



Friends and Partner in Ministry,

There have been blessings as well as challenges during the course of the month. In all we give thanks to God. He has given girls safe deliveries to healthy babies. We are ever thankful to you for supporting and praying for this lifesaving ministry of girls and babies' spiritual, emotional and physical aspects.

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DELIVERIES

The 7 deliveries in the month of May were as follows with all new mothers receiving post-natal counselling. While 6 of the young mums and their babies have been accepted back home, there is one have remained at Wakisa as we remain in communication with their families for the best resettlement solution for them

| NAMES OF THE GIRLS | AGE | Baby Details |
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| Racheal | 17 | Baby boy |
| Stella | 18 | baby boy |
| Kendra | 14 | baby boy |
| Joy | 17 | baby girl |
| Claire | 15 | baby girl |
| Noeline | 17 | baby boy |
| Catherine | 17 | baby boy |



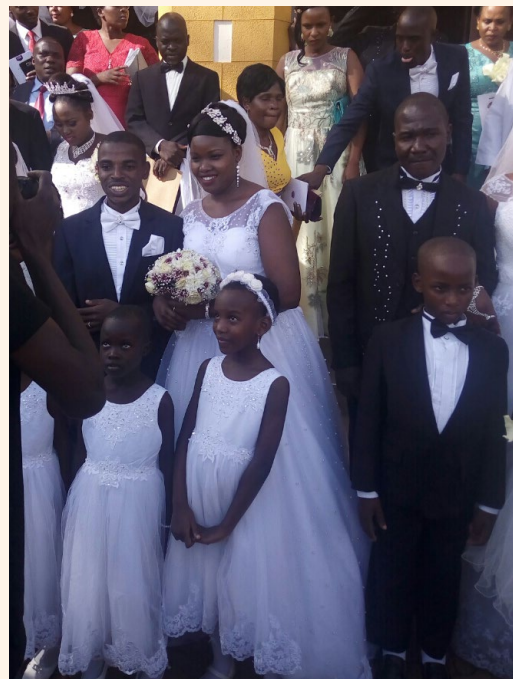
Kendra with baby David



Racheal with baby Matthew

WINNIE WEDS!

Chemtai Winnie got married and this was a real highlight in the month of May. She was at Wakisa Ministries with crisis pregnancy about 8 years ago.at the age of 16. It was a real joy of my life to see a girl who was once in crisis, her dad wanted her dead when he found out she was pregnant, but now with a job and a Christian husband. The glory is the Lord's! She was sponsored by Wakisa from A level, through University where she completed a degree course in Management and Finance!!!!!!



Isaac and Winnie Chemtai

LIFE AT THE CENTRE AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS

With 31 young pregnant girls, they all need counselling and a listening ear.

Ongoing counseling has relieved both girls and their parents of their trauma and emotional pain. Mary was brought by her mother after her father threatened to kill her when he found out that she was pregnant. The counsellor did a great job by calling him, counselling him and having conversations with him. He eventually forgave Mary and is willing to come and visit her. He is still struggling with taking her back in after she delivers.

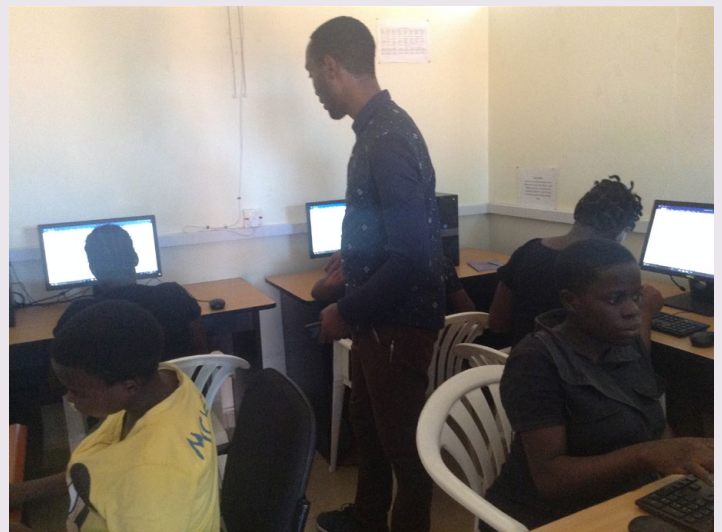
The vocational classes include; Cookery, Tailoring, Art and Crafts, Agriculture and the participation in the Life Skills class is

continuous. This includes infant care classes, hygiene classes, plays, debates and dance classes. The Health, Pregnancy and Infant care class had some of the following topics; Diet in pregnancy, Danger signs during pregnancy, Vaginal Candidiasis and STDs/STIs. The old girls are continuously getting better with the vocational skills and those that leave are given a certificate of attendance and a Bible. The new girls are catching up well and with time will have the skill to produce quality products.

