



# The UBS VOICE

June 2012 Newsletter

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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.



**UBS June students: Certificate 13, 14, and 15 classes plus Diploma 25 class. Seventy -five students attended UBS this month.**



### May 26, 2012 UBS Graduation photo in front of the library

Certificate 12, Diploma 20 and 21, and Advanced Diploma 3 students completed their course requirements with comprehensive exams to finish and graduate this year. This is the only graduation in 2012 with thirty-nine students graduating. This makes four hundred ninety church leaders who have graduated from UBS since starting in 1988. The graduates received "In Touch Messengers" and a DVD of five years of Dr. Dennis Mock's preaching along with Study Bibles and other resources. The Certificate program uses Dr. Mock's Bible Centre for Pastors and Church Leaders as a textbook.

## UBS Student Ministry Results *Getting Caught Up*

April 2012 classes (T-Term; PP- Preaching Point and CP- Churches Planted)

Diploma 22 T 4: **1,291 people saved**, 114 believers baptized, plus **5 PPs** and **8 CPs**

Adv. Diploma 5 T 8: **185 people saved**, 45 believers baptized, plus **1 CP**

Adv. Diploma 6 T 4: **1,193 people saved**, 62 believers baptized, plus **2 PPs**

Adv. Diploma 7 T 4: **543 people saved**, 125 believers baptized, plus **1 PP**

April ministry shows more preaching points in Diploma 22 because they are finishers of the Certificate program and have upgraded to Diploma. Advanced Diploma 6 class has more saved because they have completed the Diploma program and have upgraded to the Advanced Diploma. **Fifteen Bible Schools for church leaders** were mentioned with over 192 students interacting with the above April UBS students.

### May 2012 Classes

Certificate 12 T 11: **384 people saved**, 56 believers baptized, plus **2 PPs** and **2 CPs**

Diploma 20-21 T 11: **382 people saved**, 70 believers baptized, plus **3 PPs** and **2 CPs**

Diploma 23 T 8: **1,217 people saved**, 90 believers baptized, plus **2 PPs** and **2 CPs**

Diploma 27 T 5: **501 people saved**, 53 believers baptized, plus **1 PP**

Adv. Diploma 3 T 11: **75 people saved**, 65 believers baptized.

**Five Bible Schools for church leaders** were mentioned with 60 students interacting with the above May UBS students

### June 2012 Classes

Certificate 13 T 7: **872 people saved**, 161 believers baptized, plus **2 PPs** and **2 CPs**

Certificate 14 T 5: **654 people saved**, 61 believers baptized, plus **4 PPs** and **3 CPs**

Certificate 15 T 2: **496 people saved**, 182 believers baptized, plus **1 PP**

Diploma 25 T 2: **927 people saved**, 25 believers baptized, plus **2 PPs** and **1 CP**

June students reported very high numbers for salvation from central Uganda school evangelism and crusade ministry. **Four Bible Schools for church leaders** were mentioned, having 62 local students interacting with the above June UBS students.

