



# 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.

### 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

## Over 130 Students On Campus Sets New Record

Six classes overlapped for one week the end of August without any problems. This set a new record for high attendance. Water supply was off and on, along with electric supply off and on over these last several weeks. By God's grace we prevailed without serious problems. Finally some good rains came and helped relieve UBS dry storage tanks.



These students graduated from the second Bridge class into Certificate class 18, then spent three more weeks to complete the first term. They all received a tie donated by a stateside church. The facilities were sufficient to host this newest Certificate of Theology class 18, with more new students joining the class to make forty-seven students, the largest class of the sixteen classes active at UBS. These were part of the 130 students noted in the "New Record". Pray that these students will all return November 25th for term two. There was a large drop off in the first Bridge program, and we do not want that to repeat again.

### July - September 2013 Ministry data

Certificate 13 students led 618 people to Christ and baptized 116 believers.  
Certificate 18 students led 2043 people to Christ and baptized 266 believers.  
Diploma 26 students led 563 people to Christ and baptized 131 believers.  
Diploma 27 students led 353 people to Christ and baptized 26 believers.  
Diploma 29 students led 752 people to Christ and baptized 102 believers.  
Adv. Dip 7 students led 289 people to Christ and baptized 39 believers.  
Adv. Dip 8 students led 464 people to Christ and baptized 230 believers.  
Adv. Dip 9 students led 772 people to Christ and baptized 115 believers.

Details for the July, August, and September terms: 38 new preaching points were started and 23 new churches were planted by these students and their churches. Praise God for these students and those who help plant churches for Jesus. Students reported teaching in five different Bible training schools for church associations. Several large crusades and door-to-door evangelism projects were noted. E3 partners made big evangelism to happen in Iganga and Bugiri. Several students said their churches are planning for new church planting activity this year.

**Careful instruction.**

**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 is a program of SEBTS.**

**Pray that Uganda has a good balance of rain and sun to grow crops that support people here. Some good rain came to help many gardens produce a second time this year.**

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

**1988 - 2013**

**557 Pastors and church leaders equipped at UBS. Some of these have upgraded into a higher program than what they started.**

**UBS Total Student Ministry data reported for Jan. - Sept. 2013:  
22,195 people saved and 3,133 believers baptized  
107 new preaching points and 94 new churches planted  
in 2013.**



**Happily Graduating the Second Bridge Class**

Thirty-three students passed this class and graduated in a small ceremony to mark the end of Bridging. Faculty members were participating with small gifts and an award to mark the occasion. As far as we know this ends all Bridge programs at UBS. The line begins with Moses Mulago- Registrar, Samuel Lubega- Lecturer, Robert Masereka- Librarian, Academic Dean, and last Agustav Odonyo- Dean of Students.



Thirty-four students finished the three terms, totaling eleven weeks of Bridge education. One student returned to Tanzania because of language difficulties. This class spent six weeks to finish the Bridge and complete the first book of OT studies of Bible Training Centre for Pastors and Church Leaders (BTCP).

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, Diploma students have all received Seeking His Face and Advanced Diploma have all received Entering His Gates. Both are devotional books by Dr. Charles Stanley. Students have all been encouraged to have a daily devotional time with their family. Faculty members and staff workers have received one of these books too. Many are saying this is wonderful.

25% 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!

**UBS Student ministry**

**Reaching the lost!**

**Last 4 years - UBS:**

**Over 117,000 people saved - Praise God!**



### Over 170 pieces of cake to celebrate the 50 year anniversary

of Dallas and Charlotte Abendroth. The students loved this occasion to celebrate a faithful marriage of many years with a piece of cake. Do you see the water bag hanging from the roof? That is helping to keep flies away from the food.



### THESE ARE THE CAKE BAKERS with the Abendroths

Mindy Powell is helping at UBS for several months. She was mentioned in the last newsletter and comes from the same church as Dana Bogan, second from the left. Charlotte is thanking them for all the cakes made to celebrate this day. The Abendroths had another celebration with renewal of vows to mark the **fifty years** at their home with a few missionary families from the Jinja community.

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

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### **Mama Kits**

**The UBS nurse keeps a supply of these kits, donated by Christian women in the USA, on hand to help each student's wife with baby delivery. She gave out 25 kits in Aug. - Sept.**

### **Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'



### **The Kitchen and Eating Place of UBS.**

UBS students have tea twice a day. This is the morning tea after Chapel with cake. The second tea is at the end of the 2:30 to 4:30 class. The kitchen, cleaning, and grounds staff all celebrated with cake too. Most of the students were present for the celebration; many were standing to the left of this area talking, **Below**.



### **Student Testimonies - Certificate Students are the first four testimonies.**

**A pastor in eastern Uganda** preparing to graduate next year thanked God. He and his wife are thankful for a spiritual family at their home. At the church many new converts are being added; just recently 34 believers were baptized. They also dedicated some new babies. Much church training is taking place and the church is growing.

**A pastor in eastern Uganda says:** We started a new church in the home of a witchdoctor! Before she was saved, this lady would cook her supper from the top of her grass thatched home. Now she is down to the earth, born again, spiritually saved. Many local people are getting saved.