Morning devotions have discussion groups which encourage full participation of all the girls and ensure that they are drawn to Christ.



crafts class at the center



computer class in the new lab



the girls with some of the products of tailoring class



tailoring class

ADMISSIONS with Health Issues

New girls have been received between the ages of 14 and 15 and currently the number of girls is 31. We have a few of the girls diagnosed with medical conditions.

Winnie, 16 years, 5 months pregnant was admitted with poor eye sight and watery eyes. She has had this problem for 2 years but her parents could not afford to get her glasses. Wakisa Ministries took her to the optician at the eye clinic who prescribed glasses for her.

Maureen 16 years, 3 months pregnant came with a severe earache that was oozing puss. She too has been taken to the hospital and is on antibiotics. The pain is reducing and we believe she will get better soon.

One of the girls, Christine was taken to Kawempe hospital because of severe abdominal pain and it was discovered she had ovarian cysts through Ultra-sound scanning and she was discharged with no treatment. The pain got worse and her aunt had to come for her and take her for further treatment.

We have had two babies with serious medical conditions and they have been admitted to hospital and are now better and back to the centre. Stella's baby was born underweight and admitted in Mengo hospital he is now healthier. Claire's baby had Neonatal sepsis and had to be admitted for over a week in Old Mulago. She has recovered well and they are now back home and settled.

CHALLENGES

We have had unexpected major repairs to make this month. There was an over flow of the septic tank and soak pit which had to be corrected urgently and immediately. The plumbers, though expensive did a thorough job for 3 days to correct the problem.

No sooner had we done this than the palm tree branch touched the electric pole and wire causing sparks. We alerted the electricity personnel and UMEME sent a truck with a crane to Wakisa. As the branches were removed one fell and damaged the roof of our gift hence another major repair.



Carol receives certificate as she leaves for home



TRANSFORMATION



Sylvia's mother and two of her friends boarded a bus at 4.00am from Kiryandongo and arrived in Kampala at 12.00midday. The mother had received phone calls from Wakisa Ministries Counsellor a number of times concerning her daughter who was brought to us by the police. She (mother) did not want to see or hear anything concerning her daughter. She had caused her shame and ridicule by getting pregnant and made matters worse by running away from Grandmother's home. The grandmother went on hunger strike for 7 days because her granddaughter was gone and she is now sick, it is the grand mum who pestered Sylvia's mum to come to Wakisa to forgive her. When she at last came over, It was a sheer joy for Sylvia to see her mum at Wakisa Ministries and the hugs could not stop. Sylvia's mother has forgiven her and they are on a new discovery path.

Sylvia 18 years old, was brought after she had run away from her grand mum's place because she could not face her mother and grandmother's wrath.

Her mum and step dad had taken her to grandma at the age of 5 and although they paid her school fees the step dad hardly interacted with her. When she got pregnant the step father who learnt of it became furious and wanted Sylvia to get married to the person responsible for the pregnancy or for the parents to pay him 15 million shillings.

We praise God for reconciliation.



TRAUMA COUNSELLING WORKSHOP IN MBALE

Wakisa Ministries organized and conducted a 3 Day Trauma Training for 58 teachers in Mbale. The training was very successful as we received both male and female teachers. We realized there several female teachers who had been sexually abused when they were young .



Training in Mbale on Trauma Counselling



SPONSORSHIP

Wakisa Currently has 27 teenage mothers under the sponsorship program. 17 girls in formal education and 10 girls at the Agromax Vocational training school who will be completing on 26th June 2018.

The girls in formal education reported on 21st May after a Sponsorship meeting at the center. We have 3 girls in University.

Unfortunately, one of the girls was discovered to be pregnant and has been discontinued from the program.

**We give God thanks and praise for His mercy that endures forever.
We pray that your continued support will protect and save lives of the young girls and their babies.
We thank God and glorify Him for your love. May He keep you and bless you.**

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