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Luke 1:18 Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news." ²⁰ "And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time."

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God." ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus." ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

The Impossible became Possible

An Impossibility announced to Zacharias, he was experienced, and still doubted.

An Impossibility announced to Mary, she was without experience, and believed.

God brought Christmas to earth, the greatest gift God could give, His Son.

UBS celebrated twenty-five years of growth this last 2013 graduation. Let us review some of the impossible things God has accomplished at UBS, even with the December term ministry results not counted in this data.

104 churches planted this year thru the students and their churches.

117 preaching points started. Pray these convert into churches planted.

26,749 people saved, many youth, the highest population group.

560 students at UBS is the highest enrollment in our history.

25 percent of our students are church leaders, outside of Uganda.

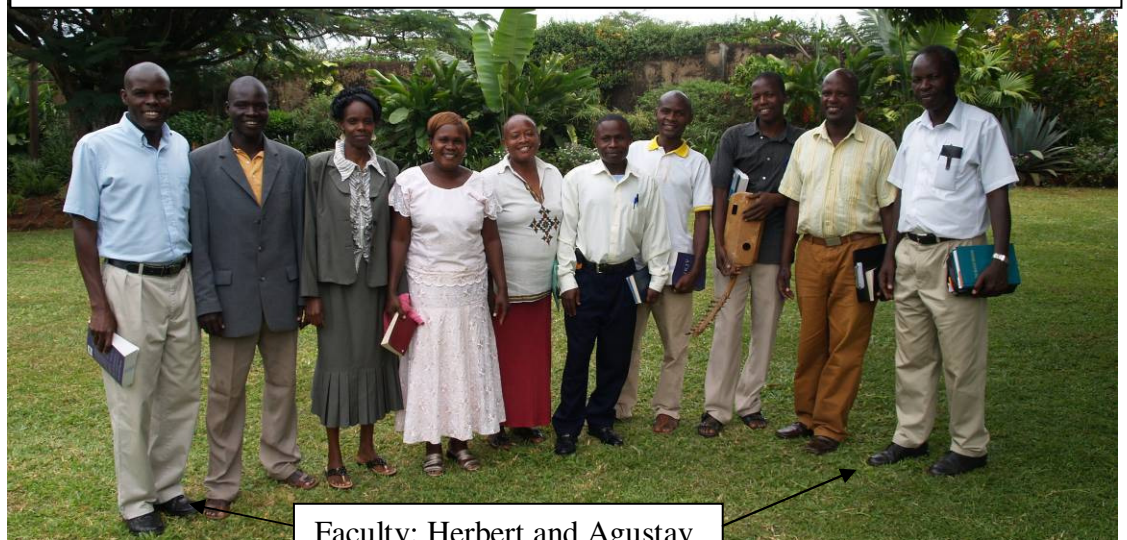
Diploma accreditation: Now we have applied for degree accreditation.

Enrollment for the new classes of 2014 has surpassed past years.

All of this work would have been impossible to imagine in the 1980s. However by overcoming every obstacle Satan could throw at UBS leadership, UBS has achieved the impossible. Pray that UBS can reach the hearts and minds of the young population of Central Africa. Pray the door to the hearts of Africans remains open for evangelism.

STUDENT EVANGELISM WHILE AT UBS THIS NOVEMBER

Two weekends were funded to help do evangelism in Kamuli, one-hour drive north of the campus. The Kumuli Baptist Church hosted these eight students and faculty member Herbert for the visit one weekend in November.



Faculty: Herbert and Agustav

The student evangelism reached thirty-eight people for Christ, five from another religion. These were added to the church for discipleship. The next weekend one of the students traveled back to Kamuli to speak to friends of those saved the week before; ten more people from another religion accepted Christ. There was much rejoicing in Kumuli for the love of God expressed by these UBS students.

³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.

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 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.

October - November 2013 Ministry data

Certificate 14 students led 472 people to Christ and baptized 33 believers.

Certificate 15 students led 1791 people to Christ and baptized 68 believers.

Certificate 16 students led 1052 people to Christ and baptized 96 believers.

Certificate 17 students led 683 people to Christ and baptized 109 believers.

Diploma 25 students led 556 people to Christ and baptized 41 believers.

Details for the October -November terms: Twelve new preaching points reported and ten new churches planted. Praise be to God. Many children were saved through crusades to reach the children. Many children and youth were saved through grade school and high school evangelism. The highest population in Uganda is in children and youth.

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

**26,749 people saved and 3,480 believers baptized
117 new preaching points and 104 new churches planted
in 2013.**

LATEST VIEWS OF UBS CAMPUS



The seminary entrance: one side is the UBS motto from 2 Timothy 4:2 **Preach the Word.**

UBS Buildings:

Six classrooms - the largest serves as the Chapel too.

One computer lab

One Office complex
6 offices with secretarial office.