**A pastor in eastern Uganda says:** What I have learned is be prepared. While preaching one Sunday suddenly nine people came forward and said they wanted to be saved. So they were led to Jesus and He saved them. I read his ministry accounts and realized they were all at the same time. He also preaches weekly on the local radio station and says some of his listeners get saved too.

**A Diploma youth pastor** said a lady member of the church had pregnancy problems. She was told by her doctor that she had a complicated pregnancy. She gave birth to 4 babies, and unfortunately, they all died. Thankfully the lady survived and is still serving God.

**This Diploma youth minister from eastern Uganda says:** There was a large team of church leaders visiting and witnessing in many schools. In one secondary school they preached to an assembly of students. The students acted indifferent and some even made fun of the church leaders; some even abused them with vulgar talk. The leaders kept on sharing the Good News. Seven students got up and came forward to be saved. What an astonishment. This Diploma student also shared that a banker he had witnessed to brushed him off and would not listen to his witness. He said this was wasting time and he was angry this preacher distracted him. Two days later the banker was in a taxi that crashed, and he narrowly escaped death. The next day he looked for the church leader and apologized for his rudeness. He now wanted more than ever to understand the Good News and be saved. In all, two bankers were saved and later the leaders preached to prisoners in the local prison, and some of them were saved. The Good News must be shared with all. God can do the rest through the convicting work of the Holy Spirit. **John 16:8**

**This Advanced Diploma student shared:** One day I was sharing a salvation message with a young man. He said he would be saved if he was given five million shillings (\$2,000). He refused to believe. One cannot buy salvation, but one can earn the wage of sin. **Rom. 6:23**. Thank God, Jesus has paid for the believer's sin, but for those who refuse, they the unbelievers must pay it in Hell. **Rev. 20:15**

**An Advanced Diploma youth pastor** shared: He was doing door-to-door evangelism, and was puzzled by a question. If I am to come to your church and pray there, how much money do I have to come with? The youth pastor asked her what she meant. She said the churches she goes to, the leaders ask how much money she can give them before she prays or she cannot pray there. They called it "sowing the seed". False prophecy is all around. He was thankful UBS was grounding him in truth. The lady was saved, but she was caught up in false prophecy. Several students said the labor against false prophecy is much at hand.

## UBS Prayer Concerns:

**1. Pray for the SEBTS Masters Cohort.** SEBTS has brought back the MTS program and is making it the main international Masters program. The present Masters students will study Hebrew this month. A few have stayed with the M.Div. program and can finish by the end of 2014. The M.T.S. students can finish by the end of 2013. Dr John Ewart of SEBTS plans to attend the next graduation at UBS to give the MTS award and to preach to all graduating students. Pray for the MTS students to finish and be ready for that day.

**2. Pray for the National Council for Higher Education to approve the UBS request for degree accreditation.** The faculty members are deciding how to present a valid request to the NCHE in the next two months. A Power Point is being prepared to accomplish this request. Short videos and photos are being considered as well.

**3. Pray for the faculty to be encouraged to get through this year with some on furlough.** Right now, the **Shelton family** is on stateside duty. They plan to return just

## Revelation 20:12-15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

<sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

## Pray for 5 UBS missionaries to plant churches and bring Glory to God.

### FIVE UBS MISSIONARIES



## Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be

conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**John 9:4-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming* when no one can work.

<sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**"

**Thank You for reading this newsletter.**

**Principal UBS**

after Christmas. Thankfully, the Bogans and Abendroths are back to teaching.

**4. Pray for the 5 UBS/BUU missionaries. Good news! We have added two new missionaries. One is pastor Francis Ocowan reaching out for the Okebo Tribe.** He is from that tribe and finished the Advanced Diploma graduation last year. Pastor Francis is working out of Zombo in West Nile region border with DRC. **Pray for missionary Francis Ocowon** to reach the **Okebo** people to the glory of God.

**Philemon Cheriwo graduated from the Advanced Diploma this year.** He is a new adjunct teacher for UBS part time teachers. He is now a missionary to the **Pokot** tribe in Uganda and will live in Kwin District in Eastern Uganda, the plains north of Mt Elgon. **Pray missionary Philemon** can reach the **Pokot** of Uganda to the Glory of God.

**Simon Nono** and his family live and serve God in Lamwo, northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border.

**Mark Vukoni** and his family live and serve God in Koboko in northwest West Nile Region, Uganda. Mark has been very sick. Pray he will return to health soon and stay free of problems.

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

**5. Please pray for peace to come to the GOMA region of the DRC. Pray for peace in Kenya. All of our missionary force shop at Westgate when we are in Nairobi.** What a tragedy to the people who innocently bore the wrath of terrorists. Pray for Rom. 8:28 to encourage all believers prevailing in the face of Terror. May those suffering ones find the hope of Christ.

**6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools teachers.** Three Advanced Diploma graduates from last April are serving as principals of five or six Bible training schools, working under Terry Nester. Some of these are in new areas. Pray that these graduates can encourage the Bible training schools and raise up strong leaders who can preach the WORD.

**7. 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 on **March 22, 2014**, and we need more study Bibles to help our graduates in their ministries.

