



The UBS VOICE

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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.

This December 118 Students were on Campus at UBS.



All of these students finished their studies on December 13. They are in front of the library where we usually take pictures for graduations. The day was cloudy and gave a softer light to this large group of students. They left UBS on December 13-14 to return to their Eastern and Central Africa homes and churches. The South Sudanese students were stopped near Juba and are still in poorly supplied UN camps. Pray for them to be released soon.

December 2013 Ministry data

Certificate 18 students led 2319 people to Christ and baptized 285 believers.

Diploma 26 students led 1221 people to Christ and baptized 36 believers.

Diploma 27 students led 352 people to Christ and baptized 23 believers.

Adv. Dip 7 students led 314 people to Christ and baptized 66 believers.

Adv. Dip 8 students led 477 people to Christ and baptized 49 believers.

Total for December: people saved 4683 and believers baptized 459

Details for the December terms: Nineteen new preaching points were reported, and twenty-three new churches were planted. Praise be to God. Every class reported new preaching points and new churches.

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

**31,432 people saved and 3,939 believers baptized
136 new preaching points and 127 new churches
planted in 2013.**

LATEST VIEWS AT UBS THIS DECEMBER



International UBS students sang in chapel in December. The song was in Swahili, and most students could understand it. Chapels were full with over 100 students attending every day except Sundays. Faculty members gave many Christmas messages.



Dr. Clive Jarvis gave the UBS Christmas message on Friday afternoon December 13.

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 (MTS) is a program of SEBTS. A new class for 2014 is being planned.

Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops that support people here. Some good rain came to help many gardens produce a second time this year.

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

1988 - 2013

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

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, Diploma students have all received Seeking His Face and Advanced Diploma have all received Entering His Gates .

Over thirty faculty members and staff attended this annual end of year celebration.



Looking for the Christmas Star? No, these are looking at video projected Christmas songs above the blackboard. The Bogans helped with the principal's family and Dr. Jarvis to give a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to the hard working **UBS** faculty members and staff who make it possible to smoothly handle over 100 students and staff almost every month of the year. They deserve a big thanks for jobs well done in the service to Jesus Christ. US picture calendars were passed out to those attending. Cakes and sodas were much appreciated.



The nurse gave out over a dozen "Mama Kits" this December. Looks like many Christmas babies are being born at the end of 2013 or early in 2014.

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!

**UBS Student ministry
Reaching the lost!
Last 4 years - UBS:
Over 124,697 people saved - Praise God!**

Mama Kits

The UBS nurse keeps a supply of these kits, donated by Christian women in the USA, on hand to help each student's wife with baby delivery. She gave out many kits in Nov. - Dec.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

John 8:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:34-36 (NKJV)

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever.

³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

A BIG thanks to Jim and Mary Benham for supporting UBS operations to reach out to Africa today. God Bless you all this New Year of 2014 season.

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The Principal's family's parrot says "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON. "

Student and Alumni Testimonies

A Certificate church planter in eastern Tanzania praises God as he reaches out to drug users, orphans, and prostitutes. Many of these people are struggling within another religion. Good news: 35 people locked into that religion and addiction have been rescued out of bondage into free life in Christ. Pray that God will protect this student as he claims victories in a desperate land.

A Certificate evangelist said he is happy with the telling of Chronological Bible stories to some of the people in his church who are non-literate. They are excited about what they are learning from the Bible. Pray all the UBS students can practice what they are learning at UBS to be effective in edification of believers and evangelization to the lost.

A Certificate pastor said he saw the hand of God moving in the conversion of a lady lost in a different religion. This lady said she was walking home after worship on the holy day. She was overwhelmed by the demonic and could not free herself. She cried to the god she worshipped but there was no help. Finally she confessed to her husband that she needed to look to Jesus for help, and he consented. The Certificate pastor was privileged to lead her to Christ and she was saved. Finally, she was set free and is serving God in church.

This December a **Diploma student** led a student team to do evangelism at a football (soccer) game. Eleven people were saved out of many people that watched the football game. Everyone wins at games where people find Jesus Christ.

A Diploma pastor said one day he found a cult leader leading people astray from the Truth. He confronted the error the other one was preaching and showed them all what the Bible truth said. Peoples' eyes were opened, and they saw how the cult was cheating them out of Life and living. Confronting theological error is an unending need. If you ignore it, that error will end the church.

