



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.

Four Classes Graduate at UBS this April 2013



Advanced Diploma 5 and 6 classes graduated with twenty-six on Friday April 26.



Diploma Classes 22 and 23 graduated with forty on Saturday April 27 - above. Below - The twenty-fifth anniversary of UBS was recognized with the Principal and Nurse honored as being there from the beginning in 1988. The Academic Dean spoke to that perseverance just before the Principal gave the history of UBS.



March 2013 Ministry data:

Certificate 16 students led 440 people to Christ and baptized 67 believers.

Certificate 15 students led 904 people to Christ and baptized 87 believers.

Certificate 17 students led 190 people to Christ and baptized 25 believers.

Details for the March term: 4 new preaching points were started and 4 new churches were planted by these students. Zombo Association in West Nile region of Uganda is planning for two new church plants soon. Praise God for these students.

April 2013 Ministry data:

Advanced Dip. 6 students led 2,545 people to Christ and baptized 48 believers.

Details for April: A huge evangelism project was done in the schools in Iganga. Fifty Senior Secondary (high school) schools were evangelized with 953 decisions for Christ. Sixty Primary (grade school) schools were evangelized with 1,057 decisions for Christ. The Diploma graduating class was counted in the Advanced Diploma results.

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

**10,754 people saved and 1,272 believers baptized
43 new preaching points and 44 new churches planted in
2013.**

UBS Completed Graduations from 1988 to 2013 :

12 Certificate of Theology

23 Diploma of Theology

9 Bachelor of Theology

6 Advanced Diploma of Theology

The next graduations will be in early 2014.

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. This May a volunteer from TN will teach a special focus on entrepreneurship to all the students.

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



The choir sang four times at each graduation. They were much appreciated for the time they gave to prepare for their graduation participation. Joshua Ekudu led the choir made up of faculty members, staff, and graduating students.



The Advanced Diploma students on Friday with the tents full. Each service had over two hundred attending with good representation of local leaders.



The Diploma graduation on Saturday was also full of attendees. Many wives came to honor their husbands graduating. Claudia Hood, wife of the graduation preacher, helped with graduation preparations and serves IMB missionaries with Member Care needs.

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, digital messengers were given to every student at UBS last year. A new shipment of more messengers and Life Principle Study Bibles is now at UBS. Thank you so much "In Touch".

20% of UBS students are international students from D.R. Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan.

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

How UBS Began --2008-2013 Part 4

UBS in 2008 was on the way to accreditation with the National Council of Higher Education. The Diploma accreditation was given in 2010 and the task began to seek the degree accreditation. That application was submitted to the NCHE in 2012 and currently we are waiting on that decision. A new program was started to bridge pastors without a full secondary education to enter the Certificate of Theology. The first class finished in 2012 with a small celebration and started term one of Certificate 16 class. The second bridge program will finish and begin a new certificate class later this year. Please pray that the NCHE will allow this program to continue.

Enrollment Increase with Building

Every year UBS building took place, expanding classrooms to six spacious rooms. The last building was finished in 2012 and serves as a chapel for the nearly one hundred students that study every month of the year. Before the recent graduations we had 500 students in 16 classes; new classes are enrolling this year. Our present building configuration of three dorms and six classrooms can accommodate an enrollment of 600 students. The student enrollment has increased by 10% every year since 1998. UBS has filled every building that has been built.

New Faculty Families at UBS Approved by the BOG

Dr. Anthony and Misti Shelton joined the UBS faculty after completing a four-year term in Kampala Urban ministry with the IMB. Anthony is learning the ropes of course scheduling and teaching assignments and teaches full time. That is a big help for the Academic Dean. Misti helps teach English classes as time allows with homeschooling two children.

The **Bogan family** joined next out of a volunteer ministry relationship between Buvuma Island church planters (IMB) and an SBC church in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Aaron** had lectured at Miami University and **Dana** is a registered nurse. Dana helps the UBS clinic ministry and teaches in the holistic health course. She helps as time allows from the homeschooling of four kids in the family. Aaron teaches full time. The Bogans are currently home on furlough. **Cindy Benda**, an RN, began helping with teaching in the holistic health program and cults and Baptist witness. Cindy is a widow and began living in Jinja and helping full time. Now she lives in Kisoro, southwest Uganda, and helps in every way possible the Baptist ministries there. She is an MK from the DRC when her family worked as AIM missionaries in the Goma region many years ago. Every opportunity she travels to the DRC to help the churches and UBS students there. **The war has displaced many people into the Kisoro region.** She still drives to Jinja often to help teach at UBS.

