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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.

First Board of Governors Meeting of 2013



THE first BOG 2013 had representatives from the Baptist Mission, Baptist Union, World Venture, and UBS faculty and students. The quorum was achieved and the BOG met for business on March 15 during the middle of the Certificate residence. The meeting took place in the smallest classroom of UBS. Twelve people were involved with this BOG. A topic concerned the campus security.

Agustav stands with Baptist Mission and Baptist Union BOG representatives.



Above is the March term with three Certificate classes. Playing the guitar is Gingo Tucker, SEBTS Masters student and UBS adjunct teacher (chapel time UBS).

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 and the masters of Theological Studies are programs of SEBTS.

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

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

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



Certificate "Angel choir" sings in the March chapel time. During the first week of the Certificate term UBS had two volunteers teaching Certificate classes. **Bill Greenwood** taught in Certificate 16 and 17 classes, and **Darwin Scofield** taught the Certificate 15 class. Bill spent two more weeks in Kampala with Herbert Kabuluku making Christian presentations to several university classes and high school classes.

January 2013 Ministry data:

**Diploma 23 students led 1,269 people to Christ and baptized 371 believers.
Advanced Diploma 9 students met for their first time and will return in May.
Advanced Dip. 5 students led 160 people to Christ and baptized 40 believers.
Bridge 2 students led 1,033 people to Christ and baptized 117 believers.**

Details for the January term: 18 new preaching points were started and 14 new churches were planted by these students. Advanced Diploma students reported huge numbers saved in Jesus Video not counted in this student data. Diploma 23 students reported a huge international crusade that was not counted in the above data. Bridging 2 will return in August to finish term 3, and they will begin term one of Certificate 18 class.

February 2013 Ministry data:

**Certificate 13 students led 697 people to Christ and baptized 241 believers.
Certificate 14 students led 1,137 people to Christ and baptized 50 believers.
Diploma 25 students led 512 people to Christ and baptized 28 believers.
Diploma 27 students led 778 people to Christ and baptized 130 believers.
Advanced Dip. 6 students led 1089 people to Christ and baptized 68 believers.**

Details for February: 21 new preaching points were started and 26 new churches were planted by these five classes. A large door-to-door evangelism project involving Diploma 27 students was reported in Kenya.

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

**6,675 people saved and 1,045 believers baptized
39 new preaching points and 40 new churches planted
in 2013.**

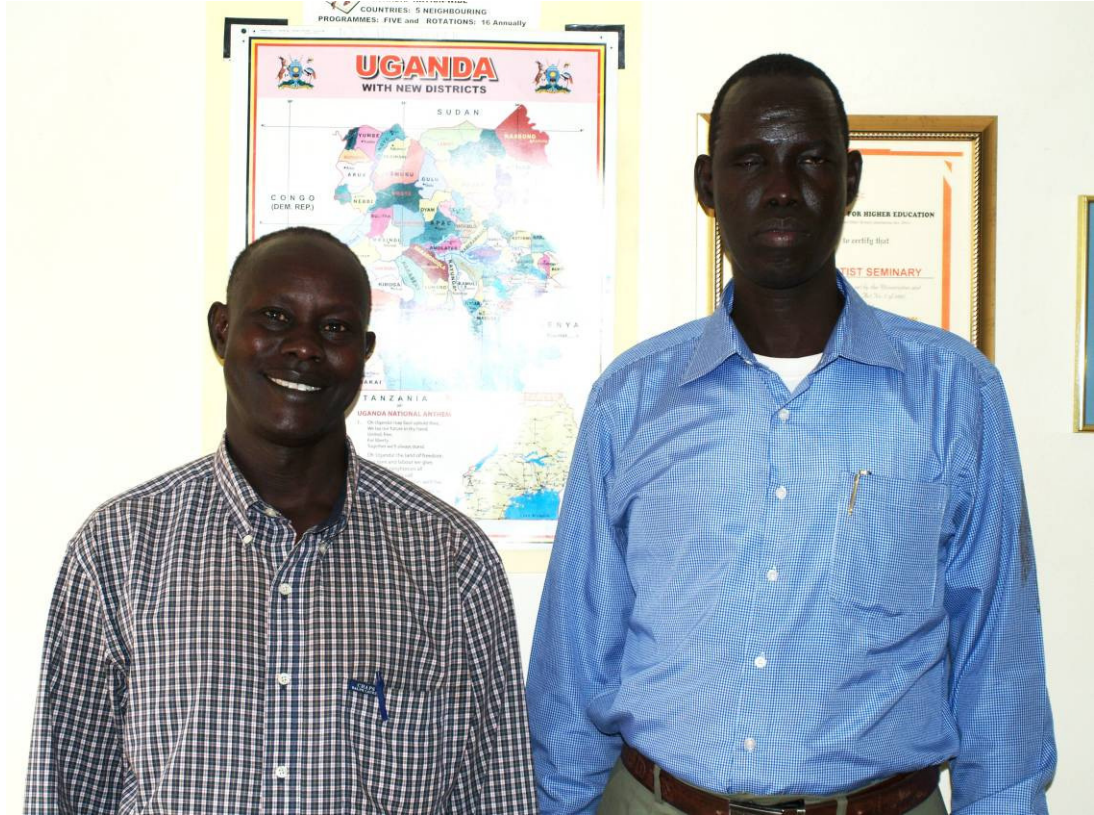
Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, digital messengers were given to every student at UBS last year.

