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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.

Uganda National Council of Higher Education 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.

Bridge Program Tops Out at Ninety Students

These students were divided into four classes with an average of twenty-three students in each class. A study of the leadership represented in this group revealed that forty men are pastors, ten men are youth leaders, and five men are evangelists. The remaining students are worship leaders, Bible teachers, and deacons. There is a possibility of up to ten of the ninety students needing to audit the bridge courses a second time until they qualify for the Certificate program. UBS plans that the bridge students will return in July and November to complete the program. All students in the November session who successfully pass their courses in English, Science, Math, and Computer will begin the Certificate of Theology program in 2012.



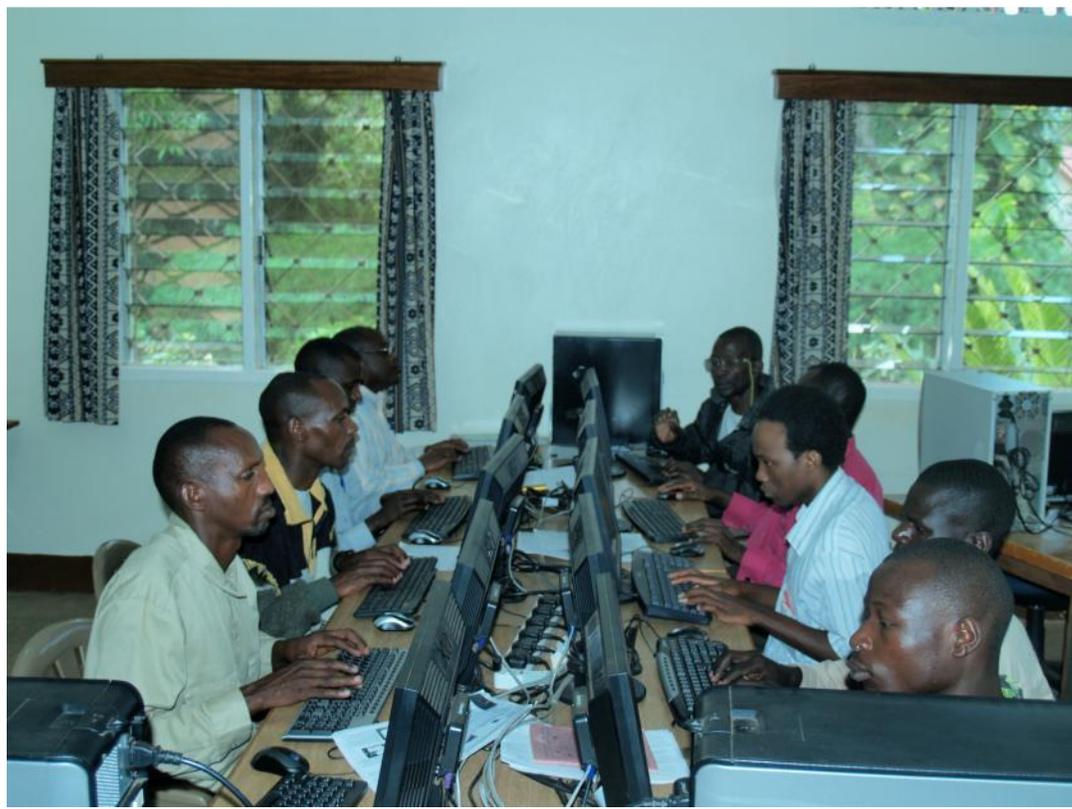
Bridge Students: The twenty-three ladies sitting in front lead in a variety of church ministries: women's work, youth work, children's work, worship leaders, and evangelism. At least three current UBS students sent their wives for training to be better prepared to help to them in their church leadership. This reflects the principle of Romans 16:3 *Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,*⁴ *who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.* NKJV Romans 16:3, 4 **Priscilla and Aquila** worked in the same trade as Paul, tent making (see Acts 18:1-3), and labored with him in Corinth and Ephesus (see Acts 18:1-3, 18, 26). This married couple is never mentioned separately, perhaps because they ministered so effectively together. *The NKJV Study Bible.* Nashville, TN : Thomas Nelson, 2007, S. Ro 16:3-4

The Master of Divinity is a program of SEBTS.

Uganda is still waiting for the rainy season. Pray that the storms will not be full of lightning. (Last year lightning killed many Ugandans.) Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops that support people here.

YOUR Prayers Help UBS and Africa!

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



Bridge Class in Computer Lab practicing keyboard typing.



