



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.

Most Students on Campus at One Time.



UBS started two new classes in April. Two weeks of the new classes overlapped with Diploma 26 and Advanced Diplomas 7, 8, and 9 classes. The month enrollment for two weeks was 140 students on campus; that was with six classes. It was quite an exciting time to set a new high attendance record at UBS. Not all the students were in these pictures.



Two New Classes: Advanced Diploma 11 and Diploma 30. The number of international students represented half of these students in these two classes. Kenyans and Tanzanians were the most of these international students with a few from DRC, Burundi and Rwanda. The Advanced Diploma 11 class is just over half pastors, three youth leaders, and the balance a variety of church leaders. The new Diploma 30 class was about the same type as the Advanced class in the different roles of church leadership. Their ministry record for the twelve weeks before coming to UBS showed they were reaching the lost, but not very active in church planting yet and, that is what we shall teach them at UBS.

Uganda National Council of Higher Education (NCHE) 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 Theological Studies (MTS) is a program of SEBTS.

Pray that Uganda has good rains. For the last 2 months heavy rains have represented what we call the long rains of Uganda weather.

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

1988 - 2014
Over 602 Pastors and church leaders have been equipped at UBS. Some of these have upgraded into a higher program than what they started.

March through May 2014 Ministry data

- Certificate 14 students led 335 people to Christ and baptized 93 believers.**
- Diploma 26 students led 999 people to Christ and baptized 308 believers.**
- Diploma 30 students led 259 people to Christ and baptized 53 believers.**
- Adv. Dip 7 students led 416 people to Christ and baptized 125 believers.**
- Adv. Dip 8 students led 694 people to Christ and baptized 166 believers.**
- Adv. Dip 9 students led 597 people to Christ and baptized 51 believers.**
- Adv. Dip 11 students led 1,235 people to Christ and baptized 171 believers.**

(The classes reported many preaching points and new churches planted. Total March to May 2014: **new Preaching Points 17** and **new Church planting 27**.)

Total for March-May: people saved 4,535 and believers baptized 967.

UBS Total Student Ministry Data Reported For Jan. - May 2014:

8,481 people saved and 1,945 believers baptized.

40 new preaching points and 59 new churches planted in 2014.



Shane Folks taught five months at UBS this year. After completing his M.Div at NOBTS Shane came to teach at UBS. In this photo he was teaching theology to Diploma 30, a new class at UBS this May. Be in prayer for Shane as he is in the states preparing for more mission studies in London.

<p>Out of Church UBS evangelism:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools 2. Crusades 3. Door-to-Door 4. Personal or Life Style 		<p>In the Church UBS evangelism has to do with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worship 2. Bible Studies 3. Burials and Marriages
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The ratio of where people are being won to faith in Jesus has not changed. If people are to hear the Good News, believers have to go out of the church to tell them the Truth.

25% of UBS students are international students from D.R. Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan.

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

UBS Student ministry

Reaching the lost!

The last 4 years of outreach plus the evangelism this year of UBS students and their churches:

Over 133,169 people saved in Central Africa - Praise God!

John 3:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be



Dr. Clive Jarvis, retired Baptist pastor of London, taught this May. He taught Anabaptist church history to Advanced Diploma 8 class. I also taught this class theology.



Advanced Diploma 9 class was studying NT Greek this May. Dallas taught part of the book of Mark in the Greek language, not an easy study. The Advanced Diploma students have Greek in four terms; this was the last term of Greek for AD9 class. They are half way through their three year program at UBS.

Student Testimony

This Certificate student was approached by a couple in church that desired their baby to be dedicated in church the next Sunday. The student asked the couple if they were born again and if they understood what Jesus had done for them on the cross. They said no and did not know one had to be saved from sin. The student then asked them to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and be saved. Then they could ask the church to dedicate their baby to God. They believed in Jesus, were saved, and are now active in church every Sunday. There is a difference between religious duty and being born again by faith in Jesus Christ. **A Diploma Pastor** told of recent church planting activities. The church had sent an evangelist with his wife to a new area where Baptists were not known. He was from this place himself and was willing to tell them the Good News. He went door-to-door through

born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

All UBS missionaries are Advanced Diploma graduates serving Christ where no Baptist church existed.

Pray for UBS Missionaries



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Jack and Evelyn Frost will be on stateside assignment from late May to late August. We will be based in Greensboro, NC.

the community. He witnessed in the market place; anywhere groups of people gathered he approached them and witnessed to them. Sometimes they would beat him up, other times they cursed him and said bad words about him. The evangelist became tired and discouraged, but his wife encouraged him to persevere. One day a farm near where they stayed caught fire and the local people accused him of starting it. Villagers took him to a leader in the community and he was forced to pay for something he had not done. They finally left him alone. He kept on witnessing until twelve believers were gathering on Sundays to praise God. The evangelist's church visited and helped baptize eight new believers there and four from a place nearby. The preaching point was on the way to becoming a church.

A lady in Advanced Diploma class shared that she worked spiritually in a school. She said the greatest joy came when nine children she witnessed to believed in Jesus Christ. She asked for prayer that these children become stepping-stones to reach entire families for Jesus.

A pastor in Advanced Diploma class testified that with the knowledge of God gained at UBS he was able to lead forty-one people to Christ between this term and last. That included his father and mother. As a result, a new church was planted from the many being saved. Within a month, the church had forty-five baptized members. Door-to-door evangelism is the best method of outreach, but it takes a lot of time.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

- 1. Pray for the new SEBTS Masters Cohort.** SEBTS has brought back the MTS program and is making it the main international Masters program. Dr. Anthony Shelton will head up the new MTS cohort.
- 2. Pray for the National Council for Higher Education to approve the UBS request for degree accreditation.**
- 3. Pray for Mary Wood,** the volunteer registered nurse that is replacing Evelyn Frost. She will be working for the next three months at UBS. Mary has learned much about the work of UBS clinic during the week before Evelyn's departure. Mary has served with IMB for 6+ years in South Africa and Swaziland in the past.
- 4. Pray for the 5 UBS/BUU missionaries.**

Francis Ocowun is reaching out to the Okebo Tribe. He is from that tribe and finished the Advanced Diploma program. Pastor Francis is working out of Zombo in West Nile region that borders with DRC. **Pray for missionary Francis Ocowun** to travel safely as he makes frequent mission trips.

Philemon Cheriwo graduated from the Advanced Diploma last year. He is a new adjunct teacher for UBS. He has started the missionary work to the Pokot tribe in Uganda. Pray Philemon will succeed at church planting in this remote location for the Pokot people.

Sam Kaswabi and his family live and serve God in Mutukula, near Tanzania. Please pray for pastor Sam to plant many Baptist churches on the border of Uganda/Tanzania.

Simon Nono and his family live and serve God in Lamwo, northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border. Simon reported in the April missionary retreat that he led 307 people to Christ in the January volunteer participation outreach. He also trained 40 pastors in evangelism and discipleship that followed. Simon reported that two preaching points are active in his target area.

Mark Vukoni and his family live and serve God in Koboko in northwest West Nile Region, Uganda. Please pray for pastor Mark as he presents the Gospel to the lost among the Kakwa tribe in Koboko. Mark reported that two Baptist churches are active in Koboko. They have five preaching points started in the Koboko region. They have also planted a Baptist church in each of the eight refugee camps near Koboko. Pray they can keep this Great Commission work going for the glory of Christ.

