

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.

The Bridge program is three - one month terms to prepare High School (equivalent) dropouts to enter the Certificate of Theology. The third term this year will begin in November, and the first term of the Certificate program will begin in December. This program of Dr. Mock's BTCP ten courses will span three years of studies.



This July seventy-three students attended UBS for their second Bridge term - Students Robbed Traveling to/from UBS.

Two students this term were robbed of everything they had coming to Uganda.

One was a Baptist young man who says he was called by God to be an evangelist. Only his mother and he are believers in their Tanzanian family. As a secondary student he was knocked down by a bicycle while he walked by the road. This accident left him unconscious for a while and resulted in a serious permanent injury. As a result, he could not finish his education. He heard about the UBS bridge program, joined, and attended the first term. As he traveled to UBS for the second term, he was robbed of everything he carried. He reported to the police, and they gave him papers to travel on to UBS. Even the X-rays that would shed light on his health problem were taken. Upon his UBS arrival, his medical condition was so poor that he was admitted into a Jinja clinic for 4 days of observation and treatment. Every day at UBS he had to go into Jinja to have the bandages changed. In spite of missing many classes, he was the highest academic achiever in his Bridge class. On his way home to Tanzania, we arranged for him to stop for evaluation at a mission hospital in Kenya; we praise God that he is scheduled to have surgery this week!

The second student robbed was a young lady attending her second term of Bridge classes at UBS. She reached the Tanzania border in darkness and walked across what is called "no man's land". Six men attacked her with machetes. Two men held her arms and they said to surrender her phone, money, clothes everything or they would cut her. She surrendered her belongings and came to UBS--alive! We praise God for protecting her life in a desperate situation!

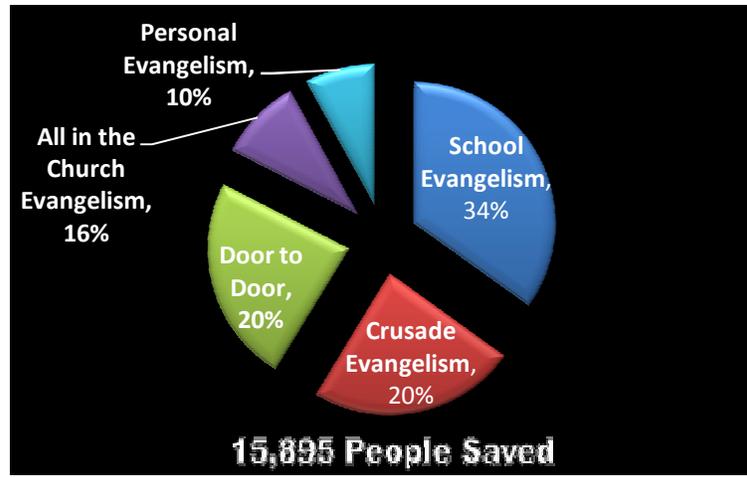
2 Corinthians 11:23ff gives the accounts of the Apostle Paul traveling in a lost world and the difficulties he encountered in his missionary journeys. All UBS students face trials traveling, as do the faculty and the missionary community. That is why if anyone

is traveling they need many prayers. **One bridge student** from northern Uganda returned from his first term in March to find that everything he owned was gone. Thieves had broken into his house taken it all.

Total Student Ministry data reported for Jan - June 2012:

15,895 people saved and 1,887 believers baptized

58 new preaching points and 44 new churches planted in 2012.



UBS student data for all evangelism this year falls into these percentages. Pushing back the darkness, reaching the lost.

The Classroom is finished with your help and support.



The Bridge students make full use of this newest classroom during the daily chapel. Faculty divided students into three classes in July to allow the missionary faculty to participate in an annual meeting of missionaries in Kenya. Ugandan faculty and secondary school teachers filled the classroom needs with these Bridge students. Pray that God uses them to extend the Kingdom to more lost people in Central Africa. They will finish the bridge program this November term. Then they will be tested comprehensively to see which students can enter the Certificate of Theology program.

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.

The Master of Divinity is a program of SEBTS.

BTCP

Bible Training Centre for Pastors and Church Leaders: The Certificate of Theology is ten courses at UBS using ten BTCP books that are given to each student in Certificate class. This becomes a library for each student completing the Certificate of Theology.

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

YOUR Prayers Help UBS to proclaim the Good News to Central Africa!

