



Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Christmas greetings to you ! Unto us a CHILD JESUS CHRIST was born. We are ever so grateful for your support ,so thankful to the Lord God for the care,prayers and love towards these young mothers.

We give glory to God for your partnership which is greatly appreciated.

The Closure of the home seems to be indefinate though we submitted the application forms for a license a month ago .The waiting seems too long, it's almost 4 months since the closure.

Sandra (17yrs) came with a teacher from school. Betty (18yrs) was referred to Wakisa ministries and Mary(14yrs) was raped by a family member. All the 3 are pregnant but we have not been able to take them in due to the licence. However we are;

- Offering counselling to those who have come at Wakisa with Crisis Pregnancy
- Following up on young mothers who have gone back home
- Offering Baby clothes,clothing and counselling.
- Short listing the young mothers and soliciting funds to take them back to school.
- We have set up a vocational day class for young mothers who are near and the girls in vacation .
- Visted schools and distributed YOUTH AIM HIGH booklets.and Introduced a LEARN FROM ME PROGRAMME
- Becoming the leading Trauma counselling trainers for nurses, teachers and church ministers in the country

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When a teenage daughter in Uganda breaks the news that she was pregnant to her parents. It is shock, accusation and blame, and rarely any compassion and understanding. It is our heart's desire at Wakisa Ministries to protect the girls and children and ensure that they lead the best possible life.

Uganda is said to have one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy rate in Sub Saharan Africa. One in four women in Uganda have a child by nineteen (Guardian – we see Mothers Die and children die: Uganda's Teen Pregnancy Crisis). The purpose of the centre is to provide information, counselling and support to girls aged 10 -19.

There will be an impact by the closure of the centre, girls who become pregnant will be traumatised, more at risk. They may be accepted in the home but they become second class citizens.'This issue is very complex and affects the whole community.

Wakisa Ministries was and is trying to shine a light on the issue of teenage pregnancy, why it is happening and the impact on the girl and the family's life.



ACTIVITIES

We are no longer managing the crisis but are having a paradigm shift now, maintaining our main objective of Promotion of dignity and self-esteem of young girls especially those with crisis pregnancy.

Genesis 50:20 is so true at such a time as this at Wakisa Ministries since the closure.

“YOU INTENDED HARM BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD. HE BROUGHT ME TO POSITION SO MANY LIVES COULD BE SAVED”



followup home visit



clergy trauma counselling in Bunyoro Kitara



girls at the table



clergy trauma counselling in Kitara diocese



young mothers learning vocational skills



girls at the center

HIGHLIGHTS

- We have been in 3 schools in the month of November and talked to over 5000 students and pupils on how to be sexually pure. The Youth Aim High books have been distributed.
- This is a long holiday and we have embarked on teaching lessons in cookery, bible study, tailoring ,computer and Sexuality. We are running a day holiday program for both young mothers and girls where 30 girls have registered.
- These two months, 17 phone calls have been received, from pregnant girls near and far who are in crisis pregnancy. We have managed to offer counselling by phone and endeavoured to visit them.
- One 17-year-old disabled pregnant girl was dropped at our gate when we were about to close. She had a letter from the police, we kept her for a night and we contacted a member of her family and paid for her transport to this family member to the western part of Uganda. She was raped by at the bus park at night when she had come to Kampala to get herself a new pair of shoes for the crippled feet!
- We have trained 50 pastors of Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese in Trauma Counselling Workshop.
- We are in the process of mobilising funds for 30 more young mothers to reintegrate them into schools on addition to the 20 who are under the scholarship program.



girls at the center



young mothers in training



young mothers learning vocational skills

GIRLS VISITED AND GIVEN MATERIALS SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE MINISTRIES

NAMES	ADDRESS	AGE
Umubyeyi Winnie.	Wakaliga	16
Waaki Zura.	Bweyogere.	17
Nabaakoba Teopista.	Kapeeka.	14
Kansiime hasifa.	Mukono	15
Nabwire Evelyn.	Wakiso.	15
Achieng faith.	Nansana.	15
Namataka rose.	Magere.	16
Nalunkuma charity.	Namayumba.	15
Namirembe Catherine.	Buddo.	17
Bisirikirwa masitula.	Mukono.	17

Girls whose help was sent by bus because they come from very far

Nyebare papius.	Rukunngiri.	14
Amuge Sara.	kumi.	17
Nalyaki Sylvia(refugee).	kiryandongo.	17

Girls given clothes and clothing from the center

Apio innocent.	Gulu.	14
Namulondo Lydia.	Iganga.	14
Giramia Esther.	Bullisa.	16
Namuddu Anita.	Gomba.	16

Girls who were given help before they left the center

Ayesiga Daisy, Nakawe Irene, Nakaketo sharifa, Atwongirwe mercy and Ahumuza Shakira.
-We have been reaching out on phone to those in remote areas, praying for them and with them. Some parents had taken their pregnant daughters from Wakisa Ministries to distant relatives in remote villages due to social stigma so communication by phone is poor.
In all we give thanks to God for all He enabled us to do.

Gratitude and Appeal

Thanks again for all your great support. We appeal to you during this festive season to;

- Sponsorship of a young mother in school
- Purchasing a van for school with Learn from Me talks and outreach program for pregnant girls who call us.
- Training of pastors and Teachers in Trauma Counselling.
- Printing another 5000 copies of Youth Aim High.
- Continue with the holiday training in vocational skills



On visiting the Teopista (14 yrs) the outreach team found out that she had no clothes for the baby ,she was carrying her baby in an old sheet.



wakisa girls in school



home follow visit -



Betty with her baby at home

**May the good Lord bless you and reward you for your love, prayers and all support .
Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.**



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