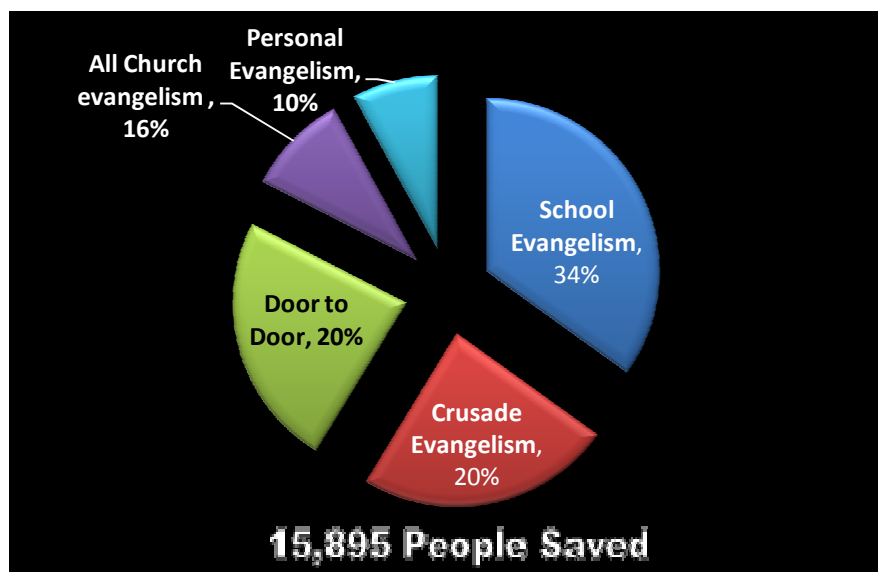
**Compiling results for the last three months show: 25 new preaching points were established, 21 new churches were planted, **24 Bible Schools for church leaders** were teaching places for the above students' interaction with over 314 church leaders.**

**This adds up to a dynamic ministry that gives glory to God in Central Africa.**

### 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. Pusing back the darkness, reaching the lost.**

**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 at the end of the rainy season. 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.**

## The Classroom/Chapel is finished with your help and support

This building is 43 feet long and 33 feet wide and represents the largest classroom at UBS. Up to one hundred fifty students can sit in this room.



A Certificate student stands near the back door of the new Classroom. The picture inside is from that door looking at the blackboard. By next week, three 4,000-gallon water tanks will be sitting beyond the front door in the corridor between the library and classrooms. This will hold all the rainwater from several metal roofs, including the new classroom.



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.

## More photos of the May Graduation

Faculty Members here - 7 fulltime and 2 part-time (adjunct) in this lineup beside the new classroom/chapel.



The Faculty members lead out the graduating UBS students.



Diploma Students line up to receive their awards and gifts. Certificate students in red gowns followed them. Families and friends came to greet and celebrate with them and the faculty this achievement after three years of difficulties, travels, and hard study.



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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**Thirty-nine students graduated under the tents which UBS rented in Jinja.**



The faculty, staff, and church members sang, "To God Be the Glory", "Serve the Lord with Gladness", and "Fight the Good Fight" to a crowd of 300 attendees. Dana Bogan helped with special music this year; she also helped Evelyn in the UBS clinic.



**Rev. John Ekudu, President of the Baptist Union of Uganda, brought the graduation message. Faculty members are seated behind him. Flowers were from Kenya.**

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Mark 9:14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

<sup>15</sup>Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. <sup>16</sup>And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

<sup>17</sup>Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. <sup>18</sup>And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

<sup>19</sup>He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." <sup>20</sup>Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup>So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"



Esther Mulago wife, of UBS registrar, helps teach English at UBS and works in the library. The happy day was shared with Rubaga Baptist Church member Sarah and area Baptist pastors and leaders. The man behind Esther is Dr. Geoffrey Mayimba, the General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Uganda.

## Testimonies of UBS students and a Church Planter

### Church planting in Koboko *Part Two*

Two UBS BUU faculty members traveled to Koboko and met with Mark. They met local leaders in Koboko to help support Mark, who had worried over unknown efforts to push him out of town. They also called for a meeting with the family of the student who accepted Christ by faith from a different religion. Many family members came to this meeting, overwhelming the few believers. God's grace was sufficient to open a way of understanding and good will. The family accepted the fact that their daughter had been saved, and a new way forward was forged. Pray this new way becomes a church planting movement.

### A Sickness that was Not

A Certificate student gave testimony of a high political man's struggle with his son's sickness. He had taken him to doctors for help with the severe headaches he was having, but they could not help him. The father drove him to the main hospital in Kampala; still they could not comfort him. There was nowhere else to go. The man's sister organized a prayer for the child in their home area. The UBS student was near and could hear the noise. He said we should pray for them and entered the place where they were praying. A thing threw the boy down to the ground, twisting and turning. The student called on Jesus to drive that demon from the boy. Immediately it was over, and the student led the boy to saving faith in Jesus Christ. He was now in his right mind, and he knew his only hope was in Christ. People were amazed and the father of the boy, a high political man, praised God for this mighty work. Pray that the boy's family and others in the community will turn to Christ.