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

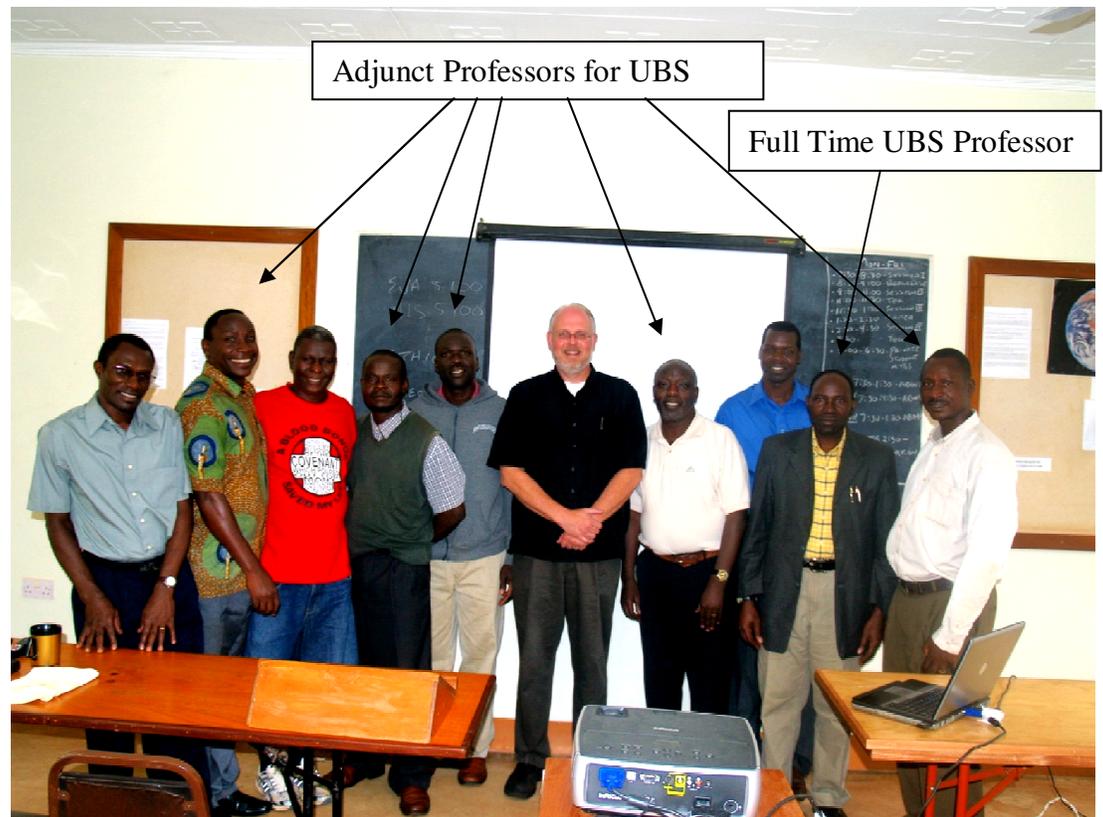
"In Touch" ministries brought 400 small digital messengers to UBS this May. They can be charged by solar or 240 volts. They play back audio of Dr. Charles Stanley's sermons and the New Testament scriptures. What a blessing for church leaders to use. Thank you for this help to UBS students.

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries for another 100 digital messengers were added to UBS through recent volunteers. These were used to provide a messenger to every Bridge student (73) this July. The rest were added to our store of messengers that will be given to all the UBS students this year.

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, please 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.



The M.Div. cohort spent 7 long days of studies with Dr. John Ewart from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. The adjunct professors in the photo above are only a few of the ones who help in teaching at UBS. Each month UBS requires three to five adjunct professors to help us accomplish our Great Commission purpose. The goal of UBS is to equip students to be Godly leaders in the churches they serve and be able Bible teachers as Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:2.

Testimonies of UBS students

Suddenly Three Believed

One Certificate student was preaching in church. As he finished his last sermon point three people suddenly stood up and said they wanted to believe in Jesus. What a happy surprise!

A Call to Persevere

A Certificate student works in a city with many street children. They swear and make fun of the witnessing done among them. "We are tired of your God; we are used to the street life and do not want to change." Yet perseverance needed in sharing the Gospel with these children and youth. Since this ministry was started in 2010 by that church, twenty youth have accepted that Jesus has saved them and changed them from the life of the street to a life lived for Jesus.

