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Dear Friend and Partner

Greetings from Wakisa Ministries, it is always a pleasure to share the April news of the Ministry with you.

We thank God for the outpouring of your love through your prayers and financial support that sustains the ministry and growth of the unborn ones as well as the mothers who carry them. The Lord is transforming lives of these young mothers to the glory of His Name.



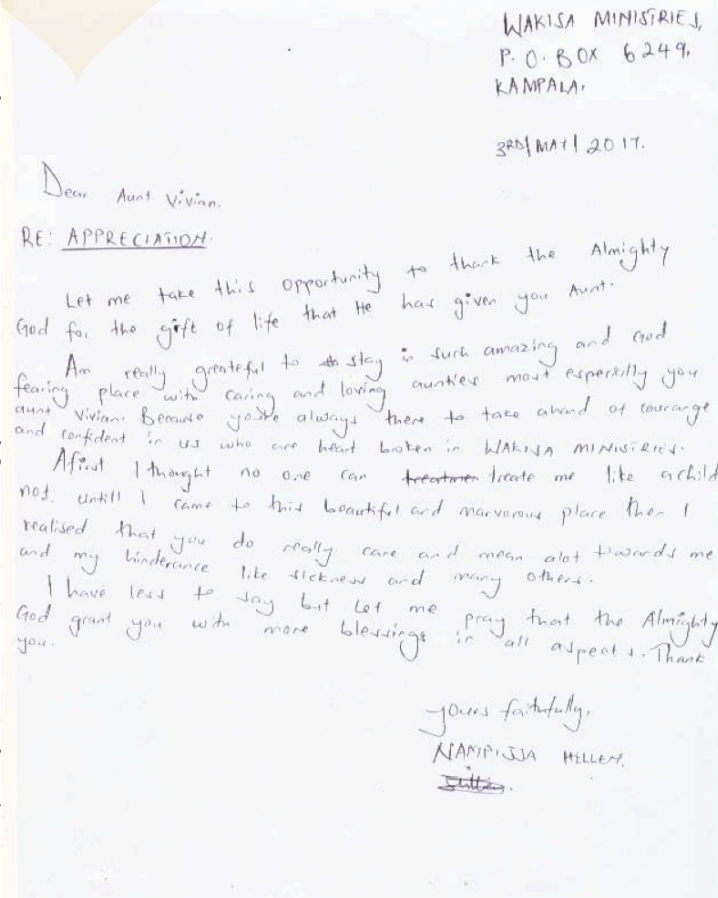
REAL TRANSFORMATION

One Helen, 18 years came with full of anger, bitterness, trauma and hatred. She has been having blackouts on a daily basis. Helen lost both parents at a very tender age, she and her older sister were brought up by her paternal uncle and his wife. Helen's older sister had left home leaving Helen alone after University.

This uncle is with HIV/AIDS. Helen was one day shocked when he came to her room and raped her when the wife was out. Helen decided that she will tell his wife when she comes back. No sooner had his wife arrived than the uncle told her that Helen had been sleeping out and she is promiscuous and must leave home. Helen went to stay with her sister in a small house. Helen found out she was not only pregnant but was HIV positive. She was devastated. Her sister advised her to abort the uncle's baby but some person referred her to Wakisa.

She is now 7 months pregnant, Helen is new, she no longer blacks out, she can now smile and chat with her fellow girls and staff and has accepted the Antiretroviral drugs with plenty of fluids.

Helen wrote to me today and I asked her if I can print her letter in the newsletter



Letter Hellen wrote

NEW GIRLS

The number of girls remains constant at 30 , 5 new girls were admitted during this month while 5 young mothers with their babies were resettled in their families The new ones have been taken for antenatal and screened for HIV and one of them is positive. We receive girls who have been rejected or hidden by family and community as a result of pregnancy , or those that have run away from home even before anyone found out they were pregnant . Some of the stories of these girls are heart breaking!

Bahati a 17 year old was brought in and out by Kampala International Hospital doctors .They found her in the Eastern part of Uganda ,staying with her a poor aunt and brought her all the way to Kampala for safe delivery. The doctors realized that Bahati was carrying twins and one of them was breech . It was not safe for her to remain upcountry where hospitals are not fully equipped .

They thought of Wakisa as a safe haven for Bahati and brought her over to us .She went in labour after 4 days and the doctors were informed ,they quickly responded in the night and came and took her for a ceasarian section .She had twin boys .



Sarah (16 years) with her baby



Gladys (15 years) with her baby



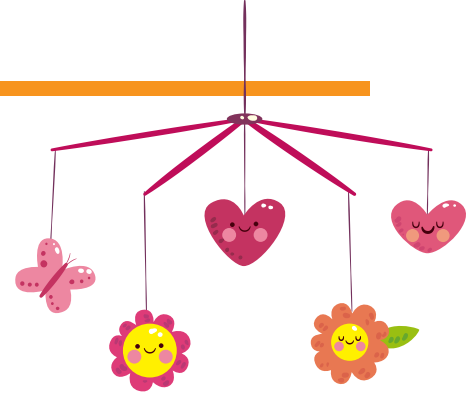
Girls in the garden



Products of the knitting class



Esther (12 years) and her baby after delivery



Deliveries

Name	Age	Date of Delivery	Sex of the Baby	Brth Weight(kg)	Baby's Name
Ninsiima Ruth	17yrs	9/4/2017	Baby girl	2.76	Maria Gorette
Naluzze Teopista	16yrs	10/4/2017	Baby boy	3.0	Isaiah
Kanyange Sarah	16yrs	14/4/2017	Baby boy	2.83	Joshua
Kiden Gladys	15yrs	15/4/2017	Baby girl	3.08	Vivian
Bahati Mildred	16yrs	22/4/2017	Twins babies both boys		



The 6th one is little Esther, a 12 year old who delivered at the month end. She had baby girl by Ceasarian Section and she named her Elizabeth. Esther had a blood transfusion as she was quite anaemic. Though the others have gone home, she is still at Wakisa Ministries and is doing well. She was raped by her brother who never grew up with her.



New babies

LIFE THE CENTER

The girls at the centre currently all have beautiful baby blankets that they have made or their babies.

They have made beautiful maternity dresses for themselves in their tailoring class . They have harvested beans from the garden ,thanks to the agriculture class. Over Easter, an Easter play was presented by the girls for the staff. They were all confident as they acted. It is good to see the girls depict confidence.

All the girls know their HIV status. They also had a session where they had group discussions on how to say no to peer pressure. This was also the month of visitation at school. The staff visited 4 of the girls at Buloba High School and Buloba Primary Schools. The girls now have the candle making class on Saturday since the new teacher is not available during the week.

We received visitors from various walks of life. When different people come to visit, it is such a huge sign of hope for the girls as they realise they are not completely stigmatized by the community.



Easter play presented by wakisa girls



Tailored maternity dresses

Prayer Requests

- 1.For the approval of the plan which is still at the city council.
- 2.Provision of funds towards the commencement of the construction of the Wakisa Birth Center.
3. The safe delivery of babies of girls who are due to give birth in the next couple of months.
- 4.For funds for meals and running costs.
- 5 Doors to open for continuity of sponsorship to those young mothers already in school.
6. That girls accept and receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



Girls in School

The girls in school are closing school in May and will be on holiday for about 3 weeks. They all look forward to seeing their babies and how much they have changed as they grow.

The teenage mothers who were studying Computer at Sai Pali – Institute of Technology and Management got certificates for the training they received.



Certificates from Sai Pali



produce from the garden



We are ever so grateful for your love and support and may God continue to bless you as you bless these young mothers and their babies.

In Christ
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