A new family is in the process of coming through the IMB by early next year.

Board of Governors of UBS

The BOG has remained active and strategic over the years. They stay attuned to the needs and the programs of UBS. Most meetings have had a quorum out of three Baptist Mission representatives, three Baptist Union representatives, one World Venture representative, one representative each from the faculty and students, and the Principal. The BOG meets three times during the year and usually meets during class time.

Faculty and Faculty Meetings

The Faculty members have met on a monthly schedule and extra times as needed. Adjunct faculty members are approved out of every Advanced Diploma graduation. UBS has an active listing of over twenty equipped adjunct professors to help teach on a monthly basis. These teach in Certificate classes and Diploma classes. Volunteers from the US or the UK come almost every month to help teach one or two courses. The Faculty members keep in touch with those volunteers or visitors who are coming and work them into our class schedules. Most full time professors teach 3 to 5 credit hours of classes per month plus manage other responsibilities. The Advanced Diploma classes require teachers with a Masters level or higher. Since the number of Advanced Diploma classes is increasing, we need more faculty members with Masters or Doctorates.



UBS Student ministry
Reaching the lost!
Last 4 years - UBS:
Over 117,000 people saved
Praise God!

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



Missionaries Sent Out by UBS

UBS realized there was a need for graduates to be sent out to unreached areas of Uganda as missionaries. Working with our BOG, a plan focused on three areas where the BUU felt there was little evangelical witness. A group of nine Advanced Diploma graduates was interviewed and three were selected to serve as UBS national missionaries. We plan to add more UBS national missionaries as there is opportunity in West Nile region and in eastern Uganda's Mt. Elgon region. Many thanks to the churches that help fund these church planting missionaries.

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 changes we are making by joining two terms at the Certificate and Diploma programs to save money on transport costs.

3. Pray for the second Bridge class which will return in August and then begin Certificate 18 class in September. We have just learned that the National Council of Higher Education cannot approve the UBS Bridge program since it is a part of secondary, not tertiary, education.

4. We are praying for many church leaders in South Sudan to see their need for training at UBS. Three South Sudanese students joined the newest Diploma 29 class this month of May. Pray that more will join UBS to learn more about God and His purpose in reaching the lost. There is still much insecurity in South Sudan's Jonglei state. **Pray for peace to prevail in Jonglei between the warring factions.**

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 many 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 non-Christian community in Koboko.

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

6. Please pray for peace to come to the GOMA region of the DRC. Several students from that region graduated this April, and for a long time insecurity has reigned there.

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 that the 66 graduates of UBS of April 26 and 27 will faithfully serve Christ and lead more church planting in East Africa. Pray that they will send more leaders to be trained at UBS. Pray that some who qualify for upgrade could do so. An Advanced Diploma upgrade 8 class will start in August and a large class can come from the Diploma 22 and 23 classes that graduated three weeks ago.

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.

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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.

Pray for UBS missionaries.

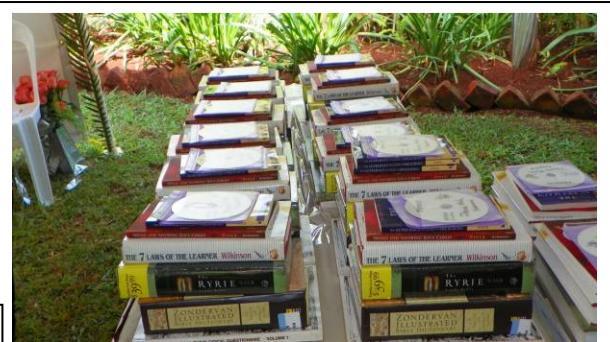
9. Pray for the Bible ministry.

We gave out many MacArthur Study Bibles and Ryrie Study Bibles to the graduates of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma programs this April. Our next graduation will be in January 2014, and we need more study Bibles to help our graduates in their ministries.

