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BAPTISTS IN UGANDA

UBS began in 1988 and is the main factor in the rise of Baptist church numbers and membership growth in Uganda.

Baptist Churches are gaining membership and are active in evangelism.

UBS Theological Programs

Advanced Diploma 3yrs.

Diploma 3 yrs.

Certificate 3 yrs.

Upgrade Classes are offered for UBS graduates.

UBS Motto

2 Tim 4:2-5

2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

Five Classes at UBS for Six Weeks

One Diploma and four Certificate classes have stayed for two terms of study to reduce travel time and costs. This is the first time in our history to try this back to back terms. Currently the international students at UBS make up 1/4 of the student body. That has continued to be a growing area as these nations around Uganda lack affordable theological education. Therefore some students travel great distances to reach Jinja, Uganda. It is for these students that back to back programs help reduce the number of long journeys they face. Recently South Sudan Baptist leaders visited UBS (March 2013). Two UBS faculty members this June journeyed to Juba, South Sudan to discuss new candidates for training at UBS. South Sudan lacks bridges to make travel across the Nile River easily possible. Students could spend days traveling upriver on the Nile to reach Juba, the capital of South Sudan. Then they could travel by bus to Jinja. They expect to send seven candidates for theological education.



These students are on campus June through July for six weeks. Not all of the 103 students are represented after chapel on July 4th. Many of these are international students.

May 2013 Ministry data:

Diploma 26 students led 771 people to Christ and baptized 82 believers.

Diploma 27 students led 587 people to Christ and baptized 81 believers.

Adv. Dip 7 students led 269 people to Christ and baptized 43 believers.

Adv. Dip 9 students led 753 people to Christ and baptized 84 believers.

Details for the May term: 11 new preaching points were started and 4 new churches were planted by these students and their churches. Praise God for these students and those who help plant churches for Jesus.

Uganda National Council of Higher Education (NCHE) licensed the UBS Diploma program in 2006. They awarded UBS the Certificate of Classification and Registration in 2010. That means UBS is fully accredited for Diploma education. UBS has begun the process for one degree accreditation.

The Master of Theological Studies is a program of SEBTS.

Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops that support people here.

Many thanks go to volunteer teachers who travel to Uganda and help teach UBS students.

UBS is thankful for the training Bill Loveless brought to the faulty members this early June. Ten to twelve people participated in this "In Touch" training in the Dr. Charles Stanley Life Principles.

1988 - 2013

557 Pastors and church leaders equipped at UBS. Some of these have upgraded into a higher program than what they started.

June 2013 Ministry data:

**Diploma 25 students led 345 people to Christ and baptized 18 believers.
Certificate 14 students led 537 people to Christ and baptized 40 believers.
Certificate 15 students led 1177 people to Christ and baptized 248 believers.
Certificate 16 students led 845 people to Christ and baptized 194 believers.
Certificate 17 students led 641 people to Christ and baptized 46 believers.**

Details for June term: 15 new preaching points were started and 23 new churches planted. Praise God for the students and those who help plant churches for Jesus. A door-to-door evangelism project was done in Bugiri through E3 partners with many coming to Christ. Several students recorded over 213 decisions for Christ. A lady in Certificate class reported taking many ladies out for door-to-door evangelism and leading 70 lost to Christ.

UBS Total Student Ministry data reported for Jan. - June 2013:

**16,343 people saved and 2,108 believers baptized
69 new preaching points and 71 new churches planted
in 2013.**



Mindy Howell is the volunteer this July standing with the six adjunct faculty members that are helping this term. Mindy is helping to teach English and is able to help the nurse in the UBS clinic. She is staying with the Bogans and is from the same church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Three adjunct professors are new to this teaching task of Certificate classes. They graduated in the Advanced Diploma ceremony this last April. Pray they learn well the task of teaching fellow church leaders. Three of the adjunct faculties have taught many years at UBS.

How UBS Began

Keep in mind the four parts of UBS history that span 1988 to 2013 in the last four VOICE. We anticipate the next step in accreditation at UBS is very soon. Pray with us that the Bachelor of Theology will be approved by the investigative team from the National Council of Higher Education that plans to visit as early as late July. The team will look at UBS facilities and ask many questions about the plans of Bachelor of Theology (BTH) education. A careful scrutiny of finances will be made by the NCHE. To this day **557 church leaders** have trained for God's calling at UBS since 1988. We currently have 500 students at UBS this year.

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, digital messengers were given to every student at UBS last year. A second shipment of more messengers and Life Principle Study Bibles and helpful spiritual books are coming to UBS by FedEx again. Thank you so much, "In Touch".

