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Looking for Christmas

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Every year at this time, Ugandans often mention that they are “Looking for Christmas.” If you are unfamiliar with the culture, you may not understand what is meant by this phrase. “Looking for Christmas” means they are trying to hustle to find extra money to buy some sort of animal (a chicken or a goat or a pig) to cook for Christmas dinner.

In many parts of the world, Christmas has lost much of its religious meaning and has taken on various secular understandings. This is also true in Uganda. Like followers of Jesus in all cultures, UBS must emphasize the truths of the Gospel in order to remind ourselves of our identities and to be salt and light to a world full of lostness. About 2,000 years ago, a human baby was born in Bethlehem. He was given the name Jesus. We believe that this baby was God in the flesh. This baby was the creator of all things. This baby was the Savior of the world.

Let us continue to communicate that this season is not about eating chicken, or presents piled up under a tree, but about telling everyone “Over the hills and everywhere that Jesus Christ is born.”

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The Return of the Lockharts

We praise God from whom all blessings flow. Just over a year after Rebekah's bone-marrow transplant, she has been cleared to return to Uganda with her family in January of 2024. God is the God of healing, and we give Him all the glory. We are so thankful He has worked through this crisis to now bring the Lockharts, our friends and colleagues and neighbors, home to Jinja so they can continue to serve God and His people.



UBS Ladies' Lunches



We are very blessed to have these ladies on our UBS team. Their hard work is crucial to the success of our mission. We celebrate these women and the gifts that God has given them in order to serve His people. Life is not easy for these ladies. We are grateful that we have the resources to provide employment to help them provide for their families. We have begun having monthly lunches together to encourage each other.

Please pray for them and their families. Life is not easy in Uganda for wives and mothers. They sacrifice much for the love of their families.

A Message from our Newest Faculty Member—Maddie Phillips



Hello! My name is Maddie Phillips!

I was born and raised in a small town called Chatsworth, Georgia. In 2017, I graduated with a bachelor's in English Literature from the University of North Georgia. After college, I served two years as a journeyman with the IMB in the Karamoja region of Northeastern Uganda. I am currently working on my Master's degree in Theological Studies from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. My favorite things in life are hiking and rock climbing in the North Georgia Mountains. I love traveling when I can and buying way too many antique books. But most of all, I love making friends and sharing the Gospel in the hardest-to-reach places in the world. I'm overjoyed to be joining the UBS team in 2024!

Servus Servorum Dei



One of our mottos at UBS is an old phrase from the early church - *Servus Servorum Dei* which means "Servant of the Servants of God." We recently celebrated the graduation of Dr. Misti Shelton at our partner school Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. They had all of their highest level graduates kneel to symbolize the humility that will be required for those who have received the most training. In Christ's Kingdom, the teachers of the Word of God have a tremendous responsibility to serve God's people. Jesus is our ultimate example of servant leadership. The faculty of UBS take this very seriously. We want to model this for our students and have them multiply the love of God to the ends of the earth.



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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 262 students. These students come from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan. We have five full-time Ugandan faculty, three full-time IMB missionary families, and one part-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 2023

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

A Good Investment

Uganda Baptist Seminary works because of the generosity of our many donors. These donors are individuals and churches that have seen the great need to train the church leaders of East Africa. The Church in Africa is a mile wide, but it is often only an inch deep. Your investment helps us to shape the current and future leaders into the mature believers that God desires.

Sincerely, Anthony Shelton, PhD - Principal

Uganda Baptist Seminary now has a dedicated giving page hosted on the International Mission Board website. You can go to the link here:

<https://www.imb.org/give/project/uganda-baptist-seminary/>

or you can use your phone to scan this QR code.

If you would like to learn more about missions opportunities or just keep up with the daily operations of UBS please check our Facebook page or visit our website at: www.ugandabaptistseminary.org

