

Newsletter

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Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

We marvel at the goodness of the Lord as newborn babies, baskets of food and birthday celebrations have taken centre stage during the month of September! It is a season of heavy rains and the girls have enjoyed the harvest of cassava!

THANK YOU for all the support!

THANK YOU for the prayers!

September Prayer

May God touch you to give towards the young girls at the center. **Every amount you give counts to making our work possible**

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Counselling and admissions

70% of the girls who are between the ages of 14 and 16 come from very poor families and single-parent families. Sadly, most of these girls have never been in school. We now have a volunteer who is willing to offer numeracy and literacy lessons. **“Youth Aim High”** a booklet written in English about sexual purity for young people with stories to learn from has been explained in Luganda for them to understand.

Among the 5 new admissions is Betty (not her real name) a deaf and dumb girl whose communication with fellow girls had proved

impossible. We were compelled to hire a sign language teacher for a day to take us through a few signs so as to communicate with her.

As a result, her fellow girls can communicate using the few signs they learned. Betty has also mellowed and relaxed. She is the second deaf young mum we have received with speech and hearing impairment this year. The learning of the sign language was a great eye-opener and exciting to both girls and staff. They realised that this was another language.



Health & Infant Care & Deliveries

First aid for minor injuries, handling a baby with tantrums, birth preparedness, toilet hygiene and baby bathing were the main topics in the Health

Deliveries

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| Juliet | Girl | 2kg | Normal delivery |
| Asia | Boy | 3kg | c/section |
| Asiphath | Boy | 2.8kg | c/section |
| Shadia | Boy | 3kg | c/section |
| Pamela | Boy | 3.7kg | c/section |

- 7 pregnant girls went for a scan this month.
- 13 pregnant girls went for antenatal this month.
- 8 young pregnant girls are receiving treatment for Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)



Sponsorship

We have 41 girls in the sponsorship program.

- > 5 girls in university
- > 9 girls in vocational school
- > 5 girls in A-level
- > 15 girls in O level
- > 7 girls in primary

All the girls in the sponsorship program reported back to school for their last term of the year. We have 6 girls in candidate classes, 2 in S.6, 2 in S.4 and 2 in P.7 and preparing to sit for their final exams. Let's keep them in prayer.

Vocational skills

Cookery

This month the main topic has been cakes, the girls have learnt to bake cake in a saucepan and charcoal stove and how to ice the cake.

Gardening

There has been a good harvest of cassava and the kitchen staff Sharon fries it for the girls to enjoy for breakfast. Vegetables such as Collard (Sukuma) and coriander were transplanted and are doing well, the girls have been weeding through their vegetable garden and will soon be harvesting.

Tailoring (mending class)

The tailoring class has done a good job repairing the old sofa in the dormitory TV hall. This has taught the girls to mend old clothes and sofas.

Art and craft

Tassel earrings have been the highlight of this month with the teacher giving creative freedom to the girls to come up with unique designs.

Computer class

"I really enjoy the typing master." Said Martha when asked about her computer sessions this month. Typing master is a game the teacher uses to teach how to place their hands on the keyboard and type.

Bible class

The Bible teacher taught the girls about the power of faith." I have faith that I will have a safe delivery of my baby." exclaimed one of the girls as she passed by the bible teacher.



Family Tracing

In the course of family tracing and resettling, one 17-year-old girl was finally resettled to her family. She had given a false identity to the police who found her on the street and brought her to Wakisa Ministries.

She eventually opened up and revealed her true name and family which was contacted by our dedicated social worker. In fear of her parents, Shad ran away from home and took to the streets when she found out she was pregnant. The police found her in an unhealthy state, rescued her and brought her to Wakisa Ministries. She was brought when she was two months pregnant and has become healthier and stable in all ways.



Nat

In the last week of September, a 14-year-old and 6 months pregnant was brought to us from a rural area. She came with her ARVS treatment for Aids. She had been on the drugs for 3 months after she tested positive!!

Wakisa Ministries has obtained the HIV testing kits and when Nat was tested her results were negative. She was taken again tested as it is mandatory for her during the antenatal visit and was found negative, so we had to remove her from taking the drugs!

WE THANK GOD FOR THE RESULTS

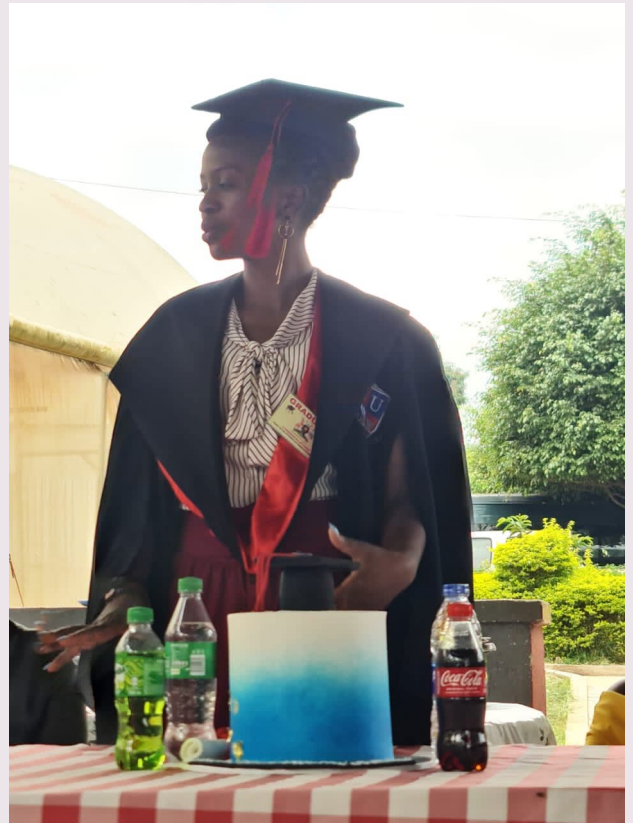


FORTUNATE

Fortunate is one of the young mums who was trained in modern agriculture for a 6-month course at Agromax sponsored by the Hope Venture organization.

Fortunate was retained by Agromax to work after the six-month course as she proved a hard-working girl to our joy and satisfaction. She later took a part-time university certificate course for one year and successfully completed it. She graduated this September. She is still working at Agromax and with this certificate in Administration, Fortunate is most likely to acquire a better job elsewhere.

The remarkable transformation of Fortunate has been notable and worth sharing. Fortunate comes from a rural area and she thought she had lost all opportunities of going back to school. We are thankful to you for your support for such young girls. She attributes her success to the support and advice she got at Wakisa Ministries and the counselling she received.



Thank you for all your support for such vulnerable young mums. You have made them secure a clear better future and that of their babies.



construction work is ongoing at the center for the medical wing

WAKISA ALUMNI in a YOUTH CONFERENCE!

It was so exciting to have 10 Wakisa former young mums present group talks at a Youth conference. These are some who have been in our Sponsorship programme. 300 young boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 17 attended the conference in Kitende. These 10

young mums did a brilliant job talking to the groups about their life stories and what God has taken them through. They were able to answer the questions young people battled with on sexuality. We are grateful to God for the young mothers who could attend.



Please continue to pray for the Ministry and support us financially to meet the needs of the Ministry and the beneficiaries.

May the good Lord Bless you and your family.

In Christ

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