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For 2 decades, Wakisa Ministries has been a sanctuary of hope, healing, and new beginnings for young mothers in crisis.

NEWSLETTER
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Celebrating

20 years!



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Wakisa Centre has received, through the police, a couple of juvenile delinquents who are pregnant, a clear indication of the scarcity of such services, while the need is great. It is somehow unnerving when such juveniles are put together with the group of cultured girls!

We remain ever so grateful for your prayers, great love and support to the Wakisa Ministries in its endeavours caring for the young mums and their babies. We do pray for the Lord's blessings upon you and your families.



COUNSELLING & ADMISSIONS

This month, 13 girls had individual counselling sessions with the counsellor. Conducted 1 group counselling sessions with girls.

This month the girls had 3 life skills classes. Lessons taught were:

- Orientation of new girls.
- Forgiveness.
- Given hope in God
- Behavioural change
- Life skills
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Avoiding rumor mongering and bickering

Admissions	7
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Discharge	2
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INFANT CARE

Topics taught were; Minor disorders in pregnancy, personal hygiene diet in pregnancy, the beauty of breastfeeding.

- 15 young pregnant mothers went to hospital for ultra ultrasound scan.
- 13 young pregnant mothers went for Antenatal
- 5 young pregnant mothers had Urinary Tract Infections.
- 2 had a respiratory tract infection
- 3 had vaginal candidiasis
- 1 sickler

DELIVERIES

These are not their real names.

NAME	AGE	SEX OF BABY	WEIGHT (KG)	MODE OF DELIVERY
1 Shillat	15	Boy	3.0	Normal Delivery





VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Cookery

In our Cookery class, the girls learned to make birthday cakes and chapatti.

Gardening

This month, the girls have harvested tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and planted spinach and collard.

Tailoring

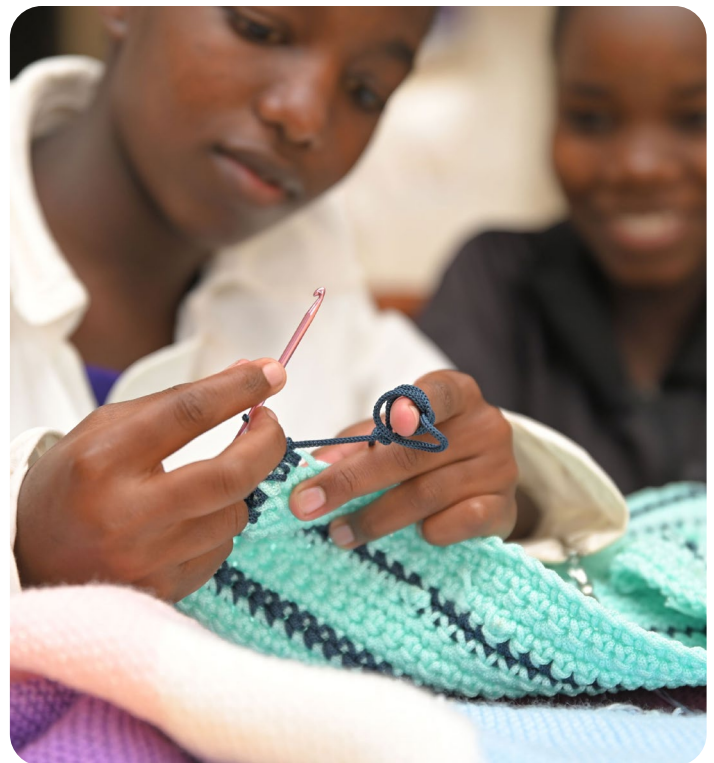
the main focus was put on learning the art of making skirts, baby dresses and shorts

Computer class

The new girls learned how to use the keyboard and the publisher application for work.

Bible class.

The girls learnt about the name of Jesus Christ and girls came to Christ



SPONSORSHIP

We have 37 girls in the sponsorship program.

- 6 students at university
- 6 students A 'level
- 15 students O'level
- 4 students in primary school.
- Vocational training 2 girls
- 4 students in senior four.
- 1 student in senior six.
- 5 students in senior five.
- 4 expected to join university in August 2025.

University

University students have finished their exams and they will be starting their internship.

Other students are preparing to go back to school. They have been in their holidays.



