



*girls tending to the garden*

## **Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,**

Wakisa Ministries is not only a temporary shelter but a home away from home for pregnant young girls. The newest 13-year-old girl Mary is here not because of rejection by her single mum but for safety. The family of the abuser of Mary has threatened to kill both little Mary and her single poor mum for reporting the rape case to the police and for having their son go to prison!! This mother is now scared and plans to run away from the danger that may be inflicted upon them. Wakisa Center is the safe haven for Mary as her mother looks for a new house to rent.

While seventy percent of parents/guardians have received their daughters and babies well back home, three girls are still unwelcomed by family. Parents are still bitter and angry. We have received the young mothers back and will continue sheltering them as we look for the other family members.

A moslem young pregnant girl walked into my office to say she had accepted Jesus and has forgiven her father which drove me to tears.



## Challenges on Resettlement

It is hard to witness the parents or guardians disowning a daughter on resettlement of young mums in their homes. Parents may seem to have forgiven their daughter but what's on the ground is another story.

Jen (not her real name) 17 years was brought back because the wife of her guardian (maternal uncle) moved out of home as Jen was taken back! She would not have anything to do with Jen and the baby

The uncle in a fix urged Wakisa to keep Jen for an unspecified period of time His wife's total rejection of Jen after staying with them for 8 years is a clear indication that he and his wife needed counselling which they had not accepted.

Jen's mother stays upcountry and is in poor condition, her father and grandma passed on and she can only be with her uncle. She will stay here until her uncle finds her a boarding school. He wants the baby to be taken to a baby's home.

Kim has also been brought back to Wakisa to stay. Kim (not her real name) is 14. The mother, also a single parent had totally refused to visit her daughter while at Wakisa. We decided to take the baby to her thinking that she would see the baby and Kim and so change her mind.

Unfortunately, the mother made a scene and wailed and uttered some death threats to her daughter. Jane our counsellor had to come back with Kim. We have engaged the Probation Officer to see other Charity organizations that can take in a girl and her baby. We have more girls whose babies are due so we need to create space.

We thank God that Zuena and her baby were taken in by a good Samaritan on the resettlement as a small house is being constructed for Zuena's aunt. Her auntie is currently in a small mud house which is unfit for Zuena's baby who was premature. The auntie is grateful that she can live somewhere better and she is thankful to the contribution so far made. There is a need to have the small two-roomed house started and completed in two phases

## At the Center



There is a very lively and vibrant mood among the girls on Sundays as the service is packed with praises accompanied by good piano playing in the background.

The girls have new version bibles each which they use every day.

Thanks to Entrust for the musical machines that you bought for Wakisa Ministries.

Wakisa has sheltered 41 girls this month of which three have been safely resettled back with their families. Mums and babies are well.

## Medically

It is a rainy season and there has been a number of girls with coughs and colds and other diseases and have been treated. Angela's child has been throwing up since birth and she had to go back to the hospital for admission for a week.

Girls have been empowered with LIFE skills and this has positively contributed to their emotional well-being and behaviour change.

## Stella - 17 years

Stella comes from a family of 5 and she is the firstborn, the father abandoned them when they were still young and the mother brought them up single-handedly. She was exposed to all kinds of behaviour at the age of 8. Stella became rebellious and ran away from home to stay with other family members and didn't go to school. She took to the streets and she used to get food from men who gave her money. She is not aware of the father of the baby and her family has nothing to do with her. PLEASE PRAY FOR HER.



## Deliveries

Two babies a boy and a girl have been delivered. One baby is premature and has been put on special care. He is progressing well.

Racheal	16 years	baby girl	normal delivery
Stella	17 years	baby boy	normal delivery



## Follow Up & Youth Empowerment

On following up the young mums back home, it has been evidently clear that parents are still ashamed of a daughter getting pregnant and perturbed by the expenses they incur taking care of a new family member.

Some of the girls who are resettled back home have had a fair share of emotional stress, guilt and shame. Parents bring up criticism, rebuke

and remind their daughter of their past mistakes This causes emotional stress and needs counselling. The young mums who were visited were 14 in their respective homes. 4 girls are in employment and 7 girls are not employed. 1 girl was taken on by an organization and she is learning more skills in tailoring.

The YOUTH AIM HIGH booklet is widely being used in schools and homes in and around Kampala and beyond to help the youth restrain and keep themselves pure.

Wakisa Ministries has embarked on the Preventative Measures to Pregnancy by distributing the booklets.





## Sponsorship

There are 35 girls in the Sponsorship program. 2 students at the University. 6 students in vocational studies, 4 students in A level, 16 students in O-level and 7 students in Primary education. They are all settled in well and their teachers gave good reports about them on the school visits. Students were advised to work harder.



## Vocational Skills

The classes in tailoring, cookery, arts and craft, computer and gardening and bible study keep the Wakisa spirit burning. We thank God for the skills the girls have acquired. The ones that have performed well and are recommended by the trainers have received Start up kits of a Tailoring machine and cookery kits.

It is most encouraging to see these young mums making their maternity wear, skirts, baking and icing cakes and enjoying what they are learning.

## New Agromax Intake

We have 10 girls who completed their 6 months Agriculture course. 5 girls joined Agromax this month to train in modern Agriculture. All girls starting at Agromax tested negative for pregnancy. Girls were provided with scholastic materials and counselled at the center.



## Visitors

Visitors and visiting teams inspire not only girls but the team of staff at Wakisa. We were excited to see Rochelle from Worldshare. She shared a message on self-care from I Kings 19:17 Isaiah. She held a team-building session with the staff and treated us to a sumptuous meal. She gave gifts to the girls of menstrual kits and shared biscuits with the team. Staff received gifts of inspiring books. Another team from TRIM ministries visited and encouraged the girls and gave gift items as well.

*The medical demands and deliveries are high and we have incurred an unpaid bill of 15,000,000 Ugshs*

*It is my prayer that you assist us in paying the medical bills*

*I pray we will have our Health Center completed which curb our treatment bills.*

*THANK YOU FOR ALL for your love, care and support toward the innocent little ones and the young mums and the skills they acquire.*

*Your support is a blessing to the girls not only in physically but also spiritually for the young mothers.*

**In Christ**

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