

Newsletter

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Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

The more the challenges of the World become severe and the Pandemic, the greater the manifestation of our Sovereign God and His promises!He will never leave us nor forsake us.

We want to express our most sincere gratitude for making it possible for us to continue serving the vulnerable group through shelter, provision of nutritious meals, medical care and skills training

In this new era, with new methods of working, some of which are quite challenging, we don't lose hope because our God never changes, for in Him we live, and move and have our being(Acts17:28) Our most profound gratitude to you for your love, support and prayer.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE BABIES AND THE YOUNG PREGNANT GIRLS A SAFE HAVEN.

Social distancing is expected by all, and a center such as Wakisa Ministries with limited space had to improvise in order to admit the desperate young pregnant girls. The office of the center manager was turned into the Isolation room with two beds.

The new girls have to painfully keep to themselves until the isolation period is over. The new Center which is under construction will be able to accommodate such challenges as social distancing.



Admissions

Admitting new girls have been a very difficult decision and move to make due to the fear of Covid 19.

Those who demanded for admission could not be easily convinced about our fears! We have taken 4 new pregnant girls and have been able to isolate them while offering the services at the centre. We have 23 girls at the center. 2 young mothers with their babies.

Martha was eventually taken by her guardians came for her, it was emotional seeing the acceptance from the family when they came to pick her and the baby up.



girls at the center praying



girls in infant care class

Outreach



Maria Visited at home

The young mums who are in the suburbs of Kampala have somehow received extra care than those far from the city. With the public outcry of the lack of food during the lockdown, we were compelled to visit some and take packets of food, baby clothes and clothing.

The 8 girls who have also been visited, a few items of toiletries and snacks were taken to them as well.



some of the items for use



Vocational Skills

Vocational Skills Classes have resumed

With social distancing, the vocational classes the girls have reopened including computer classes, candle making, cookery, tailoring, knitting and life skills such as infant care, bible study and play/ exercise time.

In infant class, girls were taught the importance of attending Antenatal clinic. Cord care, immunization, personal hygiene, the beauty of breastfeeding, labour and labour signs, and importance of taking a balanced diet.

It has been so exciting to see girls learning how to make stuff on a charcoal stove.



cookery class

Studying at Home / Sponsored Girls

Since March, schools have been closed. Students who have television sets have a special privilege of studying by the TV classes in their homes.

Many of Wakisa young mums do not share such privilege so they are missing out. Sylvia, one of the students, in the eastern part of Uganda expressed concern over the very poor conditions in her home and lack of food that affects her, her baby and grandma during this lockdown .Unfortunately we cannot get to her.

While the young mums under sponsorship are 36, the 27 in formal education are currently home during the lock down and 8 girls are attending Agricultural skills training at AGROMAX Institute where they are learning about planting, entrepreneurship and other services offered at the institute.



girls visitation at agromax



Deliveries

We are so grateful for your support to ensure safe deliveries of the babies and the girls. We have been able to take those in labour in time to hospital.

With the car sticker, my vehicle has served to transport the mothers who are in labour, as well as the day care taker

The babies born this month are 2,1 boy and 1 girl. All the girls have had ultra-sound scan and have had normal deliveries
Sarah had baby boy, and Elisha a baby girl



Elisha 16 and her baby

Elisha

Elisha is from a family of 5 siblings. She was sickly during her childhood. She has a speech impairment and is also mentally retarded.

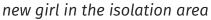
One day as she was bathing in a makeshift bathroom a man raped her, she never shared with anyone when she came back from bathing. After a while, her mother noticed signs of pregnancy and asked Elisha what was happening to her, that is when she opened up. She was taken for a medical check-up and later found to be pregnant.

Her father is a motorcyclist earning his living by carrying passengers on his motorcycle. He barely able to make ends meet, with an extended family that relies on him, they could not take care of Elisha's needs or protect her from the community stigma and so they brought her to Wakisa.

She had an episiotomy and epidural on delivery of her baby, so the pain has been managed by painkillers. Despite her mental state, Elisha loved tailoring and hopefully she can take in on at home to earn a living. She has gradually developed love and care of her baby and is alert to her needs.









some of the wakisa staff working









Please Pray

- That God will provide more funds for construction of the New Wakisa Centre to create much more needed space.
- · A vehicle for the Ministry.
- That the young mums will learn to love their babies unconditionally.
- That the incest survivor will forgive the perpetrator.
- Pray for all the people who are at the frontline of COVID 19

Know that we are also praying for you. We are praying for your health and safety, and for God to fill your hearts with His peace and encouragement during this time.

Thank you again for your generous support and for the prayers for each of these girls even during the delivery of their babies.

May God bless you as you continue to bless the vulnerable.

In Christ

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