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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 is Big on Missions

Two US teams have done work in northern Uganda this month. The first team held medical, dental, and vision clinics at UBS for three busy days. During that time they helped UBS students, faculty, and visitors with medical issues. Then they headed to Koboko to use their professional skills to minister to that needy community. Mark Vukoni, the UBS missionary, assembled the Ugandan team to handle evangelism. The second team is serving with the Lamwo mission; Simon Nono is the UBS missionary planting churches there. This team is also holding medical clinics and using the Jesus Film for outreach. The Jesus film ministry is being shown at night as the medical team cares for the local people by day. Praise God that the volunteers were ready and prepared for a mighty Gospel witness with UBS students, missionaries and nationals in northern Uganda this month. Please pray that many churches will result from these good works.



Eighty-five students at UBS this January. The Academic Dean is in front. Terry Nester is an adjunct teacher and is standing to your right in back.



Two January classes were taught by Bob Lacy, a volunteer from Hot Springs Baptist Church, Arkansas. Bob is standing on your right side of the classes.

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.

The Master of Divinity is a program of SEBTS.

Uganda is in dry season. Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops. Hot Season should start soon.

**YOUR Prayers
Help UBS and
Africa!**

Many thanks go to volunteer teachers who travel to Uganda and help teach UBS students. Bob Lacy of Hot Springs Baptist Church taught for over two weeks at UBS and joined the volunteers on their trip to northern Uganda. He is standing at the doorway of the chapel. *Look to your right.*

Dr. Mastin, one of the volunteers, did the maternity rounds at Jinja Hospital with Dana Bogan, RN, Tuesday morning. He then taught Continuing Medical Ed. at the Jinja Hospital that afternoon.

December 2011 Ministry data:

Certificate 15 students led 790 people to Christ and baptized 106 believers.

Diploma 25 students led 306 people to Christ and baptized 256 believers.

Advanced Dip. 7 students led 551 people to Christ and baptized 82 believers.

Those saved in evangelism include: 259 in crusades; 338 in primary schools; 316 in secondary schools; 175 in outreach at burials, weddings, and radio; 232 in door-to-door evangelism. The balance of the November data were people saved in church and personal witnessing of the students. Huge evangelism reports came from Kampala Church Network ministries. Several Baptist Union churches reported large baptisms.

Total Student Ministry data reported for December:

444 baptized and 1,701 people led to Christ.

December 2011 Ministry Data is coming later.

December classes reported 5 new Baptist Churches and 9 new preaching points in various districts of Uganda and surrounding nations (Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda).

Total Ministry for 2011:

4,374 Baptized and 34,701 people saved.

90 Churches Planted and 136 Preaching Points started. PRAISE GOD!



UBS Chapel time with Anthony introducing the Hot Springs Baptist Church volunteer team to the student body on January 17. The team enthusiastically worked on student dental and vision problems for two days. After the team cared for the students, they then turned their attention to faculty and staff. They continue this ministry until Wednesday, January 18. Thursday they provided this service to the greater missionary presence in Jinja.

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

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

Thank You Hot Springs Baptist Church for helping the students and faculty of UBS. Come again soon.

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



Evelyn helped students get to the dental and vision clinics. Below Optometrist Harry checks the vision of a UBS student.



Most of these students have never had a dental or vision checkup. Over 130 pair of reading and/or sunglasses were given out. The dental clinic, the largest section of the team, had the most time consuming work. One time the power was provided by a generator to keep the dental equipment continuing. The students were so thankful for the loving care shown to them and gave many testimonies in chapel. Thursday, families and workers of missionaries in Jinja were invited for evaluation and care. Thank You, Hot Springs Baptist Church!! **Below - the dental clinic.**



This volunteer group had a doctor, an optometrist, a dentist, dental assistants, two pharmacists, RNs, teachers, retired elementary and junior high principals, two evangelists, and one Bible teacher. Thank you all for this ministry of Bible teaching, dental, vision, and doctor care to UBS students and the people of Jinja Town. The Sheltons led this team to Koboko to help UBS missionary, Mark Vukoni, in outreach in the Uganda South Sudan border region. The UBS nurse and the Sheltons traveled with the volunteers to help in the Koboko outreach.

Third Dormitory of UBS

December and January were busy months of completing the building of the third dorm. This will give us the capacity to house the 150 students beginning in March. This greatly expands the ability of UBS to provide training for church leaders in Eastern Africa and with the new dorm UBS can enroll up to 600 students.

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

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son. Please Visit the site.
www.ugandabaptistseminary.org**

We expect the major construction of the dorm to be finished the end of January, with the inner work concluding in February.