Anthony, teaching the science course, is using a video projection to teach about the world, God's creation. Here they were learning that fish lay eggs, which was news to them. Many Africans know about the animals Africa is famous for, but they have never seen them. This science course is eye opening for many of them.

Alisha Vice, Southern Baptist volunteer, taught an English class, equivalent to the level of middle school to high school in the states. Problems abound from the francophone nations and the lack of English practiced there. Some of the students may audit courses until they know English well enough to join the Certificate of Theology program.





Rev. Paul Kyalimpa gave an illustration in his Agriculture and God Presentation in the February Quiet Days. Paul is a leader in the Baptist Union of Uganda. He studied in the Kenya seminary before I started UBS in 1988. Most of the students at UBS are active in small-scale farming and really appreciated Paul's presentation.

Total Student Ministry data reported for Jan - Feb 2012:

7,634 saved and 843 baptized

34 new preaching points and 22 new churches planted in 2012.

Total Ministry for 2011:

34,701 people saved and 4,374 baptized

90 Churches planted and 136 Preaching Points started.

PRAISE GOD!

The Classroom/Chapel Under Fast Construction

This building is 43 feet long and 33 feet wide and will represent the largest classroom at UBS. We hope the building will be complete before the May 26 graduation. The construction is moving along very fast. The month began with only a foundation being made, and now the walls are rising as workers prepare for the ring beam to be tied into the pillars added into the walls for strength. The room should hold one hundred and fifty students if the weather is rainy and we cannot meet outside under the mango tree.

Pray that the workers will not be injured and that they would be receptive to students that witness to them about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Tents will be set up in the grass for the May graduation. The grass is now partially blocked by the latest construction. We believe that with wet weather a graduation might use this chapel as a backup smaller graduation site.

15% of UBS students are international students from Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, and Rwanda.

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

UBS missionaries are church planting in Koboko, Lamwo, and Mutukula Uganda. Pray that they will succeed in this glorious ministry. Pray about how you can help them with the Great Commission mandate.



Pray for UBS missionaries serving in the three locations above.

**UBS Student ministry
Reaching the lost!
Last 4 years - UBS:
Over 100,000 people
saved - Praise God!**

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Testimonies of UBS students

Bridge Student's Journey from Sickness to New Life

As a high school student she was always ill. The sickness forced her family to look for all kinds of treatments with no help. Traditional doctors would cut her arm to try to heal her but that was no help. One day some Christians came by and found her sick and asked her if they could pray for her. She was of a different religion and did not know what to say. Everyone had tried his or her special ways and she was still sick. Desperation led her to accept their offer to pray asking Jesus to heal her. They prayed and she felt well, and that sickness never bothered her again. She joined the believers' church confessing that God had healed her and that is why she believes in Jesus Christ. He is God. He saved her and made her His child. Her family kicked her out of their home and stopped paying her school fees. The pastor of the church opened his home to her so that she could be a part of his family. She could not continue her schooling and she guessed that was the end of that. She became an evangelist with this church and helped in promoting missions. Some of the local pastors had trained at UBS and recommended the new bridge program to her as a way she could receive recognized training for church leadership. She came to UBS for this bridge program. She asks for prayer; her family curses her for studying at UBS. Pray that her family will come to truth and faith in Jesus Christ.

How Sickness Led This Man to Christ

This new Certificate student comes from eastern Uganda. He says that before being saved he belonged to a family of a different religion. The family was always struggling with sickness, and this kept them in the use of charms (witchcraft). Traditional crafts and medical doctors were consulted, but the sickness prevailed. One-day believers were going door to door in his community and found him. They spoke about Jesus, but he did not know what they were talking about. They asked if they could pray for him in the name of Jesus. What did he have to lose.... sure, pray. That is how the sickness left him and he rejoiced that Jesus had healed him. He wanted to believe in Jesus, so he asked Jesus to save him and make him a believer. He was so

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www.ugandabaptistseminary.org

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. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. NIV

UBS Motto is

"Preach the Word"

2 Tim 4:2

excited about what God had done to him and for him that he ran home and told his family. They disowned him, kicking him out of their life and home. He found some auto training and started repairing vehicles for a living. He joined the church of the witnesses and entered discipleship training. Afterward he believed God wanted him to do more for the Lord, so he sought more training. When teachers came from UBS, he asked if he could join their program. That is how he became a Certificate student this year. He plans to keep witnessing to his family. Pray that they and others will accept Jesus too.