SPONSORSHIP

Followed up on 13 young mothers

- 04 young mothers who went through vocational training at Pope Paul are employed in different restaurants
- 01 young mother is employed in a shop
- 02 young mothers are practising the cookery skills they learnt at Wakisa whereby they fry samosa, doughnuts, half cakes in their village homes.
- 01 young mother who lost her baby immediately after birth, went back home joined presidential training initiative for women and studied hair dressing course for 6 months. She is looking for jobs as she waits for graduation.
- 01 young mother joined vocational school and she is pursuing tailoring course.
- 04 mothers are still nursing their babies as they wait for any arising opportunity



Adversity

Shiela (Not Real Name)

Shiela is 14-years-old and was admitted to Wakisa Ministries on the 19th of October 2024 at 10 weeks pregnant. She's the only girl and first-born child from a family of 3 children all from the same parents. Her father is a lorry driver of scrap metals while her mother is a housewife. Shiela has grown up with both her parents and siblings. At the time of her pregnancy, Shiela was in primary 6 in 2024. Her education has been a challenge as she was always in and out of school due to lack of school fees. With all innocence, she always believed both her parents loved her so much and she loved them back until her father turned her into a sex object!

One day, in June 2024 when they had finished breakfast, her father called her to the kids' bedroom and told her to remove her clothes and sleep on the bed, although Shiela was scared and fearful of him sleeping on her little body, she had to obey his command and at that point, he took his daughter's virginity! At that point, she hadn't even started her periods yet. After sexually abusing her, he told her what they had done was wrong and therefore cautioned her not to mention it to anyone and that it wouldn't happen again. That was a lie from the pit of hell!!! It was only the beginning of a sexual spree with his very own blood! Shiela had become like a sexual partner to her own father and he sexually molested her over 30 times. In August of 2024 she conceived and had no idea she was pregnant. It was while at school she had fallen sick and when she was taken to the hospital, it was noticed she was

pregnant. That was the first time she opened up and when the perpetrator was hunted, he escaped and her mother was left in shock! She couldn't believe this was happening behind her back. Shiela says her mother was very tough and she feared mentioning her ordeal to her. She was rescued and brought to Wakisa Ministries. Wakisa has been home and school for her, she's loved it here as it is a safe haven for her.

Her time at Wakisa has been beautiful although she had to deal with the traumas, the support she received from both staff, her peers, and above all, God has enabled her overcome her challenges. From the day she came to Wakisa to- date, she has always been very respectful to both the staff and her peers, committed to whatever she puts her hands to and very cooperative with everyone.

Shiela has learnt most of the vocational skills at Wakisa. She has excelled in the tailoring class although she says it wasn't an easy start. In the beginning peddling the machine was very tough, making of straight lines, cutting cloth and use of the tape measure that comes along with mathematics was a huge challenge. However, she never gave up! She was always focused, passionate and dedicated to grasp every step, all the way. She has so far made a skirt, short, baby bibs and is onto learning a short. She's confident she can use the machine with a lot of ease and skill.

In the early morning hours, the 18th of this month, Shiela welcomed her bouncing baby boy into the world with the help of the Wakisa midwives at the Wakisa Maternity Center! She is the second young teenage mother to give birth at the new maternity ward. Today her baby is 8 days old and she adores her baby.

Shiela was of the Moslem faith when she came to Wakisa Ministries. At the time she had a lot of anger and resentment towards her father but sitting under God's she was able to let go and forgave him. When she did, she says, "she felt a lot of peace and freedom". On Mother's Day, 4th of May she made a decision to follow Jesus Christ and accepted His Lordship.

When she returns home, she hopes to go back to school after her baby has grown a little older so that she can achieve her dream of becoming a primary school teacher. However, before school, she'd love to put to use the skills acquired at Wakisa so she can support her baby.



Fanny (Not real name)

The Probation officer contacted Wakisa Ministries to save Fanny's life. Fanny was almost lynched by an angry community where she had run from for a period of 3 months. She had run away from the home of her grandparents after torching the house and burnt part of it to the ground. Her grandparents had woken up to a thick smoke which choked them!! Fanny had always been a problem child to her grandparents.