Looking at the new dorm the end of January. Below is the future building site.



Testimonies of UBS students

Kampala Crusade

An Advanced Diploma student shared that the first man he witnessed to in a recent crusade accepted Christ. This young man followed them the rest of the day as they witnessed and then began helping with cleaning and ushering at their church. He was baptized with eleven others who professed Christ at the crusade. Later the UBS student along with the new believer shared the Gospel with a group of sixty-three security personnel where the young man had recently worked. He interpreted the Gospel message the UBS student gave to these men and all but two of them accepted Jesus as their Savior. What a difference Jesus made in this young man, and then he in turn shared about Jesus with his lost friends.

A Drunkard Accepts Christ

A Diploma student went out witnessing one day. He encountered a man that was boasting about drinking alcohol since he was an infant. He said all his family drinks

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

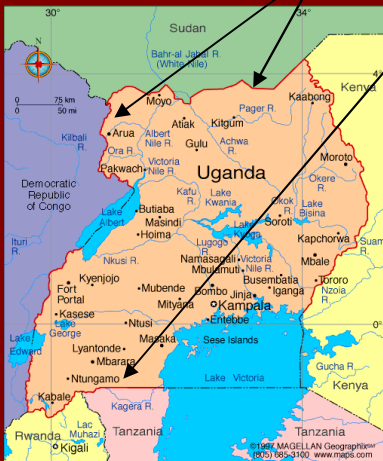
"Preach the Word"

2 Tim 4:2

UBS enrollment is 323 students.

UBS Student Motto:

**Winners never quit
Quitters never win.**



alcohol and a sober man does not belong among them. At first, the man refused to listen, but the student persisted and shared many scriptures about heaven and hell. Soon the man realized he never knew the Truth, and that it was important to know about heaven. After much discussion, the man accepted Bible truth and accepted Jesus by faith as his Savior. Pray all his family comes to know their need for Jesus and believes in Him.

No Dowry, No Burial

A new Diploma student shared this account of a church member burial. The student was called to perform a funeral. The deceased woman was lying in state and a few people had gathered. All of a sudden, a group of boda-boda men (bike riders) swooped in and stole the body. After the student chased the riders, he learned that the dowry of this woman had not been paid and the family was demanding settlement. They said as soon as the money was paid they would release the body. After much negotiation, a settlement was reached and the burial then continued. Sometimes to reach people for Christ is very difficult, especially when ministering to challenging people.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. Pray for the SEBTS M.Div. cohort that returned from the US in September.

The cohort is still studying through 2012; pray they all will finish their studies.

2. Praise God the new dormitory is soon to be finished that will add 56 new beds on our campus.

3. Pray for a new building to be located at the front of the UBS campus. This will serve as a chapel and large classroom. A board room and storage is planned in the end facing administrative offices.

4. Pray for the enrollment of new church leaders at UBS. Pray especially that everyone who said yes to attend UBS will come to the new classes scheduled for 2012.

5. Pray for the 3 UBS/BUU missionaries.

Simon Nono and his family are in Lamwo, northern Uganda. The Jesus Film-Video outreach and medical clinics are going on now. Pray for a great harvest of believers in Lamwo, northern Uganda.

Mark Vukoni and his family are in Koboko in northwest West Nile. The Koboko "Hot Springs Baptist Church" team traveled from UBS to Koboko for two days of intensive medical, dental, and vision checks. Pray the Harvest for Christ will be great in Koboko.

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 programs. Pray for more leaders to accept the missionary call.

We plan to add more UBS missionaries after these three are settled.

6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming new year. A Diploma student is the principal of the Iganga Baptist Bible School. They graduated eighteen students who completed the Bible School program designed by UBS. Faculty members recently attended the second graduation of the Kenya coastal Bible School while they were enrolling Kenya candidates for the UBS 2012 new classes.

7. Pray for the Bible ministry. Thank God, 96 new NKJV Study Bibles have been given to be used by all students in classroom reading. We also received MacArthur Study Bibles to help resource UBS faculty in lectures and interactions with students.

Other books are now in Kenya and will soon arrive at UBS. We still 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 the NIV Study Bible. We had planned for a large number of NIV Study Bibles in this same shipment, but they were delayed and will come later this year. Please help UBS get the Study Bibles used in classroom and for graduation gift needs in 2012.

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to reach central
AFRICA today for
Jesus Christ.**

**A website for UBS:
www.ugandabaptistseminary.org**

**Thank You and God Bless
you all.**

Principal - UBS

