

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.

Graduation Day Faculty Line



Three graduating classes were led by the faculty members of UBS into the worship area of Acacia Community Church just outside of Jinja. Several faculty members worship at Acacia. One elder is a faculty member, and the pastor and two elders are adjunct professors at UBS. The second in the line is Pastor Abel from Masaka; he graduated in March with the Master of Theological Studies degree of SEBTS. He came to be the MC the ceremony and congratulate the graduates.



The Advanced Diploma class 7 led the students following the faculty members. Diploma class 25 was followed by Certificate class 15. Keep in mind the number indicates how many programs have finished before these three programs. Forty-seven students in all graduated this sunny December day. That makes over 100 students graduating in 2014. That makes over 700 graduates of UBS since beginning in 1988. These are mostly pastors, and all are church leaders.

October through December 2014 Ministry data for 47 students

Certificate 15 students led 365 people to Christ and baptized 370 believers.

Diploma 25 students led 160 people to Christ.

Adv. Dip 7 students led 590 people to Christ and baptized 48 believers.

(The classes reported eight new preaching points and eight new churches planted. They also mentioned six Bible schools they teach in for low-level theological education in both vernacular languages and in English. Several churches reported huge evangelisms and baptisms.)

Total for Oct. - Dec. :

People saved 1,120 and believers baptized 413.

8 new preaching points and 8 new churches planted

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

32,843 people saved and 5,060 believers baptized.

150 new preaching points and 187 new churches planted in 2014.



The Faculty members in front of the December 13, 2014 celebration. Dr. Clive Jarvis, adjunct professor (without a hat) made three volunteer trips to UBS to teach this year. Be informed there are three Ph.Ds and one Dr.Min. in this lineup, and the others have Masters and Bachelors degrees. Over four hundred people participated in this graduation, filling the worship area.

UBS is very thankful for Acacia Community Church hosting this graduation. Our future graduations will be held in this church structure. May God bless Acacia Community Church.

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 will have a good balance of rain and sunshine in 2015. Right now it is very hot and dry!

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

1988 - 2014

Over 700 Pastors and church leaders have been equipped at UBS. Some of these have upgraded into a higher program than what they started.

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!



Dr. Sivage made a presentation to Dallas and Charlotte Abendroth acknowledging their years of fulltime teaching at UBS since 2000. The Abendroths have carried much of the graduation preparations to this date as well as Souce of Life (SOL) and Mail Box club ministries to the UBS students. Charlotte has played the keyboard and organized the gifts to the graduates and in the past organized the tents and chairs. They will be sorely missed in future graduations and in our daily classroom activities.



The Abendroths will soon move to Kenya to continue their teaching ministry. Please pray they will have a good and easy transition to the highlands of western Kenya. Two missionary kids of faculty families made the presentations to the Abendroths.



Each class stood for the the exercise of handing out the awards. Pray these church leaders will be servant leaders. A towel is given to remind them to use what UBS has given them to serve Christ and pastor God's people.

Student Testimonies

A Certificate Pastor gave a story of amazing outreach. He was doing door-to-door evangelism with church members and came upon a home of a beer maker. The man saw the team approach and began stoning them. He yelled go away you beggers of money leave me alone. The team prayed God's will be upon him and moved on to another place to evangelize. After a week the wife of the beer maker came searching for the pastor. She begged the pastor and his team to come to their home; her husband was seriously sick and was asking for the pastor. The pastor and a few others visited the sick man. He asked for forgiveness in rejecting them, and he asked if he could be saved. If he would ask Jesus to save him He would. If you turn away from selling beer and faithfully come to church then all will know you are a saved one. To that day he comes to church and praises God for the mercy and truth shown to him.

A Certificate Pastor in northern Uganda shared that a young daughter of his neighbor was having seizures. The pastor prayed God would show his love upon them and the girl was healed. One day the pastor came upon a drunkard in his misery. The Good News was shared with him and he believed in Jesus. Only Jesus can break the hold of alcohol on a man. The pastor said people are being saved and the church is growing.

An evangelist from South Sudan shared with an unsaved friend from Khartoum that visited him. The pastor asked him to attend church on Sunday, but he refused. He did, however, take interest in the pastor's Bible and began to read it. The pastor took him through a study of the OT prophets, and so he learned what Bible prophets were like. Then he shared that Jesus was more than a prophet, and he believed in Jesus. He confessed he was truly a sinner and accepted that Jesus had died for him. The pastor gave him a Bible, and the new believer attended church where they all prayed for him. The man returned to Khartoum, and the pastor has lost contact with him. Pray he lives for Jesus and can be protected.

A Diploma pastor admitted the more people you reach the more you hunger for righteousness and the need for knowledge of HIS Word. Many doors are being opened and people are being saved, even from other religions. God protects the pastor and his family through many storms of African life.

All UBS missionaries are
Advanced Diploma
graduates serving Christ
where no Baptist church
existed. Now there are
Baptist Churches standing.

Pray for UBS Missionaries



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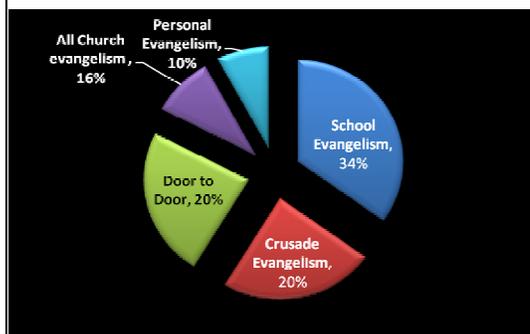
Please visit the site: www.ugandabaptistseminary.org

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One pastor of the Advanced Diploma class has learned that God uses the believers more when they go outside the church to evangelize. While witnessing, the pastor found seven young men caught up in devil worship. They were unaware of the evil they were dealing with, and the pastor and other church leaders rescued them. Now they know the truth of God and are worshipping Jesus with this pastor. They are happy, and the pastor knows God led him to rescue them and show Jesus to them. "Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying, Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save. "

Out of Church UBS evangelism:

1. Schools
2. Crusades
3. Door-to-Door
4. Personal or Life Style



In the Church UBS evangelism:

1. Worship
2. Bible Studies
3. Burials and Weddings

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. Just think: Jesus left the Throne of God to come to us on Earth.

UBS Prayer Concerns:

1. Pray for the new SEBTS Masters Cohort. SEBTS has brought back the Masters of Theological Studies program and is making it the main international Masters program. Dr. Anthony Shelton will head up the new MTS cohort that will start in mid 2015. Pray for the professors of SEBTS to travel safely back and forth from NC in 2015.

2. Pray for the National Council for Higher Education to approve the UBS request for Bachelor of Theology degree accreditation. UBS leadership is making some physical changes to make the buildings more accessible for the physically challenged. Some ramps need to be built. Hopefully this will help open some consideration about the degree accreditation.

3. 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.

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 among 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.

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. They are planting many churches in the refugee camps filled with people from South Sudan.

4. Please pray for those who teach in local Bible schools. UBS students are active in teaching in these local Bible schools to help other church leaders in their communities to be better prepared to serve the church of Jesus Christ.

5. Pray for the influence of God's Word to grow. We gave many MacArthur Study Bibles and Ryrie Study Bibles to the graduates of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma programs in December 2014. Our next graduation will be on February 21, 2015, and we will give more Study Bibles to help these graduates in their church ministries. Thank you.

6. Pray that the UBS faculty members and staff will have a successful graduation celebration on February 21, 2015. Much work needs to be done in teaching and comprehensive testing before then.