20% 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.



Two South Sudan Baptist Leaders visited UBS this March. They are planning to send pastors for training to UBS. Pastor Edward Dima(left side) is from Kajo-Keji and Ding Gatluck Lual (right side)works in Juba. They stayed at UBS for three days before traveling to northeastern Uganda with Agustav Odonyo to attend a gathering in Kaabong of missionaries preparing to start new work in South Sudan. These 2 men are working with over 100 Baptist churches and many of those are in the Central Equatorial State of South Sudan.



Can you believe this hail? We have lived here 27 years and we never had this much hail before in Jinja. This came in February and then again in March. Each time the electrical voltage for UBS surged to over 600 volts, blowing out anything

using the electricity at the time. Many UBS students took pictures of this cold weather. Lots of phone chargers, fans, and other things were destroyed by the electricity surge the hail caused. The problem is with the high voltage lines that bring power to the transformer for the UBS community. Pray that the electric company will correct this problem.

Testimonies of UBS Professors

Certificate Students on Mission at UBS

The Dean of Students was asked to help a Diploma student revive a Baptist Church in his home area in eastern Uganda in February. The Certificate 15, 16, and 17 classes went there the next month. Two UBS faculty visited the area of the failing church on the first day to set up the evangelism project. They were asked to preach to secondary students where this Diploma student also taught. On that day, twenty-five students were saved. The next day, Sunday, a taxi was hired to take fourteen Certificate students with a professor from UBS to this same community. They arrived at mid-morning and divided between the church and the school. Much spiritual encouragement took place. After lunch and prayer all the participants broke into five groups. The hospital, prison, and the town center were evangelized through the Sunday afternoon. Each team came back with great jubilation; 55 people had accepted Jesus as Savior. The local church now had a mission to continue as the students returned to UBS that evening.

Testimonies of UBS students

Caught Up in the World

A Diploma student was out on mission with his church and encountered a woman in a different denomination who was selling sexual things from her shop. She herself was a student and needed money, and this shop brought much gain to her. She sold alcohol, condoms, and sometimes herself in prostitution. Her belief was whatever brought gain for her was the way to go, and she thought she was a Christian. The student shared many scriptures (**Roman Road** 3:23, 5:8, 6:23 and 10:8-13 plus Ephesians 2:8-10) with her, showing that to believe in Jesus Christ one must put his/her faith in the work Jesus did at Calvary. She confessed she thought she had to do everything and she did not know what the Bible said. She surrendered to Jesus Christ and put her faith in HIM.

Luke 15:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who **repents**."

Amazed

A Certificate student said he witnessed an outpouring of God's grace when he preached in a new mission place in north central Uganda. He had preached for only 15 minutes when people started to come forward to be saved. All of a sudden more people responded to the message and they put their sinful lives into the hands of Jesus. He was truly amazed that altogether 42 people received the Good News of Jesus unto salvation. Later at a burial he was asked to preach. Some others from other churches were afraid to preach after 3 people at the burial were saved at the invitation this Certificate student gave.

You Never Know Who is Listening

This Certificate student pastors a new church meeting in a local political public building. Unknown to him, workers in the building would come and hide on Sundays to hear his preaching. These would in turn go and tell that others they should hear the Good News. These people were coming secretly hungering for Truth. What a surprise.

Jesus Went to the Cross!

A young man from another religion invited a Diploma student into his vehicle. He questioned her: "Do you believe someone else died at the cross? That was not Jesus; he never died. That is what we believe". The UBS student answered boldly Jesus Himself was nailed to the cross, was buried, and was raised on the third day. He died for sinners like we are, and those who have faith in Him can live for all eternity. It will take boldness to declare the Good News to a lost world.

UBS Student ministry

Reaching the lost!

Last 4 years - UBS:

Over 117,000 people saved - Praise God!

1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵ The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment.

John 3:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

A BIG thanks to Jim and Mary Benham for supporting UBS operations to reach out to Africa today. God Bless you all.

How UBS Began --an addition to 1998 to 2008 Part 3

UBS in 1998 - The Principal was available for additional ministry 1998 -2008.