CELEBRATION TIME AT UBS



The Diploma graduating students each received Not by Bread Alone, MacArthur Study Bible and other helps. All levels of graduates this time received Dr. Dennis Mock's DVD, "5 Years of Preaching".



The Advanced Diploma graduating students each received a Ryrie Study Bible, Zondervan Bible Dictionary, Seven Laws of the Learner, and other Bible helps.



Nassary Emmanuel a Diploma graduate, has the tassel on his left moved to his right to signify his successful completion of this program. He serves as a pastor and missionary in the PAG of TZ.



Pastor Antoine, from the Jinja local area, had help from his wife to carry Advanced Diploma gifts. All the faculty members shake the hand of every student when graduating. Many families came forward to joyfully help their husband or wife carry the books back.

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

was 500 students

before the April 2013

graduations.

**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.**

Right now in Uganda
floods have distabilized
some of our students in
the east and southwest
regions of Uganda.
Kenya higlands have had
too much rain causing
mud slides several weeks
ago.

A website for UBS:

www.ugandabaptistseminary.org

go to links/news for all the
listings of VOICE



Eunice Kilonzo, a Diploma graduate, is helped by her husband who graduated from another seminary. He pastors an A.I.C. church in Kenya and she is the women's leader. Many of our pastors find ready help with a wife who knows the Bible. Dallas gave each student a candy as they passed by, which was so funny to the families.



Job Nantakika, Diploma graduate, is a youth leader in Idome Baptist Church north of Jinja. His father, **John Kasami**, and mother, **Jane**, standing on both sides, are Bachelor of Theology graduates of UBS and lead the Idome BC. Pastor John was in the first Diploma of Theology class of 1988. Later his wife did the Diploma and then both did the Bachelor of Theology program together. Now his sister is in the newest Diploma class too. The family is becoming theological motivated to do the work of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Dr. Clive Jarvis, retired from being a Baptist pastor in the UK, spent two weeks teaching at UBS this May. Clive visited early enough to attend the April graduations. He stayed in the apartment beside the Sivages. One evening he helped teach thirty students more worship songs they can use. He spent several weeks before teaching this May visiting UBS students where they serve Christ. Clive spends several weeks each year teaching and ministering to UBS students .

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

Principal - UBS



Cindy Benda helped with the cue to begin walking into the tents. This is the line up of our UBS faculty members with the graduates extending past the classrooms. Thankfully the weather was sunny both days allowing many visitors to attend the events.



Danny Hood, who gave the graduation messages, is helping with the IMB region work in Member Care. He, as well as the other faculty members, taught for three weeks in the comprehensive courses preceding the two days of graduations. The Diploma and Advanced Diploma classes each studied four different comprehensive courses (Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, and Theology of Doctrines). That required eight professors, so all but one of the full-time faculty were teaching right up to the graduations. The last week the professors divided into five groups to orally interview each graduating student from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm until all were finished, thankfully everyone was satisfactory. To be sure every one of the faculty members and staff were exhausted by the end of the Friday and Saturday graduations. We all had wonderful reports to make in four different Baptist churches in Jinja on Sunday morning.

Classes after the April Graduation

Some faculty members had a Diploma class 26 finish their 2nd term a week after two days of graduations and an Advanced Diploma class 7 arrived at that time. By May 6 two more Diploma classes started up for three week term. The three South Sudan students mentioned in prayer concerns are in the newest Diploma 29 class. That class has reached the size of 18 students. Pray that they all will return for the next term to study at UBS. Pray also for the Advanced Diploma 8 class that begins this August to be well attended.

RESULTS OF EVANGELISM BY UBS STUDENTS

2007

Over 16,000

2008

11,542 Saved

3,311 Baptized

2009

24,245 Saved

3,380 Baptized

2010

29,799 Saved

4,426 Baptized

2011

34,701 Saved

4,374 Baptized

90 churches planted

136 preaching points

2012

28,765 Saved

4,565 Baptized

66 churches planted

93 preaching points

2013 Jan. - April

10,754 Saved

1,272 Baptized

44 churches planted

43 preaching points

