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# The Comforter's Center Uganda Newsletter- Uganda

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It has been some time since we last communicated and it is a pleasure to update you once again about the goodness of God in the Comforter's Center. The month of April has been a great month with us at the comforter's center and without any doubt we thank the almighty God who has answered all your prayers that you have been mentioning to Him on the behalf of the comforter's center. A lot has happened during this month that even we can't tell it all. But one of the testimonies we can't afford to keep silent with, is that for the last months, mostly April, God has enabled all the pregnant months that we have been handling at the center to give birth safely. They are very joyful even those who wanted abortions have turned up to be the most loving and joyful mothers. More than ten boys were born. It's good news to our nation Uganda since the males have been few.

## [An Angel Visit the Center](#)

The Bible tells us that we should handle visitors with care because some of them may be Angels. Laura Minknetzer from Pregnancy resources Center of Panama city Florida US, spared time to visit The Comforter's Center in March 2008, she was on a mission trip to Uganda. She encouraged and prayed with Women in the post-abortion bible study class. She turned to be of a great help to the center, helping with the translation of the Bible study from English Language to our local Luganda Language to enable more women to go through the study in the language they understand.

currently we have 35 and undergoing a post abortion bible study. Beside 13 post-abortive men have request also to be helped from the past-abortions. If you are reading this news letter and you have some information on how we can get a bible study for men, or you can help us to get information on how we can help these men, *please kindly get in touch.*



By the Holy spirit we are able to handle HIV/AIDS Positive clients in a very special way and help them to cope and manage life in challenging situations. It is challenging to be a widow, HIV/AIDS positive, with an unplanned pregnancy. Women fear to carry the pregnancy knowing that they will die soon and leave children suffering. Even with the availability of drugs such as NIVERAPINE, it is rare to find an HIV positive pregnant woman ready to carry the pregnancy.

Two young girls who have been sexual workers within Kampala, entered the center with the aim of carrying out a pregnancy test.

But by the time each finished to talk to the counselor, they had made up their minds to abstain and drop their job (prostitution). Aisha and madina the two young girls aged 19 and 18 years of age respectively have made up their minds to give their lives to Christ. And today they are active in going to churches though one of them tested for HIV/AIDS and she found that she was positive, with the help of NIVERAPINE she has a HIV negative healthy Baby.

Another interesting story is of a young lady called Annette who is a widow who lost her husband few years back of AIDS walked into the center. She is also HIV positive. Now it happened that she is pregnant out of her matrimonial home. She happened to be getting her assistance from her parents in-laws. She could not tell the in-laws that she is pregnant, otherwise she will be chased from home and that was her only source of help. She came to the center with the aim of having abortion. she ended up giving her life to Christ and taking another alternative of keeping the baby and bear any consequence from the in-laws.



**Aisha and her baby**

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Louise, Veronica and Carol

It is always said that it is hard to find true volunteers in Africa, but in this case Carol and Louise are exceptional. The two Christian young ladies from Kampala Pentecostal Church (KPC) have been going through the intimacy before impact Pregnancy resource center volunteer training at the Comforter's Center. and are now volunteering in the areas of fundraising, Bible study and abstinence education,

### Why Abstinence

There is still inadequate information and knowledge on sexual relationships outside marriage such as unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, and with the new drugs which help HIV/AIDS positive people to live longer, people are no longer scared of the disease



Veronica and the students at Get wise girls school

In Uganda, girls become sexually active earlier than boys. The median age of first sex for men aged between 25-54 is 19.4 years compared with 16.7 years for women. This increases the risk of early pregnancies and marriages and consequently adolescent motherhood. Nationally, the literacy rate (10 years and above) is 68% (male 76%, female 61%) 12 and whereas 94% of women receive antenatal care only 37% of births occur at health facilities (Makerere Institute for public health).

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 we were invited to Lugazi town in Mukono district in central part of Uganda, together with our new Board Member Pr. Henry Kawesa, we spent about five hours at Get wise Girls School. We were invited to preach about abstinence to all the students from 12 to 20 years of age. It was interesting to share with them abstinence in both a biblical and a worldly angle. Many asked questions about their relationships and some made up their minds to abstain and concentrate on their books. They came to a point of discovering that in this life there are three stages human being goes through. And out of the three stages it's only the youthful stage that can determine their future. So they concluded by choosing their teenage stage to make an impact in their lives. We prayed with them and we left them joyous.



Pr. & Mrs. Kawesa at the Get wise girls

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