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Either Jesus pays for your sin problem or you do. **Rom 6:23**

25% of UBS students are international students from D.R. Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan.

If you believe God is at work with UBS and want to help, please contact us!



The choir of Certificate students. They worked up songs for many of the daily chapels at UBS this June and July. They were much appreciated as fellow students and faculty members preached. That helped get these students through six weeks at UBS.

Student Testimonies - Certificate Students

A pastor in northwestern Uganda praises God. This last break before coming to UBS he had the privilege to visit four homes interested in the Gospel. Everyone in each family wanted to follow Jesus and accepted that He paid for their sins on the cross.

One of the young men had suffered being lame; he can now walk. People praised God.

A deacon in eastern Uganda: His church gave birth to a new church after many people in a distant place from church accepted Jesus Christ through door-to-door evangelism. Pray for the new church to grow and the new leaders to stand firm in Christ.

A women's leader in eastern Uganda said she was participating in an open-air crusade, but rain delayed the program and the preacher had yet to arrive. The Holy Spirit urged her to share with the people standing under a shelter. She shared Rom.5:8 and Rom. 6:23 and explained only Jesus can save you from the wages of sin. Four people out of twenty standing there immediately heard the Word and believed. We have to be ready to declare the Hope we have in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:15).

An evangelist from Tanzania said he was out digging with a group of men and they began talking badly about Christians living such sinful lives. He told them Jesus said, "not all who call Jesus Lord, Lord...know Him Matt 7:21"; they did not know Him as Lord and Savior. Then he told them Rom 6:23 and Rom 10: 9-10. All are sinners and we have to confess to Jesus that we are sinners and ask Him to save us. So, he told them on the Last Day it will be made clear where each of you stands on who Jesus is and what He did to save man. Four men accepted Jesus at that moment in the midst of digging. Well, on Sunday these men came to church and brought their wives and families with them. The preacher welcomed them with joy into the church.

This pastor from eastern Uganda says he was quite a bad character before salvation. Therefore, he reaches out to difficult people now with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On a recent door-to-door evangelism, he led a high school student of a different religion to faith in Christ. This student's father threatened him and he ran to the believers who had led him to Christ. Pray that this student can stand up under temptation, be discipled, and be a witness of Jesus Christ.

This pastor says in the last five years since their church was planted, they have planted five more churches. It reasons he says, in the next ten years, they should plant ten more churches. Read Matt 24:14 *Parable of the Talents*.



UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. Pray for the SEBTS Masters Cohort. SEBTS has brought back the MTS program and is making it the main international Masters program. The present Masters students will study Hebrew this month. A few have stayed with the M.Div. program and can finish by the end of 2014. The M.T.S. students can finish by the end of 2013. Pray they all can graduate soon and a new Masters of Theological Study cohort begin.

2. Pray for the faculty to be encouraged to get through this year with some on furlough. Right now, the Shelton family is leaving for stateside duty of five months. The Bogans have returned the end of last month and are teaching now. The Abendroths are still in the USA and expect to return to UBS later this year. The Frosts are going to the states for a month this summer for their daughter's wedding.

3. Pray for the health of these Certificate students. There were more than ten cases of malaria plus several cases of typhoid treated by the nurse in June. Many students have come down with severe colds spreading to many others in the last two weeks of classes.

4. Pray for the 3 UBS/BUU missionaries.

Simon Nono and his family live and serve God in Lamwo, northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border.

Mark Vukoni and his family live and serve God in Koboko in northwest West Nile Region, Uganda.

Sam Kaswabi and his family live and serve God in Mutukula, near Tanzania.

5. Please pray for peace to come to the GOMA region of the DRC.

6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming months. We know there are four graduations coming up, one in western Kenya at Mumias, one on the Kenya coast, one near Buwenge north of UBS, and one at Apac in northern Uganda. A new Bible School is opening this month.

7. Pray for the Bible ministry.

We gave out many MacArthur Study Bibles and Ryrie Study Bibles to the graduates of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma programs this April. Our next graduation will be in January 2014, and we need more study Bibles to help our graduates in their ministries.

**UBS Student ministry
Reaching the lost!
Last 4 years - UBS:
Over 117,000 people
saved - Praise God!**

**A BIG thanks to Jim and
Mary Benham for
supporting UBS operations
to reach out to Africa
today. God Bless you all.**

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**A website for UBS is
operating through the
contributions of Jim and
Mary Benham and their
son. Please Visit the site.**

Pray for UBS missionaries.

**A website for UBS:
www.ugandabaptistseminary.org
go to links/news for all the
listings of VOICE**

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