The Small Lie

A Diploma pastor shared that ladies had raised the concern of using a small lie as a way of escaping confrontation with their husbands. The pastor pointed out that we are saved sinners and we sometimes think sin is OK. Sin is serious, never secret, and breaks relationships. So the ladies were encouraged to stand in truth.

The Disturbing Dream

A man of a different religion approached this UBS student with a disturbing dream. After sharing the dream, the student could see that Jesus was calling the man to truth. The student shared how Saul was persecuting Jesus and Saul came to realize he was attacking God. The student explained that God loves all men, and that is how Saul, an enemy of Jesus, became Paul, a follower of Jesus. This disturbed man realized he needed Jesus just as Saul did, so he believed that Jesus came to save him too. Jesus saved him from his sin and called him to faith and belief. This man is still in the church growing in his relationship with Christ.

The Old Widow that Never had Heard the Good News

An Advanced Diploma student shared the Gospel in a door-to-door visitation with an elderly cult member. She was seventy-two years old and ever since she was in this cult no one had ever told her about the need for salvation. So the student explained in simple terms about why Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty of sin. She believed in faith that Jesus died for her sin and that only He can save. The student baptized this believer, and she is still standing in Christ today, active in the local church.

So Many Caught up with Being Lost

This Certificate student is aware that so many belong to a church but not to Christ. Nominal churches are all around him, and he uses every opportunity to preach Jesus Christ. He was invited to preach about love in a youth conference of a nominal church. He preached about the different kinds of love and how they are different from the love of God. These youth knew about Jesus, but they did not know Jesus. Many scriptures were studied, especially I Cor. 13. God helped the pastor to stay focused on who Jesus is and what He can do to save. He extended an invitation at this youth conference and sixteen youth accepted Jesus as their Savior. The same day he visited the local hospital and led eight more people to Christ, including two nurses. **Praise God, for His love endures forever!**



Bridge students three weeks into the program. The clinic was busy, sometimes keeping the nurse working till evening. This is the administrative office reception and serves too for students waiting for their turn at the clinic. Some of the sicknesses this term were malaria, typhoid and chicken pox. Pray they all stay well as they return to their homes and churches.

UBS enrollment is 416 students, including the new bridge program.

**UBS Student Motto:
Winners never quit
Quitters never win.**

Partner with UBS to reach central AFRICA today for Jesus Christ.

**A website for UBS:
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**Thank You and God Bless you for praying for UBS.
Principal - UBS**

UBS Prayer Concerns:

- 1. Pray for the SEBTS M.Div. Cohort.** The cohort studied this March at UBS.
- 2. Praise God that the new dormitory is finished, adding 56 new beds on our Campus. Praise God that a new building that is under construction at the front of UBS campus.** This will serve as a chapel and large classroom.
- 3. Pray for the bridge students as they return to their home and church work.** They will return in July for their second term.
- 4. A UBS team is traveling to southern Tanzania to see if Baptists there would be interested in UBS training.** Pray for travel mercies and a fruitful visit.
- 5. Pray for the 3 UBS/BUU missionaries.**
Simon Nono and his family are in Lamwo, northern Uganda. Pray for a great harvest of believers in Lamwo.
Mark Vukoni and his family are in Koboko in northwest West Nile. Pray that the Harvest for Christ will be great in Koboko. Pray for the two new students from this northern church planting site that started UBS training in February 2012.
Sam Kaswabi and his family are in Mutukula, near Tanzania. Pray for Sam to plant a Baptist church in this gateway to Tanzania.
All three pastors have graduated from the UBS Advanced Diploma program. I will meet with the missionaries the first week of April near the Baptist Building in Kampala. They will bring reports about their mission work.
- 6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming year.** Terry and Debbie Nester are back in the US for several months. Pray their needs are met there and that they will be refreshed for the teaching and leading of the UBS Bible School program upon their return to Uganda.
- 7. The library needs your prayer to add good books to the 9,000 texts in our UBS library.**
- 8. Pray for the Bible ministry.**
We give MacArthur Study Bibles and Ryrie Study Bibles to the graduates of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma programs. The Certificate students use and are given NIV Study Bibles. Please help UBS get the Study Bibles used in graduation gift needs in 2012.

RESULTS OF EVANGELISM BY UBS STUDENTS

2007

Over 16,000
New
Believers

2008

11,542 Saved

3,311 Baptized

2009

24,245 Saved

3,380 Baptized

2010

29,799 Saved

4,426 Baptized

2011

34,701 Saved

4,374 Baptized

90 churches planted

136 preaching points

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7,634 Saved

843 Baptized

22 churches planted

34 preaching points