For three months, Fanny was on the run, living a reckless life, sleeping on the streets with different

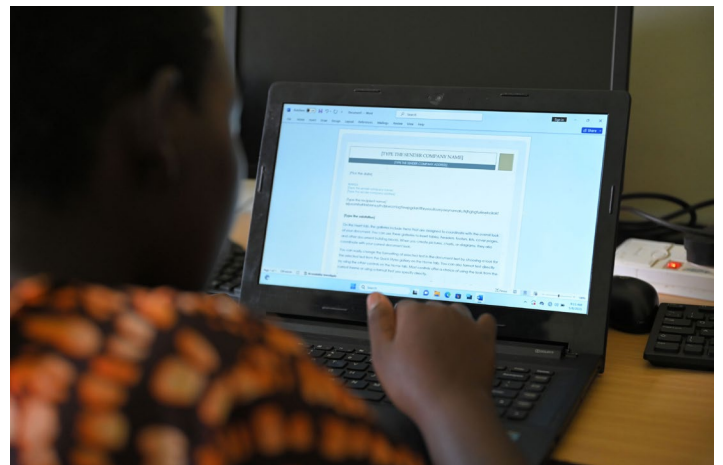
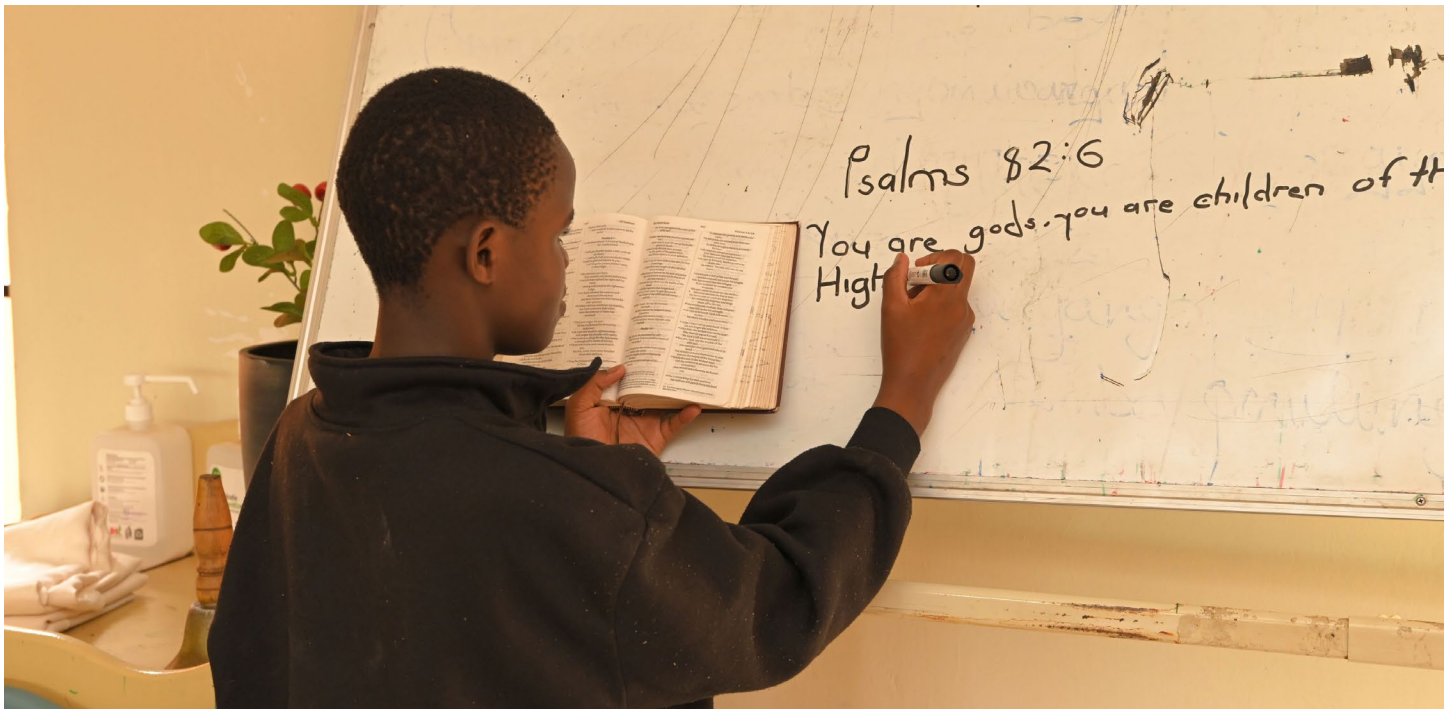
men, sniffing gasoline as well as smoking marijuana! She thought she would go back to her grandparents when she found out that she was pregnant. The grandparents had forgiven her but not the community!

She will have to stay at Wakisa for some time even after giving birth until her community is sensitised to forgive her.

We pray that Fanny will realize her waywardness and make a decision to become a God-fearing person. Please pray for Wakisa Ministries staff as handle Fanny and Christine who are

OUTING

The girls recently went on an outing, where they had the wonderful opportunity to visit a local setup. There were hands-on baking sessions and each girl came back with a freshly baked cake. It was a joyful and interactive experience





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