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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

UBS Church Planters at Work in Uganda

Three UBS missionaries are working, two in northern Uganda near the borders of Democratic Republic of Congo and Southern Sudan and one in southern Uganda near the border of Tanzania. **Simon Nono** is the missionary for UBS/BUU serving in Lamwo, near Southern Sudan. **Mark Vukoni** is the missionary in Koboko near the DRC border, and **Sam Kaswabi** is the missionary in Mutukula, near Tanzania. All three are trying to plant churches that can be a launching point into the bordering nations with Uganda.

Pastor Simon reported that he has discipled two men and six ladies, and they help in Lamwo evangelism with him. He divides them up in groups of two to do door to door evangelism. He rides a bicycle twice on Sundays (nine miles one way) and once on Wednesday from Padibe to Lamwo and then back. They try to have evangelism three times a week, and he helps lead two Baptist churches in the area. He also helps train Baptists in Padibe Baptist's temporary structure near where he lives. Simon started his church planting by introducing his mission to the leaders of Lamwo. He found one leader who was already saved and was glad to talk to Simon. His secretary though was lost, and Simon led her to faith and she is now fellowshipping with the new Ongalo Baptist Church that meets under the trees in Lamwo for fellowship. She is awaiting baptism with nineteen others who were saved in Lamwo evangelism.

Pastor Sam said he had discipled five people in Mutukula, and they go out witnessing door to door twice a week. He mentioned two worship places that he leads every Sunday. He has recently secured a meeting place for the town church. Sam started the church in his first place of residence, but the landlord, who was of another religion, said he must leave that house. He found another house just before Christmas with UBS help. Amazingly, that landlord remains a friend to Sam. Sam also started a small fellowship several miles from where he lives. He witnessed to a lady in town who accepted Christ. He started meeting where her father lives; the place was run down and needed cleaning. She was too busy with work, and her father was too old and could not take care of his place. Sam went out and spent several days cleaning this place up himself, and one lady watching him wanted to know why he was helping. He explained he was a believer in Jesus and that the lady here had believed but her father was unable to help so he jumped in to help clean the place up. The observer was so impressed by this act of Godly love that she asked how she could be saved. She joined the small fellowship right away, and the people there are hearing the Good News.

Total Student Ministry data reported for Jan - Feb 2012:

7,634 saved and 843 baptized

34 new preaching points and 22 new churches planted in 2012.

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.

Uganda is still waiting for the rainy season. Pray that the storms will not be full of lightning. (Last year lightning killed many Ugandans.) Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops that support people here.

**YOUR Prayers
Help UBS and
Africa!**

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

Sorry my means of putting up pictures were down with a computer crash.

Total Ministry for 2011:

34,701 people saved and 4,374 baptized

90 Churches planted and 136 Preaching Points started.

PRAISE GOD!

The Classroom/Chapel Under Fast Construction

This building is 43 feet long and 33 feet wide and will represent the largest classroom at UBS. We hope the building will be complete before the May 26 UBS graduation. The construction is moving along very fast. April began with only a foundation being made, and now the roof is on, the walls are plastered, and the ceiling is being nailed into place. The room should hold one hundred and fifty students if the weather is rainy and we cannot meet outside under the mango tree. Pray that the workers will not be injured and that they would be receptive to students that witness to them about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Tents will be set up in the grass for the May graduation. The grass is now partially blocked by the latest construction. We believe that with wet weather a graduation might use this chapel as a backup smaller graduation site.

Called Out to Suffer and Plant Churches for Christ

Two UBS faculty members recently spent two weeks in Tanzania and found thirty candidates for training in UBS programs. They were mostly candidates for the Bridge program. One of those who plans to come into the Bridge program gave his testimony. A Baptist pastor and his wife living in his village made it their mission to witness to this stubborn man. He was of a different denomination and resented these attempts the pastor made to lead his family into salvation. After a visit he immediately made a plan to stop this evangelism once and for all. He noticed the pastor's wife preparing to bathe at a local stream, and he knew where the path was. He went ahead and found a big stone, waiting to attack her. The pastor's wife was pregnant, so she moved slowly through the forest path. The man jumped up and threw the stone, striking her, and she fell down with a scream. She stumbled back home to her husband, and he took her to the police station. After some investigation with a nurse she was declared OK, though bruised, and the baby was unhurt. The police said that a charge of attempted murder could be brought on this man. The pastor and his wife prayed and knew the only way to live for Jesus was to keep witnessing and show the love of God. They visited their attacker and explained they loved him. Just like God changed Saul into Paul and made him a witness, God could do that to the attacker as well. Rom 5:8 says " *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" This moved the man and his family; they all accepted Jesus as Savior and joined his church. The pastor disciplined him and after three years God called this man to be a missionary. He sold everything he had and traveled across Tanzania and planted himself among a people of a different religion. He started a Baptist church there and made a small house to live in. People burned down his house, and students at school stabbed his son. He now teaches his own children. He said it is OK to suffer for Christ, remembering the suffering he had poured out on an innocent believer. He is staying there just like the apostle Paul did. This was the testimony UBS faculty brought back to us. This pastor will come to the next entrance to the Bridge program. Pray that God will protect his family and his church members and will give them wisdom how to live and share among a different people.



