



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

It is a joyous moment when a baby is born and both mum and the child are well after being rushed in labour pain to hospital in the middle of the night. It is most encouraging when you see a young mother turn her acquired skills from Wakisa into a family business.

It is a blessing when a Moslem pregnant girl testifies to how she enjoys knowing and studying about a man called Jesus! This is what your prayers and support have achieved through the services at Wakisa Ministries.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE !

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DELIVERIES

The 6 deliveries in the month of May were as follows with all new mothers receiving post-natal counselling and accepted back home and are setting in well. We are praying that Grace finds a safe home to stay in.

NAMES OF THE GIRLS	AGE	Baby Details
Debora	16	baby girl
Sophia	17	baby girl
Phionah	16	baby girl
Sylvia	14	baby boy
Lilian	17	baby boy
Jessica	16	baby girl

Jessica's baby born on 27th May is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit because of foetal distress. We pray and ask you pray with us that she pulls through.



FOLLOW UP

As we had done a follow up on those young mothers that have left the center, it has been clearly evident that the lives of the girls and the entire family have changed in many ways. The domestic living has improved. This is due to the practical skills and knowledge share with their family members. The families are ever so grateful for the skills and transformed lives of the young daughters.

The skills have earned an income of the family of Eva who has involved her siblings in her income generating project of making and selling bags made out of fabrics.

The parents of many young mums who have gone back with their babies have noticed the improved moral behaviour of their daughters and cannot thank Wakisa Ministries enough.



Eva with some of the bags she made



Transformation

MARGRET 17 YEARS FROM MASAKA.

Margret is 17 years old, she is from a family of 3 siblings where she is the 2nd born in the family. She lost her mother to HIV at a tender age and stayed with the father and her other siblings. The father later passed away, Margret and her siblings stayed with her grandmother who later passed away too. The paternal uncle took them up, did not take them to school and would make them dig and do other work. At the age of 13 Margret was brought to Kampala to work as a maid. she worked for one year and was never paid so she decided to quit the job.

Margret then joined her friend who was staying with her mother and these were Congolese refugees whose life was not good-they lived in a slum. The grandmother to her friend was selling cassava to earn an income and for survival. This money was not enough to take care of three people; buy food, pay rent and other necessities. So, they struggled until one day Margret was given a different option to survive and to contribute to the her up keep and rent. Margret was then introduced to prostitution at the age of 14 by her friend. This was a way of making money and pay her friends grandmother so that she could have food and a roof over her head.

Margret says that when she joined the prostitution she would have sex with around 6 men a day and they would pay her five thousand shillings and sometimes the men

would not pay her and promise to pay her when they get money. But she also says she had two men she would have sex with on a daily basis because they both told her that they loved her and had promised her to look after her but these were all lies because all they wanted was to have sex with her.

Margret spent three years in prostitution until last year (2018) in December when she became pregnant. When she became pregnant the friend and her the grandmother chased her away from their house and she had nowhere to go. She tried the men who had promised to take care of her but they all shunned her because of the pregnancy and chased her out of their houses.

Margret didn't have where to sleep, what to eat or even money to take her to hospital, she resorted to asking for food from good Samaritans and if they didn't give her she would sleep hungry in trenches or on the streets. She went through this situation for about five months while pregnant with no one to help her. She was later identified by an organization (Infectious Disease institute) while they doing community work. IDI could not take care of her since she was pregnant so they referred her to Wakisa for psychosocial support, medical, temporary shelter and vocational skills. Margret is adjusting well at the centre and enjoys the cookery class most.

LIFE AT THE CENTER

The continuous training in the vocational skills has proved to be not only giving skills but therapeutic to those with trauma.

The products from the vocational classes mainly in Tailoring, Art and Crafts and Candle making has made out gift shop worth visiting. Cookery, Computer Skills as well as Knitting classes are a making the girls competitive with the introduction of incentives to the best in each class on a monthly basis.

Racheal Mutesi is a bible class volunteer and had done a great work.

We had a few difficult 3 days of no water at the centre. This was finally resolved.

The Health, Pregnancy and Infant care class had the following classes;

- Personal Hygiene
- Breast and Bottle Feeding
- Post Natal exercises



morning exercise at the center



a light moment at the center

ADMISSIONS

Out of 26 girls at the Centre, 22 of them have already been taken for Antenatal care and ultra sound scanning. Findings were, girls and babies are all healthy. One of the girls is HIV positive and we are ensuring she is taking her medication and receiving counselling.

We have had 7 new admissions this month and the new girls are coping with the new environment well.

The girls are having group counselling sessions to address issues of cliques, bullying and stealing from each other.

5 mothers have received post-natal counselling. 3 have gone home and 2 are still with us and will be going home soon.



girls in knitting class

SPONSORSHIP

8 girls have recently joined Agromax. They have joined the 5 girls who are already at Agromax. We have 18 girls in formal education. They went back as the school term started. There is hope for 14-year-old Rose to go back to school and so her baby was accepted in a babies' home as she embarks on her education. She is so excited that she will join school again. The parents-student meeting that was held at Wakisa on 10th May and the attendance was great. We look forward to improvement of behaviour and performance of the girls in school.



Girls at agromax

There is so much to thank God for, I mainly Thank Him for all your kindness and generosity that has sustained the work of Wakisa.

As we plan to start the construction of the New Wakisa Center, do pray about supporting the construction which has been budgeted separately from the operational costs.

May the good Lord bless you.

In Christ

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