

Newsletter

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Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

As we come to the close of the year, the November edition brings to you uplifting stories showcasing our strides through your support. From the latest updates on our health centre construction to the babies born this month, your partnership continues to drive our impactful initiatives.

THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE AND CARE AND SUPPORT!!!

Christmas is almost here, and it brings joy to everyone at Wakisa Ministries. The center strives to make it a memorable day for every girl.

“ I pray that God will touch your heart to send a love gift to provide a present for each of the 24 girls who are currently here. The love of God through Christ will be reflected as we celebrate the Prince of Peace and Great Counselor! ”

Share a Gift This December

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Health Center Construction

We are grateful to God for the progress made in the construction of the health center. We are excited to see how far it has come and we eagerly anticipate the day when antenatal care, ultrasound scans, and normal deliveries can be carried out here. Unfortunately, heavy rains over the past two months have slowed down the construction process. The builders are unable to work when the rains persist for hours on end.



Admissions and Counselling

While we have admitted 80 pregnant young girls from January to November, we have had 100 newborn babies!

The girls have received individual counselling sessions with our professional counsellor and most of them have been able to cope with their trauma

Guardians and parents have received tele-counselling sessions regarding their daughters. As for life skills class, girls have learnt the art of forgiveness of family members and people who have hurt them. They were taught to adopt positive behaviours, values, and attitudes to handle challenges and daily life.





November Deliveries

NO.	NAME	AGE	SEX	WEIGHT(KG)	MODE OF DELIVERY
1.	Maria	17	boy	2.0	normal delivery
2.	Esther	16	Boy	2.8	C/Section
3.	Agnes	16	Boy	3.1	C/Section
4.	Naomi	17	Girl	3.0	normal delivery
5.	Viola	15	Girl	2.9	C/section

Infant Care

The girls have been taught the importance of attending Antenatal visits, birth preparedness, true and false labour signs, the daily needs of a newborn and the importance of breastfeeding.

All the girls were taken for Antenatal visits with ultrasound scanning and some with sexually transmitted diseases were treated and made well.



Vocational skills

Cookery

Hellen 16 years old enjoys the cookery class. She said, "I have learnt how to prepare chapati, doughnuts and spiced rice."

Gardening

During this month, the girls weeded cassava and skuma wiki, we also harvested the skuma wiki and cassava that was enjoyed by the girls during meals. We thank God for our harvests.

Tailoring

"I love tailoring class because its practical, hands-on and easy to remember. The teacher makes it easy to learn." Said Monica a 16-year-old mum-to-be.



Art and craft

"Knitting class is easy and I have been able to grasp everything taught like sponge making, doormat, earrings, baby blanket. Now I can make products without any supervision." Said Christine a 14-year-old mum-to-be.

Computer class

"I have learnt how to write a letter, put headings, change font, colour and size of a document. It will help me to do research when I get back to school." Said Esther a 16-year-old mother-to-be.

Bible class

The Bible teacher taught the girls the importance of repentance towards God and other people when they do something wrong. This was derived from the parable of the prodigal son





Some success Stories

Vocational Skills

It is a great encouragement to see these young mothers now fully taking on the tailoring, cookery and gardening classes, computer lessons and Bible studies.

One Marion (not her real name), is currently seven months pregnant and has a hearing impairment. Despite this, she has learned the art of tailoring through demonstration and is now able to make dresses.

Asphat, who now has a 3-month-old baby, had some behavioural issues when she first arrived. However, she eventually accepted Jesus Christ and stopped fighting with the other girls. She even became the leader of the month! She now reads and memorizes the word of God.