Testimonies of UBS students and Church Planter

Church planting in Koboko

Mark Vukoni reports that in a home visit recently a young lady of another religion was led to faith in Jesus Christ. She feared what her parents might think, so Mark sought a time to witness to them later. Pray that the whole family will discover the truth of Who Jesus is. Mark has discipled a few who go out witnessing with him in Koboko.

School Outreach

A Certificate student serves in a large Baptist Church in northern Uganda. There are three pastors, and he is one of them. Early this year he taught in a primary (grade) school and led evangelism that brought ten students and five teachers to salvation. The Lord is good and seeks to save the lost. This student is quick to put into practice what he learns from UBS.

Growing So Fast That We Need a Larger Building

This Certificate student serves as a deacon and works with youth. He says he has led the church to set aside two days every week for evangelism. Their best days for witnessing are Saturday and on Sunday afternoons. God has blessed their efforts to win the lost to Him every time they go out for evangelism. Within a few years they will have to expand their church building to accommodate the growth in membership. He also spends time teaching the scriptures to the church members, discipling newly saved ones, and taking time to counsel youth at the church. All this activity is a much-needed ministry.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. **Pray for the SEBTS M.Div. Cohort.** The cohort studied this March at UBS.
2. **Praise God that the new dormitory is finished, adding 56 new beds on our Campus. Praise God that a new building is under construction at the front of UBS campus.** This will serve as a chapel and large classroom.
3. **Pray for the Bridge students as they have returned to their home and church work.** They will return in July for their second term.
4. **A UBS team traveled to southern Tanzania, Malawi, and Zambia to see if Baptists there would be interested in UBS training.** Praise God for safety and for new students who will join UBS as a result of that trip.
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. Also pray for Simon's family as his father passed away in early May.

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. 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.

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, just 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.

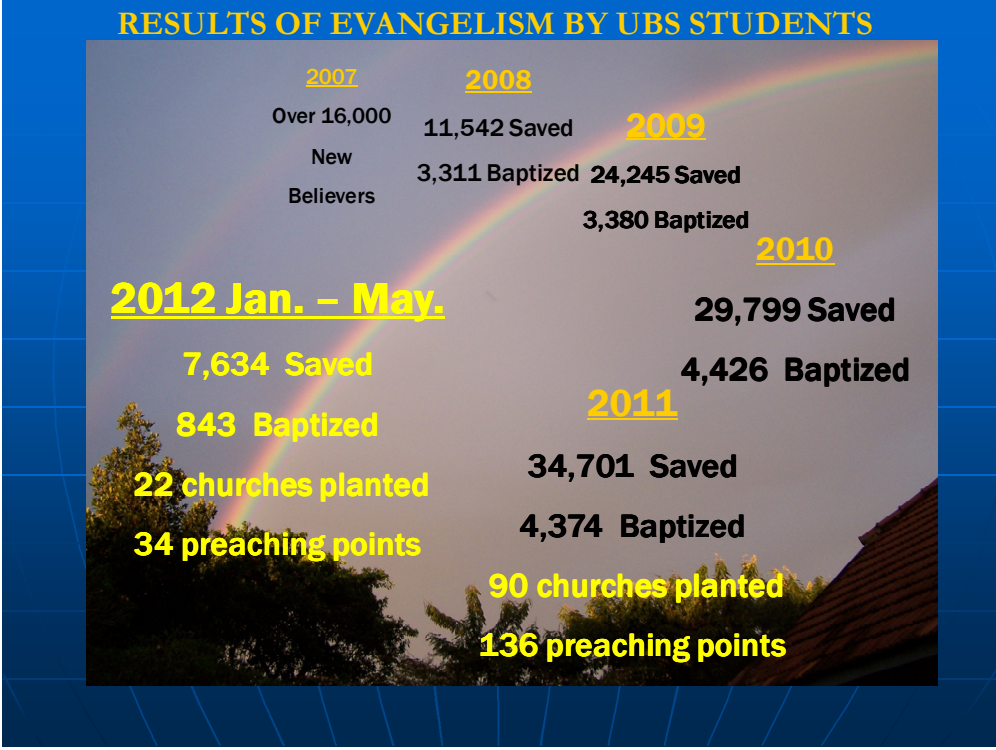
6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools preparing for graduations in the coming year. Terry and Debbie Nester are back in the US for several months. Pray that their needs will be met there and that they will be refreshed for the teaching and leading of the UBS Bible School program upon their return to Uganda.

7. The library needs your prayer to add good books to the 9,000 texts in our UBS library.

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.



Pray for 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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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

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"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**

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