### I am a Preacher Now

This Certificate student was preaching to a group of people who listened to him in the community. They called back to him, how had he been saved? He came closer to them and shared his testimony, how Jesus had saved him from so many troubles and had answered so many questions about life. When they saw how God had saved him from many troubles, they wanted to be saved too. Seven people right there, were saved, and God did for them as He had done for this UBS preacher.

### A Cut Above the Others

Three thieves were active in this student's community. One night he caught one reaching into his window feeling around for something to steal. He had a machete and lightly cut his hand; he withdrew. The second reached in, doing the same thing. The student cut his hand too, and he quickly withdrew. The third thief tried his luck and was cut the same way; he withdrew, screaming in pain. The man was confronted and he confessed that he was a sinner, turned to Christ, and was saved. His testimony now: sin is dangerous. Indeed, Hell is nothing to laugh at.

**The wages of sin is death, (*spiritual death implied*) but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23 NIV**

And he said, "From childhood.<sup>22</sup> And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

<sup>26</sup> Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

<sup>28</sup> And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

<sup>29</sup> So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

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### 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 Prayer Concerns:

**1. Pray for the SEBTS M.Div. Cohort.** The cohort will study this July at UBS. Dr. John H. Ewart will be at UBS to teach the M.Div. cohort. Pray for him and his daughter to have a great time in Uganda this July.

**2. Praise God that the building is finished for now at UBS. The new dorm and classroom** will serve the needs to expand student enrollment up to 600 students. That may not take long to reach with growth exceeding 10% annual.

**3. Pray for the Bridge students as they prepare to come for the July term. Pray they will find the fees to continue the Bridge Program.** All the expatriate teachers will be in Kenya for meetings. Pray that enough teachers can cover the Bridge needs.

**4. A UBS team traveled to Kenya this June. Reports telephoned to UBS indicate there are fifty new applicants to UBS programs.**

### 5. Pray for the 3 UBS/BUU missionaries.

**Simon Nono and his family are in Lamwo**, northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border. The headquarters of Lamwo are new, and there is a lack of buildings in the place. A local leader gave permission for Pastor Simon to start a church on his property under the trees. This will be a challenge in heavy rains. He has twenty new believers in this open air church who are ready for baptism. Simon is fortunate to have several UBS graduates and students working in this new district. They hope to carry out a crusade later this year. One hardship Simon has is a 9 mile bicycle ride from where he lives to the Lamwo headquarters. He cannot find housing there and stays in Padibe with his family.

**Mark Vukoni and his family are in Koboko in northwest West Nile.** Pray that the Harvest for Christ will be great in Koboko. A small team was sent in May to Koboko to encourage Mark Vukoni. (See "Part Two" above.) Pray also 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.**

**6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming year.**

**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 in graduation gift needs in 2012.



**More of Rev. John Ekudu preaching the message at Jinja UBS graduation. The next UBS graduation will be April 26, 2013.**

**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.**

**A website for UBS:  
[www.ugandabaptistseminary.org](http://www.ugandabaptistseminary.org)**

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



**RESULTS OF EVANGELISM BY UBS STUDENTS**

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Over 16,000 New Believers	11,542 Saved 3,311 Baptized	24,245 Saved 3,380 Baptized	29,799 Saved 4,426 Baptized	34,701 Saved 4,374 Baptized
<b>2012 Jan. – June</b>				<b>90 churches planted</b>
<b>15,895 Saved</b>				<b>136 preaching points</b>
<b>1,887 Baptized</b>				
<b>44 churches planted</b>				
<b>58 preaching points</b>				



**UBS is getting some height in the faculty members.**