



learning skills at the center

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We are extremely grateful to God for His faithfulness, for safe deliveries of babies, for healing of trauma of the young mums, for vocational skilling, for school's reopening and for those that have come to Christ, and for the acquisition of musical instruments! For musical instruments for the PRAISE AND WORSHIP for Wakisa Ministries.

We are so thankful to God for opening your

hearts and hands to work with us as we care for and train the young mums of Wakisa Ministries. The rainy season is here at last, crops in the garden are thriving and it is green and lush.

The 39 girls that have been sheltered of which 7 have had their babies have been involved in the following activities : counselling , vocational skills

Counselling

The girls have been supported through counselling and life skills. They have had routine counselling and seven young mothers have been resettled back to their communities. Counselling has enabled girls to gain low levels of emotional stress and forgiveness towards those that hurt them including their families. They have been equipped with life skills too



Resettlement

Most of the girls and their babies who were resettled have parents who are in dire poverty in rural areas. Though parents were able to forgive the daughters, their main concern was one more mouth added to a big family to feed when the economy does not look good in the country.

Resettlement challenges

Matilda, Maria and Elizabeth now with babies may stay here at Wakisa for a longer period as they wait for their resettlement plans.

Matilda's stepdad is the one responsible for her pregnancy so the auntie is taking her up but still figuring out how she will keep Matilda safe since she was being threatened by the stepfather and the mother was not happy about the imprisonment of her husband.

Maria is a community child. She is being looked after by a good Samaritan who is also a vulnerable old woman and might not be able to take care of both Maria and her baby.

As for Elizabeth, the community is judging her despite the obvious abuse of her father.





Deliveries

September's babies were 7 with 1 boy and 5 girls. All mothers and babies are healthy.

Matilda	16 years	normal	girl
Mercy	13 years	C/Section	girl
Angela	14 years	C/section	girl
Elizabeth	15 years	C/Section	boy
Ritah	18 years	c/section	girl
Jennifer	17 years	C/section	girl

PRAISE AND WORSHIP have become more lively as the girls heavy as they are, joyfully praise the Lord God with a modern keyboard, loudspeakers and all accessories that are part of these instruments!

Thanks to ENTRUST for making it possible for Wakisa to have lively Christian Worship! The girls were thrilled and excited to have them and it is my prayer that the songs we sing with these instruments will be a pleasing aroma to our GOD.



Vocational Skills

The vocational skills programme is one sure programme that is equipping the girls with hands-on work. They feel so proud when they master a skill which they can show to their families if and when they go home.

The rainy season is here, so vegetables, Irish potatoes and maize have been planted. Vegetables such as cabbages, spinach and collard with a lot of cassava trees have also been planted.

The only dilemma we have in the garden is monkeys which become a nuisance and feed on our food from the neighbouring forest! No size of scarecrow has yet scared them away!

Wakisa has started start-up kits mainly sewing machines and utensils for cookery to help young mums who cannot go back to school start small businesses for themselves and their families.

In cookery, girls have learnt how to make soft fluffy chapatis, doughnuts, local pancakes and banana crisps. In tailoring, class girls have learnt to make sanitary towels, dresses and skirts. The young mothers were taught about personal hygiene, breastfeeding, malaria in pregnancy, cord care and baby bathing.

Girls were empowered with quick as well as easy-to-make crafts skills, i.e., they learnt how to make manila files, on how to make liquid soap and they also got to know the prices. Computer class is now equipped after we received a donation of more laptops from Absa bank, this has given us an opportunity to learn and girls are mastering how to type. Bible Study In the Alpha Course girls learnt the following; Being a people of God. The family of God and the body of Christ.



Joan

Joan is currently employed as a Florist.

19-year-old Joan was born in the Northern part of Uganda. Both her parents are peasants and she has got 5 siblings. When Joan was raped by an uncle, she became pregnant but her family was abandoned and her parents stopped paying school fees. They could not also take care of her child.

Hope Venture through Wakisa Ministries sponsored Joan to go study Agriculture skills at Agromax. While at Agromax, the team from Wakisa Ministries would visit and counsel her and this gave Joan hope.

Immediately after her studies at Agromax in 2021, she got herself a job as a trainee in flower management. She was applying the same skills she attained at Agromax to grow and take care of flowers. She is now a florist and she is managing and growing flowers and thereafter she sells the flowers to earn an income.

She plants and grows Puber Roses, Leather fun plants and flowers, Rupus, Rose flowers, Red and white roses and coca leaves and plants. Joan is grateful for having studied at Agromax because now she is confident with the florist business as well as she can grow and take care of the majority of plants. With the income, she can support her daughter.