A Diploma church leader from Burundi said he was so thankful for what he is learning at UBS about the knowledge of God. This is helping him to teach people in the church he leads, especially the youth and children.

A Diploma church leader happy with prison and school outreach responsibility said she

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is reaching out to many desperate people. She said there was a case of a secondary (high school) student who was so worried about coming tests that she sought help. A strange girl led her to witchdoctor who sold her tablets to take that would magically make her pass the tests she had to take. This came out during prayer concerns that this student attended and caused church leadership to alert the community about this wickedness. They prayed for her to stand true to God and not give into magical help. This UBS student leads many school youth to Christ and shares the Good News on radio too. **A Diploma pastor** testified that many church leaders have no Good Word at burials. This student said he shares the Truth at burials. He attended a burial where he had some responsibility in leading. Another pastor said some words in the burial, then the UBS student followed with a Gospel appeal. Twenty-three people came forward to be saved from sin. There can be Good News at burial time if we preach the Truth. This December students of the six classes shared that four hundred and sixty one people were saved at African burials. What a privilege to share in death that there is Life in Christ, Who died to save sinners.

This Advanced Diploma pastor is glad many people from different churches come to seek his help with difficult Bible passages. In the past many people mocked him for desiring to know and grow in the knowledge of God's Word at UBS. Now people are growing and finding Truth as he leads them into that knowledge.

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. A few Masters students have stayed with the M.Div. program and can finish by the end of 2014. The 4 **M.T.S.** students who will graduate in March have finished the course work. Dr John Ewart of SEBTS plans to attend the next graduation at UBS to give the MTS award and to preach to all graduating students. The students will be ready for graduation on March 22, 2014.

2. Pray for the National Council for Higher Education to approve the UBS request for degree accreditation. There is still no action on this request.

3. Pray for the Bogan family as they prepare for living back in the states. Dana will travel in January to help prepare for their life in the USA. Thankfully a temporary replacement in a volunteer has come to help. **Shane Folks** has finished New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has just arrived from the USA to teach for the next five months at this critical time. Pray that Shane will get into the swing of UBS life very well.

4. Pray for the 4 UBS/BUU missionaries. Francis Ocowun is reaching out to the Okebo Tribe. He is from that tribe and finished the Advanced Diploma program. Pastor Francis is working out of Zombo in West Nile region border with DRC. **Pray for missionary Francis Ocowun** to travel safely as he makes frequent mission trips. **Philemon Cheriwo graduated from the Advanced Diploma this year.** He is a new adjunct teacher for UBS part time teachers. **He is still considering the missionary work to the Pokot tribe in Uganda.**

Simon Nono and his family live and serve God in Lamwo, northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border. Pray for missionary Simon as volunteers come this January to reach many people for Christ through medical missions. Also, pray for the volunteer missionaries team to make a big impact to the glory of Christ.

Mark Vukoni and his family live and serve God in Koboko in northwest West Nile Region, Uganda. Mark is busy trying to find a way to survive in Koboko. Recent sickness has prevented him from the heavy work of farming to supplement his salary.

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

Please note in the UBS 2013 student ministries graphic:

- 1. Most churches planted,
- 2. Second year over thirty thousand saved, and
- 3. Second year of highest preaching points reported.

Thank you for helping UBS.
Principal UBS

5. **Please pray for peace to come to the GOMA region of the DRC.** There are many Congolese refugees in southwestern Uganda. Our students and their churches are presently overwhelmed with need. Pray for this insecurity in the DRC to settle down so these refugees can return home. Cindy Benda, who sometimes teaches at UBS, lives in Kisoro. Many DRC refugee families are staying in her home.

6. **Please pray for South Sudan to have peace. The South Sudanese students from UBS** that left on the 13/14th of December were delayed in traveling home and are now in UN camps. Pray they can find a way home in these insecure days in South Sudan.

7. **Please pray for a Baptist Bible School to be started in Kampala soon. Also pray for a Bible School to be started in Jinja on the grounds of Acacia Community Church.**

8. **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 last April. **Our next graduation will be on March 22, 2014,** and we need more study Bibles to help our graduates in their church ministries.

Have a **HAPPY**
2014
THANK YOU for
praying for and
supporting UBS.