One Textbook Store

One Library:
Research Lab and several Librarian Stations 9000 Titles on two computer catalogues, + Logos 2000 additional eBook titles on two computers.

One Clinic

Three Dorms

Outside Kitchen and food service

**Two Faculty Duplexes
One Faculty House
Volunteer Housing**

The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is a program of SEBTS. A new class for 2014 is being planned.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



LOOKING FROM THE FRONT ENTRANCE

This is the long side of four classrooms. The closest is the largest and serves as the daily chapel. The walk to the right follows the driveway and ends at the parking lot. The walkway to the left comes around the chapel/classroom and is in the next picture below.



On the right is the Classroom/Chapel, in the center is the Library, and on the left is the Administrative/Classroom building. The lawn is where UBS graduations are held. The next photo, beyond the arrow is at the end of the administrative building on the left. A short walk between the library and admin building leads to the entrance of a large classroom.

Thanks to "In Touch" ministries, Diploma students have all received Seeking His Face and Advanced Diploma have all received Entering His Gates .

Merry Christmas to the "In Touch" personal.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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!

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

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Behind the Admin/Classroom building and the Library are the three dormitories with capacity for one hundred and forty-four students.



Classroom/Ch. Classroom Classroom Computer lab Smallest Classroom

This is the long side from the opposite end of the first campus photo. This view is from the parking space looking to the front and drive side of the campus.

Student and Alumni Testimonies

A Deacon in northern Uganda praises God. They have organized evangelism every Wednesday afternoon, covering every area around their church. Those saved are invited for fellowship and preaching at the church. This door-to-door evangelism has inspired the youth to join in this outreach ministry, and the church is growing. The student says this led him to teach and disciple the youth and new believers. Many are memorizing scriptures to help them grow spiritually.

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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.

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 many kits in Nov. - Dec.

Pray for 4 UBS missionaries to plant churches and bring Glory to God.

FOUR UBS MISSIONARIES



**Luke 2:14 (NASB77)
14 " Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."**

A Diploma church leader said while in class this November she organized witnessing at the soccer games the UBS team played. The total saved came to eighteen souls reached during three games in November. Five students participated in this outreach. Many students also witnessed at the local market beside UBS for three days. They led fifty-one people to Christ; two were soldiers.

UBS graduates participated with Baptist churches in a Jinja district-wide evangelism led by USA volunteers of International Mission of Lewisville, Texas. Thirty USA volunteers worked with 3 UK, 28 Kenyans, 12 Ugandan, and 2 South Sudanese volunteers. They cooperated with 23 Baptist churches in and around Jinja this August. Agustav Odonyo, UBS faculty member, said 14 of the volunteers were UBS graduates. He reported that door-to-door evangelism took place all over the whole district and that decisions ran up to **10,732 people saved**. Pray that adequate follow-up takes place concerning the 23 Baptist Churches that need to disciple these new believers.

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. A few Masters students 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. Most of the MTS dissertations are finished. The students will finish and be ready for that graduation day on March 22, 2014.

2. Pray for the National Council for Higher Education to approve the UBS request for degree accreditation. There is still no action on this request.

3. Pray for the faculty to finish well this year. A Christmas party is planned for faculty members and staff on Saturday, December 14. The students will all leave on Friday December 13 for home. Pray for safe travels for the 117 students. Several faculty families are leaving Uganda to visit friends and family, pray for safe travels. The **Shelton family** is on stateside duty and due back in Uganda by mid-January. Right now 450 applications with interviews of candidates for entrance into UBS programs is being evaluated. This time consuming work must be finished before this year's work is done.

4. Pray for the 4 UBS/BUU missionaries. Good news! We have added one new missionary. He is pastor Francis Ocowun 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 Ocowun to reach the Okebo people to the glory of God.** Francis wrecked his motorcycle several weeks ago and was injured. **Pray for his quick recovery.**

Philemon Cheriwo graduated from the Advanced Diploma this year. He is a new adjunct teacher for UBS part time teachers. **He is still considering the missionary work to the Pokot tribe in Uganda. Please pray for God to guide Pastor Philemon in this direction.**

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. 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. There are many Congolese refugees in southwestern Uganda. Our students and their churches are presently over whelmed with need. Pray for this insecurity in the DRC to settle down so these refugees can return home. Cindy Benda, who sometimes teaches at UBS, lives in Kisoro. Many DRC refugee families are staying in her home.

Luke 2:21 (NASB77)
21 And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
And Thank you for praying and supporting UBS.
Principal UBS

6. Please pray for Baptist Bible Schools teachers. Pray for Terry and Debbie Nester to get settled back into ministry in Uganda. They have just returned from the USA. A Bible school graduation will be planned for Apac, northern Uganda in either December or January. Pray that another Bible school class can be started in Apac.

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 church ministries.