A Different Gospel

After his first term at UBS, one Certificate student realized he was preaching the wrong message. Now he admits he is on the right path and is striving to preach the Gospel truth. He reported that his Kenyan church has over 800 people attending! There is a growing need for Gospel preaching to be biblically sound.

Seeking a Better Strategy

Open-air crusades reach many children and youth. Many women also are hungry for truth and accept the Gospel message quickly. Some parents come to crusades just to stop their children from putting their faith in Christ, if they can. There is real spiritual warfare going on. However, door-to-door evangelism is more effective at winning people to Christ. Many people are saved in door-to-door evangelism that reaches them in their homes, and they are successfully being added to the local church body.



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

A Bridge Student Shares His Work and Prayer Needs

He shared they did evangelism in June at a number of places away from his church area. Fifty new converts to Christ were saved through evangelism, and a new church for these was planted. They plan to launch new evangelism as soon as he returns from UBS, and they hope to contribute to the spiritual growth of those recently saved in June. Now his wife is expecting to give birth this August; he asks for prayer because she has had complications in childbirth in the past.

A Bridge Student Shares What Peace and Unity Can Do

God has now saved over twenty people in one student's village since the March term of Bridge. With these conversions, peace now has come between families where once there was only quarreling and enmity. God has given them a future where their minds can serve constructive needs in the church. They even started making bricks to build a church building. With unity they can think about the need of training more leaders too.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. Pray for the SEBTS M.Div. Cohort. The cohort studied this July at UBS. Dr. John H. Ewart and his daughter, a nursing student, were here for about two weeks. Pray for them to have great opportunities to share with God's people there in NC. Rachel Ewart had many nursing experiences around Jinja, visiting the women's prison, teaching on health and assisting in a clinic in villages, and assisting with health care in nearby orphanages. The faculty members enjoyed sharing meals and fellowship with the Ewarts while they were here.

2. Several churches are celebrating fifty years of ministry in Uganda. Some of our students are praying for two celebrations in the west at Kasese this September and here in Jinja at Nile Baptist Church in August. Pray for a wonderful time of sharing and safe journeys for those traveling and those remembering the beginning of Baptist work in Uganda.

3. Pray for the Bridge students as they go home to share what God is doing at UBS. They have a huge challenge to make good preparations to return in November for the end of the Bridge program and to begin the first term of the Certificate of Theology. This requires them to pay for two terms up front and spend six weeks at UBS. This is something we have never tried at UBS. Pray that the students will have the means to pay in advance for the six weeks of classes. Pray for UBS staff to know how to plan for keeping this large number of new Certificate of Theology classes for an extended time.

4. A new UBS team of possible adjunct teachers just started travels into southern and southeastern regions of Uganda to seek new students. The experienced faculty members trained them last week on what to do. They are all recent graduates of UBS. We are praying for many church leaders to see their need of training at UBS.

5. 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. Sam Kaswabi and his family live and serve God in Mutukula, near Tanzania. Missionary Sam just had a crusade with much evangelistic outreach in Mutukula. A church in Kampala participated as well as one M.Div. student and a US volunteer participated in this outreach. Pray that more people will be saved through these ministries and the contacts that were made.

All three pastors have graduated from the UBS Advanced Diploma program.

6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming year. Recently a Bible School graduated fourteen students in Iganga District.

7. Pray for new families that are seeking a way to come and teach at UBS.

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 for graduation gifts.

9. Just in the news is an outbreak of Ebola virus in western Uganda. Read the Fox news: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/07/28/ebola-virus-breaks-out-in-uganda-officials-say/> **Pray for the quick stop of these terrible sicknesses.**

There is another sickness in Northern Uganda

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/07/29/mysterious-nodding-disease-afflicts-young-ugandans/> Information about the nodding disease problem was displayed for the students to read.

10. Please pray for the Bridge student (mentioned above) who is having surgery this week in a mission hospital in western Kenya. We are thankful that funds have been provided for his care and surgery by a church in the USA. Praise God that this young evangelist will receive the care he has desperately needed and will be able to return to UBS this November.



Cattleya orchid in the backyard of the UBS Principal.

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 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.

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

2012 Jan. – June

15,895 Saved

1,887 Baptized

44 churches planted

58 preaching points

2010

29,799 Saved

4,426 Baptized

2011

34,701 Saved

4,374 Baptized

90 churches planted

136 preaching points

A website for UBS:

www.ugandabaptistseminary.org

Thank You and God
Bless you for praying
for UBS.

Principal - UBS