She is extremely grateful to Hope Venture for taking care of her and supporting her with vocational skilling in agriculture when she had lost all hope.

Incest case

Elizabeth 17 years with a two-week-old baby will be kept at Wakisa for an unspecified number of months. She has a community that blames her after the imprisonment of her father.

She is from a family of 11 And she's the second born, the parents separated when they were still young and the kids stayed behind with their father. They both remarried and Elizabeth and the 4 kids stayed and had no chance to go to school. They would stay at home doing chores while their friends in government schools too

The kids stayed with their father and stepmother who would never have time for them, their stepmother was always absent so the father took advantage of that and started abusing her sexually and would even threaten her all the time that he would kill her if she ever talked to anyone about the abuse.

Elizabeth would report to the stepmother and she didn't respond. One time she tried to run away but she was intercepted along the way and brought back home. The abuse

was overwhelming and the I don't care attitude of the stepmother so she confided in a friend who planned and they escaped and reported to the mother and it was too late. She had already conceived and the father was reported to the police. he was arrested but later released due to community pressure and family members who justified the abuse and some saying that she was old enough, when the father was released, he ran away from the village to another village but this girl remained under threat, so she was referred to Wakisa Ministries.

While at Wakisa Elizabeth was taken through several counselling sessions to overcome her trauma, stress ad fears, she gave birth to a baby boy this month but again is worried about how she will cope with the community stigma and who will take care of the baby. The mother is remarried somewhere and does not want to know anything. Elizabeth is equipped with vocational skills and her interest is in cookery, she is good at making sanitary towels. She is still undergoing postnatal counselling and she needs prayers to help her cope with her situation.



Sponsorship

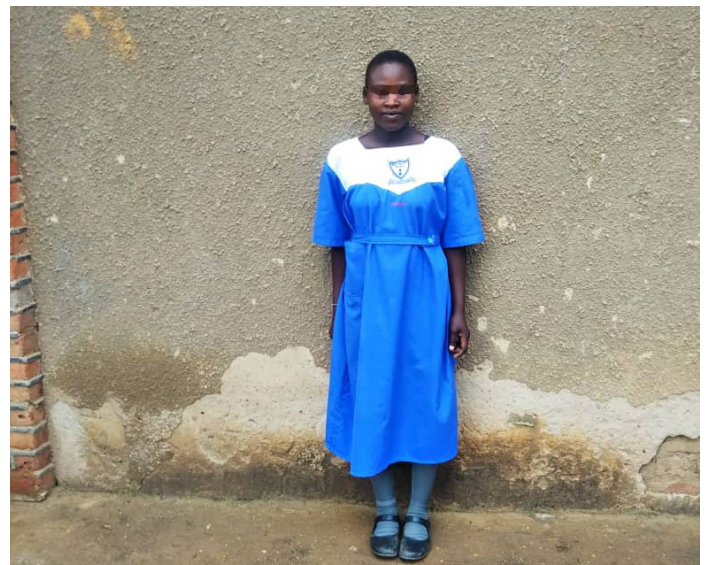
Girls were visited and the candidates are preparing to sit for their final examinations. We have 40 girls sponsored. 2 students at university, 11 students in vocational studies, 4 students in A level, 16 students in O-level and 7 students in primary education.

Girls have all settled in well at school for their third term. Candidates are getting ready for their final exams.

At one of the school's meetings, parents/guardians were informed about the reason for the rise in school fees. That due to the rise in

prices of petrol and essential commodities in the country, the schools had to increase fees to meet the demands.

Young mums at Agromax were visited to monitor their well-being and given scholastic requirements. 10 girls at Agromax have completed their DIT examinations and have started their holidays. Girls were counselled on how to love themselves and others. They celebrated this achievement by cutting the cake. Let's congratulate them on this great achievement.



Health

Girls have received antenatal care and have gone for ultrasound scanning. Sick mothers have received treatments. At the visit by Mildmay, the girls were all retested for HIV. One was found with HIV (Wakisa was already aware of this as she had been taken for an antenatal check). There is a new one who is also HIV positive. These two have started taking retroviral drugs very well. They need your prayers.

The number of C-sections and medical treatments has caused a steady increase in our bills in the hospital which I am appealing to you to assist. The new health structure will bring down the costs once completed.



The girls join me in saying THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE, COMMITMENT AND GENEROUS SPIRIT

May God bless you, and may you continue to support this cause mainly the building of the health centre.

In Christ

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