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Challenges and Opportunities

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Did you know that the population of Uganda has doubled in the last twenty years to the current population of over 44 million? What if I told you that it is projected to more than double again by 2050 to a staggering 105 million? It is easy to think of the challenges that will be faced with these numbers. At a recent faculty workshop, I asked our team about these challenges. Some said that things like hospitals, food, roads and schools will be extraordinary challenges. Others turned to the spiritual-ministry related challenges: how will we have enough churches or trained leaders to meet the needs of this explosive population growth? I encouraged the team to see these facts as opportunities. There will be more than 50 million new people that need to be reached and discipled with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the near future. As the Apostle Paul said long ago, “How can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” In our workshop, we joined hands in a team building exercise. While we had fun working together to solve the challenge, it turns out to be a reminder of the absolute crucial aspect we face going forward of joining hands to welcome this monumental opportunity that God has given us. There is an African proverb that says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”



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Solar Power on the Equator

We want to give a huge thanks to all of those who participated in the Solar System Project. Being on the Equator, we receive direct sun almost every day of the year. This is a God given resource that we are now harnessing instead of wasting. We have twenty-four panels pictured here on the roof of our library. The sun collected from these panels powers most of the campus. While the upfront costs were expensive, this system now daily supplies clean and renewable energy today and will for decades to come. Our electricity bills have been reduced by half.



ABTEN

In August of this year, the full-time faculty were invited to join the first Africa Baptist Theological Education Network Conference held at Brackenhurst Conference Center in Tigoni, Kenya. We were joined by seventy Baptist educators from twenty different countries. This event was hosted by the International Mission Board. This time of fellowship, encouragement, and spark is a sign of an ongoing, missiological renaissance of Theological Education within Sub-Saharan Africa and around the majority world. The strategy and challenge are clear: in order to meet the needs of the present and future church, we must train leaders at all levels. We were blessed to join hands with these fellow servant warriors of God as we unite ourselves in this task of training trainers for Kingdom service.



Graduation Celebration



One of our favorite times of the year is to be part of the new chapter for many of our students. In June sixty students graduated from UBS. We had two very special speakers for this celebration time. The Director of Public Prosecution of Uganda, the Honorable Justice Mike Chibita, who is a long time Baptist, gave the key note address. We also heard a charge from Dr. Elbert Smith of the International Mission Board. Thank you both.

Faculty Profile - Mr. Robert Masereka

Robert has held the position of Director of Library Sciences at the Sivage Library since Mid-2008. He and his wife Annet have two children, Ewart (7) and Ellah (3). Robert has been a leader in several churches in Kampala and Jinja. He holds a bachelor degree of Library and Information Science from Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya, and is working on his Master's degree of Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His favorite verse is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).



New Missionary Family - Eric and Rebekah Lockhart



Eric and his family moved from North Carolina to Uganda in September 2018. He has a MDiv in Christian Ministry and a THM in Applied Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has thirteen years of experience serving on church staff. He has served as pastor, youth pastor and church planter. Eric is married to Rebekah and they have four boys: Elijah, Noah, Gavin and Corban. They are all very excited to be here and look forward to serving the students of Uganda Baptist Seminary.

Favorite verse: "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:1-2



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Our Story

Uganda Baptist Seminary was founded in 1988 by Jack Frost of the International Mission Board. The school is located in Jinja, Uganda, which is home to the source of the Nile River. From a handful of students in 1988 the school has grown to its current enrollment of 251 students. These students come from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo and South Sudan. We have three full-time Ugandan faculty and three full-time IMB missionary families and one mostly full-time volunteer from the UK. We have three program levels: Certificate, Diploma and Bachelors. We also host a Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Masters Degree. We operate on a modular, semi-residential model where students come in for one month terms, three times per year.

By the Numbers in 2018

- ◇ 251 Students from 6 Countries
- ◇ 18 Students in the current Masters Cohort with SEBTS
- ◇ 7 Full-time Lecturers
- ◇ 19 Local Adjunct Lecturers
- ◇ 224 Courses Taught
- ◇ It costs about \$800 per student per year.

God's Grace Abounds

We want to again say thanks to all of our donors and prayer warriors around the globe. This school only works with your generous support. We also want to remember our predecessors, whose tireless investment in the school and the lives of the students and staff and faculty make our job today so much easier. We are very excited and humbled to announce that UBS is now once again able to fully fund our budget. There were some challenging years, but God has continued to provide for His work here in Uganda and in East Africa, and now we have some breathing room as we plan for the future.

There are some exciting developments at UBS. 2019 and beyond lies ahead and this team is ready for the challenges and opportunities that God brings our way. We stand with the Apostle Paul in saying that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Sincerely, Anthony Shelton, PhD - Principal

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