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The Light in the Darkness

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In March 2020 we received word that all schools in Uganda were to close. We had no idea at the time how long we would have to wait. Schools partially reopened eight months later but then were again forced to close in June of this year. We have now received word that we will be able to open next month. The entire world has suffered during this storm. Along with other followers of Jesus, we have had hope during these difficult days, we have had a light in the darkness. Just as Jesus has been so faithful to us, our students and graduates have continued to faithfully love their God and love their neighbors. They have shared the gospel with unbelievers; they have discipled their church members; they have shown compassion to those in need; and they have proclaimed the Word to the world. These are all components of the life of a servant of the King that we have taught month in and month out at Uganda Baptist Seminary. We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support for our team at the school and for our students and alumni and their churches across the region. God is not done with His kingdom in East Africa. We are privileged to be able to serve Him with all of our selves. We are ready to get back to work.



For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.—2 Corinthians 4:6

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The COVID-19 Pandemic

The pandemic has hit Uganda hard. We have seen relatively few deaths compared to many other countries, but the consequences of shutting down the country will be felt for years. We praise God for His mercy, and we mourn with the families who have lost loved ones. One of the requirements of reopening is having a 100% vaccinated faculty and staff. As we reopen UBS, we crave your prayers. Please pray for our UBS team that we get ourselves back to full speed. Please pray for our students as they have been out of the classroom for much of the last year. Please pray for their provision as the economic situation has been a serious struggle across the region. Please pray for our campus that we will remain Covid free. Pray that all of us will remain true to the calling that God has graciously given to us.



Food Relief

One of the many advantages of working with the IMB and the SBC is our ability to connect to their many ministries. One of these is Sendrelief.org. During the pandemic our team recognized that many families were struggling to feed their families and could use some help to get through these difficult days. UBS reached out to Sendrelief.org. Through the generous donations of SBC churches, over sixty families from UBS and a nearby village received much needed food relief for two months. Not only were people able to satisfy their physical hunger, every time a family received food the gospel was shared. We are excited to testify that seven new people received the salvation of Jesus and are now part of the kingdom of God because of the love that was shared through the churches of God's international family.



New Faculty Member - James Senyonjjo

In August of this year we invited our long time friend James Senyonjjo to join us as a full-time faculty member. James graduated from UBS with his Bachelors Degree last year. He has recently joined the Masters of Theological Studies program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to Prossy, and they have three children: Nanyonjo Agatha, Nanyonga Hope Favor and Ssenyonjo Jovan. We look forward to the many years ahead working with Mr. Senyonjjo and seeing how God will continue to use him.



Missionary Profile - George and Geraldine Smith



Many of you are aware of the miraculous journey of our IMB colleagues George and Geraldine Smith. In January George got Covid and became very sick. He was put in the hospital in Kampala and then Nairobi and was unconscious for 4 months. God decided to wake up George so that George could continue to testify to the goodness of our Great Redeemer. His full recovery is a long journey. He is currently in Pascagoula, MS and improving everyday. We praise God for these two servants who dedicated their lives to God by serving in Uganda.

Graduation Celebration



Even during the difficult Covid pandemic we were able to sneak in a small graduation ceremony. We celebrated with these ten students as they received their Bachelors Degrees. Thank you so much to our friend Abraham Kasika for being our guest speaker.



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 173 students. These students come from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo, Sudan, 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 Master's 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 2021

- ◇ 173 Students from 7 Countries
- ◇ 2 Students in the current Masters Cohort with SEBTS
- ◇ 8 Full-time Lecturers
- ◇ 10 Local Adjunct Lecturers
- ◇ 89 Courses Taught
- ◇ It costs about \$800 per student per year.

Great Gratitude

The world has suffered a tremendous upheaval over the last two years. Because of the pandemic, we were forced to shut our school down for much of 2020 and 2021. God has been with us throughout these difficult days. Hundreds of schools in Uganda were shut down and tens of thousands of teachers and staff lost their jobs. However, because of the faithfulness of our God and the faithfulness of our partners around the world our teachers and staff were able to keep their jobs and feed their families during these times. I send greetings and thanksgivings from all of our team. Thank you.

Sincerely, Anthony Shelton, PhD - Principal

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