School Sponsorship Programme

Shakira one of the sponsored girls is in Senior 2 with a baby. She has made us proud as she has performed extremely well in all the subjects in the three semesters!! She is also involved in extracurricular activities in which she excels!! Shakira was raped by her uncle

Impact- Aziza 15yrs

Aziza is the second born of 9 children with a polygamous Muslim father. Her mother and father separated while she was still young and she went to live with her mother and grandmother. She went to school but dropped out in P.5 first term due to lack of fees. One day on his visit to see her, it was her first time to see her father, the father forcibly took her from the grandmother's place to another district in a one-roomed house where he was staying with his wife and 4 children. Attempts by the grandmother and mother to get her back were all in vain. His wife left the home shortly after the arrival of Aziza and she remained with her 14-year-old brother and 8-year-old sister.

One fateful day, the father returned home drunk in the middle of the night and he gagged her and sexually assaulted her, she was not able to scream for help. She was

scared she knew what the father had done was not right. The next morning, he burnt the bedsheets because they had blood. He threatened to cut her tongue out if she told anyone and out of fear, she decided to keep it to herself. For the next month, at nightfall, he would send the wife and kids out on errands to get alone time with her sometimes in front of her siblings. Every day, fear and anxiety creped in as the day came to an end, she knew her fate but she was helpless. It had become too much and she had had enough.

The brother decided to report to an uncle in the neighbourhood what the father was doing. The uncle reported to the authorities who arrested the father. Aziza was rescued and brought to Wakisa Ministries. As we embark on a journey of healing, we ask for your prayers and support.



Impact- Annet 15yrs

Nakato Annet is a 15-year-old young teenage mother who was at Wakisa Ministries. She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and after, she was reunited with her family in Zygote Mityana district in October 2023. Nakato was a very good, obedient, respectful, and caring young girl. She also had a good sense of humour and brought about joy and laughter among all who were around her. She was very participative in class, and devotions and always attempted her assignments.

When Annet became pregnant, her relationship with her mother turned very bitter and her mother was very angry and disappointed with her and had never forgiven her. One of the homework she was given was to write a letter of apology to her mother. She wrote 2 letters one for her file at Wakisa Ministries and the other she was to take to her mother when she went back home. Since

Annet heeded the instruction of doing her homework, on discharge she took the written apology to her mother and when she read it, she forgave her daughter and was overly excited because Annet was repentant. Annet was very happy because her mother forgave her. Their relationship was restored.

Annet learnt several skills that she has put into practice when she reunited with her family. As she waits to resume school, her family has been very supportive and has given her some start-up capital so she can implement whatever she learnt from the cookery class while at Wakisa Ministries. She's going to start frying mandazi and samosas and sell them at the trading centre. Annet plans to expand her business so she can continue supporting herself and her baby girl. She left a transformed person thanks to your support.

Visiting Teams

This month was truly special as it was crowned with the heart-warming visits of 2 incredible groups- Stanbic Bank and the compassionate students from Bluemoon International School. These compassionate individuals came to spread joy and support, bringing with them not just generous gifts but also an abundance of kindness and warmth. The girls at the centre were not only blessed by their presence but were deeply touched by the thoughtful gifts that accompanied these visits. The shared moments of care and generosity left a mark on the hearts of the young mothers.



Sponsorship

We have 40 girls in the Sponsorship program.

As the year comes to an end, all the students in the sponsorship program have broken off from school for the holiday. We are excited to inform you that all our girls performed well and were promoted to the next class while some girls sat for final exams and we are waiting for their results.

Please pray for Dinah one of the students with severe epilepsy. She has not been able to get back to school, she has been kept at home in the rural areas on local traditional medicines for a long time.

Please pray for one of the students in senior who has been expelled from school this last semester due to a second pregnancy.

We have 21 girls on the waiting

May God touch you to give towards the who are continuing their school at the various levels.

Every amount you give makes it possible for a young mother to attend school

MAY GOD BLESS YOU INDEED AS YOU GIVE LOVE TO THE CAUSE OF WAKISA DURING THIS CHRISTMAS TOWARDS SCHOOL FEES, FEEDING AND SKILLING OF THE GIRLS.

Thank you so Much for all your support. It is Much appreciated

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

In Christ

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