The next ten years the Principal wrote up food and general relief project requests to assist Ugandans caught up in Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps in the eastern and Northern Uganda. Occasionally projects were written to help suffering Ugandans in landslides and drought. The UBS Ugandan faculty members and Baptist Union leadership helped with the Principal to administer these projects. Many times the only way to implement a relief visit was to start the process on Friday after UBS teaching and purchase huge quantities of food that day and spend the night in eastern Uganda. The morning would be traveling with trucks to the distribution site. To be sure many Baptist Union leaders with UBS students made these public food relief ministries a safe and glorious time for all participants. The goal was to present the Good News and invite decisions for salvation. The ten years' work of Baptist relief projects resulted in over 7000 people saved, and every participant received the same portion of food. The projects created fertile ground for future Baptist ministry.

During these years, both the Academic Dean and Principal were carrying other IMB responsibilities. Since 2008 the Principal focused on UBS, and The Academic Dean continued with IMB local leadership. To be sure, both UBS leaders were also committed to full-time teaching in the classroom plus administration, plus IMB responsibilities, plus church life, plus family responsibility.

The Principal's Life Scriptures through the years to the present 2013:

From 1988 - 2 Timothy 2:2 was quoted and preached to UBS students many times.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 ¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

² **And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.**

From 1998 - James 3:18 this verse meant much to me struggling to bring relief to IDP camps (Internally Displaced People) in Uganda. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ **Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.**

From - 2008 Philippians 1:21 The last years, this verse sums up for me the total work so far with UBS and its expanding program to Central Africa.

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**

UBS from 2008 - Present - Part 4 will be in the next newsletter The administrative core of UBS remained as it was. Several new professors have added to the task of teaching many classes.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. Pray for the SEBTS Masters Cohort. Most of the cohort are focusing on the Master of Theological Studies degree. SEBTS has brought back the MTS program and is making it the main international Masters program. This makes the possibility of an accredited Masters degree more affordable to the international students here in Central Africa.

2. Pray for the faculty to have the ability to get through this year and for the new things we are doing to save money. Two times this year we structured Diploma and Certificate classes to attend 6 weeks instead of 3 weeks. This means doing two terms of work at UBS on one transport trip. So several times this year faculty members and staff will work nonstop 6 weeks stretches, then take a breather. We will

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Pray for UBS missionaries.

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.

UBS Motto is

"Preach the Word"

2 Tim 4:2

UBS enrollment is 500 students, including the new Diploma students added this December.

UBS Student Motto:

Winners never quit

Quitters never win

Thank you for partnering with UBS to reach central AFRICA today for Jesus Christ through Theological Education.



A website for UBS:
www.ugandabaptistseminary.org
go to links/news for all the listings of VOICE

Thank You and may God bless you for praying for UBS.

Principal - UBS

soon have several faculty members on vacation or stateside assignment. We will rely on the adjunct professors to help carry some of the load of teaching.

3. Pray for the second Bridge class which will return in August and then begin Certificate 18 class in September. Please pray that these students will faithfully persevere in this program. We have noted a high drop-off rate in the Bridge program.

4. We are praying for many church leaders in South Sudan to see their need for training at UBS. We are not recruiting outside of Uganda as we did the last several years because of the high cost of travel. It is great that leaders like these South Sudan leaders came to see what UBS can do for their Baptist Church pastors.

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. This January a large team of US preachers and medical professionals did outreach in Lamwo. Simon and UBS students did the translation for the team. Praise God that many people were saved.

Mark Vukoni and his family live and serve God in Koboko in northwest West Nile Region, Uganda. This is near the DRC. They regularly have 30 - 50 people in worship. Pray for a breakthrough to the community in Koboko.

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

6. Pray for the robberies against UBS to stop. We have added more razor wire to the top of our security wall. Also some tree limbs that were hanging over the wall were cut. Hopefully that will stop the robberies. A new guard service was added as well.

7. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming year. Terry Nester and his family are back in Uganda working. We hope to have a graduation in an Apac (northern Uganda) Bible School of a small class that completed the course but never had a graduation. Please pray that we can encourage more communities to begin Bible Schools to train church leaders.

8. Please pray for this huge graduation the end of April. On April 26 and 27 we will hold a graduation each day in order to accommodate the 80 + graduates. The Advanced Diploma has two classes graduating on Friday, April 26 and the Diploma has two classes graduating on Saturday, April 27. UBS does not have that much space and gowns to graduate 80 or more students on one day.

9. 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. UBS is using up the supply of Study Bibles in this April graduation. Our next graduation will be in January 2014. Please pray about how you can help provide Bibles for future graduations.

RESULTS OF EVANGELISM BY UBS STUDENTS

2008

11,542 Saved

3,311 Baptized

2009

24,245 Saved

3,380 Baptized

2007

Over 16,000

2010

29,799 Saved

4,426 Baptized

2013 Jan. - Feb.

6,675 Saved

1,045 Baptized

40 churches planted

39 preaching points

2012

28,765 Saved

4,565 Baptized

66 churches planted

93 preaching points

2011

34,701 Saved

4,374 Baptized

90 churches planted

136 preaching points