



## Friends and Partners in Ministry,

### CALL TO PRAYER

The month of September brought some very unfortunate challenges beyond our control and which took us unawares.

While I was out of the country, on the 13th of September, Wakisa Ministries was visited by a high-ranking officer in the Ministry of Gender and ordered the immediate closure of the Ministry as she said we were operating illegally which we were not aware of.

She gave the staff two days to resettle the girls in their respective homes and then close.

She advised that we apply for a License from the government to care for the young girls. That this law was passed in June by the government.

The staff was devastated and so were the girls, they were wailing as they were taken and I am glad I was not there. The whole exercise was so tough for everyone and shocked me. I was away but I had to commit everything to God and that is how I remained cool and calm!

It has been two weeks now since we closed, I am hoping we will be given the license. We hold a legal and valid NGO certificate of registration, so we will

- Continue to teach parenting to parents and sexual purity in schools.
- Continue to offer Counselling to the youth. To give out the Youth Aim High booklets.
- Continue to sponsor young mothers in schools and visit them.
- To train the youth girls during holidays in vocational and life skills at the center or those who can come for the courses.
- To continue with the Trauma Counselling workshops twice a year training teachers

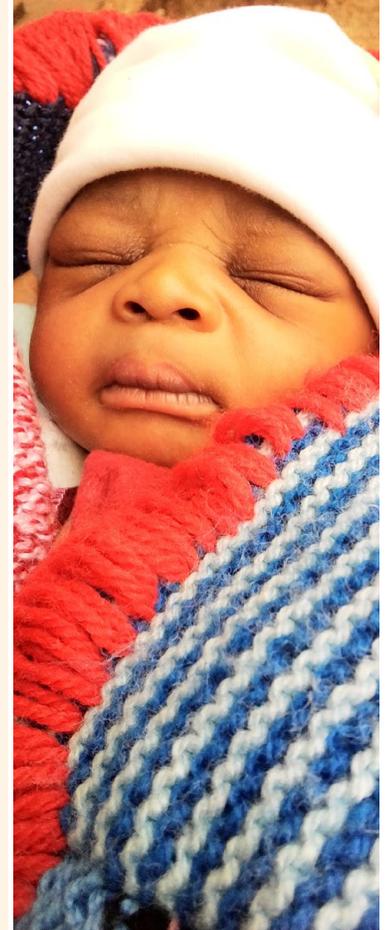
However, unless the license is approved, we will not be able to admit pregnant young girls.

***PLEASE PRAY for the Ministry and for our country!***

I thank you for standing with us, as you have always done, helping this vulnerable group.

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## DELIVERIES

The 8 deliveries in the month of September were;

NAMES OF THE GIRLS	AGE	Baby Details
Priscilla	16	baby Boy
Linda	15	baby Boy
Daisy	16	baby Boy
Irene	18	baby Boy
Esther	16	baby Boy
Shakira	17	baby Girl
Mercy	14	baby Boy
Winnie	15	baby Girl



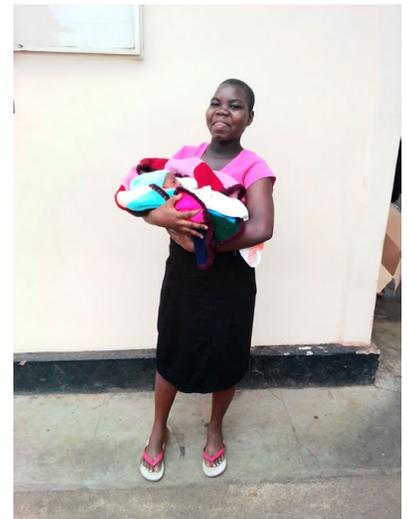
Priscilla - 16 yrs



Linda's baby - Joram



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Ndagire Linda - 15 yrs

## TRAINING

The Staff attended 2 different workshops this month;

- Workshop by CEDOVIP on Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment
- Workshop by CRANE on Administrative Training in the workplace.



# ONE GIRL GONE BACK

- Mercy Atwongere -

Mercy Atwongere 14 years, is one of the girls who was forced to go back home after the closure of Wakisa Ministries 2 weeks ago. She is in the Antenatal Ward in Mbarara Hospital with her grandma Christine who is 70 years old caring for her.

She was admitted 5 days ago in this hospital with labour pains; the hospital is 10 miles away from her home. Since then she has no labour pains but is still retained in hospital for she is expected to have a CS.

The grandmother took on Mercy when she was 1 year and severely emaciated. Mercy's mum and dad had a misunderstanding and father walked away from home and the mother was left with three children that she could not afford to take care of and she was hardly home.

One day when she had gone out, her little house caught fire. Fortunately Mercy's bigger sibling managed to take her 2 sisters out, and watched the whole house burn down.

The trio were taken in by police but later on they found the grandmother Christine while their mum was thrown in prison and kept for 3 years imprisonment for child negligence.

While in Mbarara I managed to get time to visit Mercy in hospital. She and her grandma were happy to see me and asked when we are reopening Wakisa Ministries.!

I gave her some money for out of pickle expenses.  
Let us keep Mercy and all the other girls forced to go back home in prayer.



## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship and Outreach are still on going and all the 20 girls on Sponsorship are settling in well at their various institutions.

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF GIRLS
Ndejje University	3
YMCA	1
Agromax	6
St Micheal Schools	5
Buloba Primary	3
Vision for Africa	1
Buddo Junior School	1



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## ADMISSIONS

2 girls were admitted this month making the total of girls at the centre 28 in September. Upon the temporary closure of the shelter by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Development, all the 28 pregnant teenagers have been resettled until we reopen.

## FOLLOW UP



Esther follow up at a home where she is resettled

**May the good bless you and may God touch your heart to continue to draw the vulnerable youth to God .**

**In His Service**

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