls who had been at the centre carrying their second pregnancy. However, they were applying a few of the skills

learnt while at Wakisa like going for Antenatal check ups, finding frequent meals.

Rashida is one of the young mums visited, she was here in 2020 at the age of 17yrs. She could not go back to school after having her baby. It was quite encouraging and thrilling to find her at her workplace and fully employed in a small tailoring business, assistant to the owner of the business. She is able to make all different fashions for men, women and children. She can earn a living to take care of her 2 year old baby.



Rashida's baby



Rashida at her work place

Deliveries

We have had 2 succesful deliveries in the month of March 2022, praise God both mothers and babies are healthy and are receiving post natal care and support from the Midwife and medical team.

All pregnant girls had ultra-sound scan and attended antenatal care. 1 girl with pre-eclampsia is on treatment. We also have 1 HIV positive girl and she is receiving medication and living positively.

Angella 14 years baby girl C Section

Stella 16 years baby boy Normal delivery



More Photos



girls doing keep fit exercises at the center



our english corner



Please pray for

The wall fence construction which almost complete. Funds towards completing the fence so this can be one big step in protecting the vulnerable girls in our care as well as the health center .Please join us to raise the funds .

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For one young girl Omega,her mum and dad.

Though forgiven, Omega's parents lead a church in their area and she was a choir member in that church .(She sings beautifully) ,so they feel much shame to have their daughter back with a baby. Her mum was greatly affected by her daughter's pregnancy that her blood pressure shot up and was rushed to hospital.The mum has not been well since and this has affected Omega.She is still at Wakisa with a lovely baby Vivian and has no clue when she will be accepted back home.

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I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL AND IN KIND SUPPORT.

May the good Lord bless you richly

In Christ

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