

KILKEEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAKISA REBUILDING PROJECT 2014

UPDATE

*New Dormitory Building at Wakisa
Kitchen Area*

Outside



A small team will be going to Kampala to complete the following work at Wakisa Ministries on 27th May 2014 for approximately 12 days.

- 1. Installing solar power panels to provide free electricity to cut running costs and finishing electrical installation in new dormitory building.**
- 2. Tiling new bathrooms, woodwork and painting in all the buildings at Wakisa.**
- 3. Installing new deeper rain catching guttering to capture fresh rain water.**
- 4. Erecting Fence for privacy to help protect the girls.**
- 5. Building and repair work in outdoor kitchen and yard.**

Please pray that God will bless our work and grant us wisdom in all we do. Thank you to everyone who has donated funds for this project, we still have to raise around £5000 to purchase the materials needed to complete this work and will be running a few fund raising events in the next few months. More details will be in the bulletin next week. We prayerfully ask for your continued support to help our friends at Wakisa Ministries and give these unfortunate young girls a refuge and a new start in life.

If anyone would be interested in being part of the team and have the necessary skills to help with the work please speak to Stephen Johnston or David Orr as soon as possible.

Team members will cover the costs of their own travel and vaccinations.

**WAKISA MINISTRIES
UGANDA
REBUILDING PROJECT APPEAL 2014**

Wakisa Ministries was born out of Mrs. Vivian Kityo's vision and passion for young women with unwanted pregnancies in Uganda. The primary focus is the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of the girls, young mothers and their babies. One of the strategies to deliver care was the establishment of a crisis pregnancy centre within the suburbs of Kampala. The centre was originally built as a residence and in more recent years was rented as office space for businesses. On a day-to-day basis, the Centre is run by Vivian, two administrative staff, a house mother who lives on the premises and a driver. Once a week, a professional counsellor volunteers her time to provide counselling support to any of the girls who require it, but especially to those who may be traumatised for a variety of reasons. There is also a constant stream of other volunteers who sew into the lives of the girls by teaching them various life skills such as literacy, cooking, candle making, weaving of mats and other objects, bead making, basket weaving, Bible studies, AIDS awareness etc. Because this great work receives no funding from the local authorities, all funding comes from private donors, some local but mostly from overseas countries such as the US, Australia and the UK. Wakisa Ministries is always in need of support.

DORMITORY and HALL CONSTRUCTION

We serve an awesome God! To see this building taking shape! Looking through my office window, I am excited that the roofing is being done, the windows are being installed, and the walls are being plastered. I am so thankful to God. I am so thankful to you for helping to fund this project and the entire ministry! By the grace of God, it will be complete by May and we will have a spacious training hall and dormitory for the girls. Praise God

JULIANA'S ORDEAL

Juliana Neema a 17 year old school girl in senior six, the eldest of five children she lived with her mother in Goma, Congo, her dad had another wife. She ran away from the Congo on the 12th April 2013 and reached Uganda on the 14th April she escaped on a truck with a number of fleeing families. She eventually ended up in Kampala at the central police station. Juliana arranged to stay in Kampala with one of the families who escaped with her on the truck from the Congo. No sooner had she settled in with this family when they were chased out of the house because they could not afford the rent. Juliana had to come back to the police station, they handed her over to Compassion International. Back at her home in the Congo the M23 rebels are still controlling Mazhego in Goma. The senior soldiers of M23 are constantly attacking and abusing any women they find in the surrounding districts.

One day In October 2012 Juliana was returning home from school, she found 7 soldiers in her home harassing her mother. Her mother had already been beaten and all her money

had been stolen. When they saw Juliana they were excited and said they had found what they were looking for. The soldiers started touching her, when she resisted they started cutting her arms, her back, her neck and her chin and she started bleeding so much she fainted.

Her mother pleaded with the soldiers to take her instead of her daughter but, instead of taking her one of the soldiers raised his rifle and shot her as Juliana was watching. Juliana fainted due to shock from this violent and traumatic act. When she regained consciousness she found herself lying on the ground totally naked and covered in blood. She saw her mother lying dead. There was one soldier still standing beside her and he abused her violently, this time she was conscious but had no strength to fight back. The soldiers also abused other girls who were in the village before eventually leaving. Later some friends found her lying on the ground and took her with them to a nearby camp where they remained for two weeks. She was treated in the camp with herbal leaves by several old ladies. Juliana was distressed when she realized she was in a strange camp and she remembered what had happened to her and her mother. She eventually managed to escape from the Congo in April on a truck with other refugees travelling to Uganda.

Juliana is now 7 months pregnant but still in denial about the whole traumatic experience. She does not know how many soldiers abused her. Juliana is asking herself; “now my mother is dead where do I go with this child?” and worries what will happen to her in the future. Juliana often has hallucinations – when she imagines her mother is shouting at her to follow or she hears her voice telling her to be a good girl and concentrate on her studies as she used to tell her when she was alive. This happens more when she is worried and then she worries even more when she imagines her mother is calling her to follow!

Juliana has sleepless nights and often cries, it is ongoing counselling, support and activities at Wakisa Ministries that will keep her mind off the traumatic experience she had to endure. I could not help shedding tears as Juliana told her story in her calm voice, one could clearly see her pain, hurt and shame underneath her calm voice. She was looking down all the time and off course tears were streaming from her eyes! After she delivers her baby we will need a home to take in this young traumatized Congolese girl and her baby.

LYN

Lyn who was at Wakisa last year walked into my office this morning .She was in tears, her stepfather has vowed not to take her back to school, he beat up her mother badly when she used to take Lyn's baby to hospital when the baby fell sick. He later on ordered the baby to be taken away from Lyn for he could not feed Lyn as well as her baby. Eventually he threw Lyn out of home.

Lyn thinks the only solution to ease her pain is to go back to school.

APPEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE YOUNG MOTHERS OF WAKISA MINISTRIES

Most of our young pregnant girls who get admitted at Wakisa Ministries drop out of school and they are between the age of 12 and 17. 80% of them would like to go back to school. The parents or guardians are unable to take them back due to various reasons.

PRIMARY (BOARDING SCHOOL) FEES

SHILLINGS	GBP	DOLLARS
500,000USH	£120	200\$

SENIOR SECONDARY (BOARDING SCHOOL) FEES PER TERM

O'LEVELS	GBP	USHILLINGS	DOLLARS
	£145	600,000USH	240\$
A'LEVELS	GBP	SHILLINGS	DOLLARS
	£170	700,000USH	280\$

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

PRIMARY SCHOOL	GBP	USHILLINGS	DOLLARS
	£48	200,000USH	77\$
SECONDARY SCHOOL	GBP	USHILLINGS	DOLLARS
	£70	300,000USH	115.3\$

YOU CAN GIVE THESE GIRLS A CHANCE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL BY DONATING TOWARDS THEIR SCHOOL FEES. IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED:-



CONTACT DAVID ORR.

Message from Vivian

I want to praise God for allowing us to help 85 girls and 80 babies at the centre in 2013. We are so grateful for answered prayers and to everyone from Kilkeel Presbyterian Church

for praying for us, supporting us and for sending a team to help complete our new building and refuge.

Also I want you to know how much we appreciate the children's clothes and knitted squares you donated to Wakisa they are a big help to the young mothers and their new-born babies.