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## Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry

**T**he support, the love and the prayers you give are sustaining factors to the work of the Ministry.

**W**e stand in awe of the God's faithfulness and your great care and concern. Thank you for your partnership.



## MORE GIRLS

It is the morning of February 28th and as I write this newsletter, a couple from a Christian organization are ushered in the office. The two are desperately in need of a safe haven for a 15-year-old pregnant girl who was defiled by her stepfather. He had already run away from home after his wife (the girl's mother) reported the matter to the police. Now the whole community and family have turned against the girl and have rejected her because they believe the stepfather is innocent of such evil.

Meanwhile at the reception are two ladies who have brought a 16-year-old pregnant girl. She has been sent away from home by her father. The mother who happens to be one of the ladies at the reception is married to another man who has not accepted the daughter of his wife. Poor, absent or permissive parenting is revealed by the girls' stories from the southern tip of Uganda to Northern Uganda have much to do with parenting style.

Sometimes I wonder if poor parenting in our Country is the number one leading cause of teenage moral decadence and more unplanned unwanted children!

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Lynette is from a family of 6; A 3-year-old child used to come from the neighbourhood to play with Lynette and her 4 year old sister. Lynette used to carry the little boy to his home whenever

he fell asleep. The neighbours used to leave their home unlocked. One time the child fell asleep and Lynette decided to take him back to his home as usual. When she opened the door she was shocked to find in a male visitor sleeping in this one roomed home this time. The man got up locked the door and raped Lynette. Lynette did not tell her mum but whenever her mum asked her to take back this little boy to his home, she refused. Mum never asked her why. Lynette's grandmother noticed that the change in Lynette's body and that she looked so anemic. The mum took her to hospital where they told mum that Lynette was pregnant. The mum stormed the neighbour's home but the visitor had long gone! Lynette's mum is always away selling second hand clothes because her husband died and left her with 6 children. Grandma was the one at home to care for Lynette after school and the little one of 4.

Jenny was staying with her grandfather since childhood until she was brought in an orphanage. Her parents separated and the father married another woman who tortured Jenny. She had to run away from home to stay her grandpa. Due to the poverty stricken home of the grandpa, the Orphanage took her in. This is where she met a boy who made her pregnant.

## HEALTH

Most of the new girls have been treated of their sexually transmitted infections for example candidiasis and warts. The upper tract infections like coughing have also been treated. The ultra sound scans which is mandatory in antenatal have revealed the fetus are in normal positions. All the

24 girls screened with HIV are negative despite the increasing HIV positive status among the youth.

The balanced diet has boosted the immunity and healthy of the pregnant girls. Thanks to your generous support which enables us to feed them.

## GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

The activities range from morning exercises to gardening, these are designed to transform the lives of the young girls.

The girls fully participate in tailoring, cookery, handcraft, life skills health care, gardening candle making.

Sylvia aged 16 years enjoys the tailoring class. She had already started a similar course a during the time she was not at school for 8 months. She was in senior two when her father told her he did not have money any more to pay school fees for all his 6 children. So he stopped paying school fees for her when she turned 15. The boy who made Sylvia pregnant denied responsibility. He had given her a lift in his car when he took her to his home and slept with her. Her Stepmother threw her out of her home. Sylvia would like to go back to school and become a vet doctor and also do tailoring as a business.

Among the 26 girls, there are 3 girls who are interested in urban agriculture. Evelyn is one of them and she has learnt how to prune, water and transplant seedlings from nursery beds. Her home is a town council flat which is quite small and the only way for her to grow vegetables will be using sacks in her backyard which she has learnt here.

This month it has been so hot that they could not plant. So they have had theoretical classes about growing spinach.

Brenda is 16 years and shows great interest in knitting. She hopes her auntie can get a knitting machine like the one we have here so that they make sweaters, bags and scarves to raise school fees. She would like to continue schooling. Brenda was brought here after her auntie sent her away from home.

The girls cook their meals in turns and this has also helped them learn how to make a meal for a big family as Wakisa!



MORNING EXERCISES



COOKING



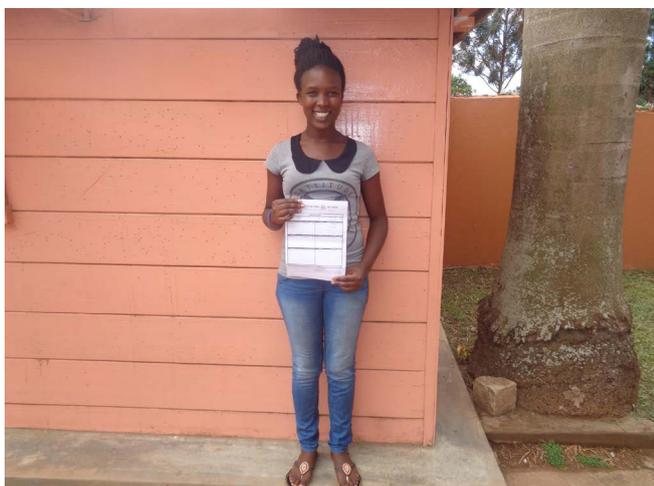
KNITTING CLASS

## University Young Mothers

Patience from Kisoro and Grace is from Luweero were at Wakisa Ministries in 2010 and 2011 respectively. In their words Patience is so grateful to God who has enabled the Ministry to sponsor her for the 7 years. She was 16 when she had baby Joshua. She had been denied schooling by her family as they given up on her as she conceived when she was young. Some of them have failed to reconcile with her. She is now remaining with 2 years to complete her course in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

Grace is also thankful to God for the sponsorship for the last 6 years. She is studying Accounting and Finance. She looks forward to completing her course, get a job and take care of her daughter. She lives in a hostel and her mum takes care of her daughter Mariam.

Grace and Patience would advise their fellow girls to keep pure until marriage, so that they don't get pregnant and miss out on school. They think and believe an education is the key to empowering a young mum. They had come in to bring their results for the previous semester and are so thrilled they are fortunate to have sponsors that can take them through an education.



GRACE AND PATIENCE WHILE HOLDING THEIR RESULTS FOR YEAR 1 SEMESTER 1 NDEJJE UNIVERSITY.



### PROJECTS

The Alpha course which has started is going to benefit with the spiritual growth of girls.

The Birth Center plans were submitted and a fee of 1,800,000 Uganda Shillings was paid to the Kampala City Council and we are trusting in the Lord to approve these architectural drawings that we start the building.

### FAMILY

My father turned 101 and a Thanksgiving Service and party was thrown in order of the old man on the 28th February. The family was joined by friends and two of his old allies namely Mathias Ngobi and Dr. Martin Aliker were present.

Taata (Dad) accepted Christ two years ago as reported by a clergyman who frequently checks and prays with him..



### GRATITUDE

Thank you for your kindness and love that prompts you to give towards the feeding, the antenatal, the deliveries, the skills training, the school fees, the trauma training and administrative costs of the Ministry.

May the Almighty shower HIS blessings upon you!

In His Service

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