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Generational Impact

There are many examples of a “quick fix” mentality in the world today. These shortcuts can be tempting. Why should we invest in the long-term when there is a possibility of explosive growth today? While short-term results can be exciting, we at UBS desire to steadily and faithfully invest ourselves in the lives of our hundreds of students. We get to see the slow filtration of the Gospel seeping into the souls of these church leaders. We have the privilege of daily breaking bread with these fellow servants and sharing stories of God’s work throughout East Africa. We pray together and sing of God’s mercy. We celebrate God’s desire to see people, a multitude of all peoples, surrender their lives to the King. While our time seems short, we trust that not only will our students be transformed, but also their spouses, children, neighbors, church members, and communities. The steady investment in discipleship and leadership training in ministry is our small investment today that will have a generational impact in the future. The physical and spiritual descendants of these students will benefit from our committed and steady work today. We testify with great thanksgiving that the results are glorious. To God be the glory!

The Odonyo Legacy

The family of UBS celebrates the life and legacy of our beloved friend and colleague Mr. Agustav Odonyo. He will be retiring from the school at the end of this year. Agustav has been a member of the UBS family from the beginning. After graduating from the very first UBS cohort in 1991, Mr. Odonyo joined the faculty of UBS in 1998 as a lecturer and as the Dean of Students. He graduated with a Diploma from UBS, a Bachelor's from Arusha Seminary, and a Master's from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Jacinta have six children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

The generational impact that Mr. Odonyo has had on the ministry in Uganda and the greater East Africa region is tremendous. He has dedicated his life to the service of the King and servants of the Kingdom. He has poured his life into our students, into his church members, and into his own family members. We will not soon forget his influence as he has multiplied himself with the talents that God has given him. He and his family will be moving off of the campus, but he has promised to still be active and visit us as he can. The Chief of the Clan is always welcome.



The Gospel Coaster



At long last we introduce you to the Gospel Coaster. This bus, our bus, will now be taking multiple trips with our students every term. As part of our Ministry Foundations Courses, our students and faculty will be canvassing various communities and sharing the Gospel. We hope this practical experience will help our students be more effective sharing the love of God with their neighbors. We are so grateful to our donors who made this a possibility.

The Newest Master's Cohort



We are thrilled to share with you that the newest Masters Cohort has begun. The program is a Master of Theological Studies from our longtime partner and friend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina. We have a fantastic group of 30+ students from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Rwanda, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and the US. Dr. Misti Shelton and I were honored to be able to teach them this Fall as adjuncts for SEBTS. Misti taught Learning Theories, and I taught Christian Philosophy. This group is a collection of strategic leaders in the churches and schools of Sub-Saharan Africa. Please pray for them as they begin this difficult road that will see many twists and turns and headaches from reading so many books.



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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 250 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 2024

- ◇ 250 Students from 8 Countries
- ◇ 30+ Students in the current Masters Cohort with SEBTS
- ◇ 10 Full-time Lecturers
- ◇ 10 Local Adjunct Lecturers
- ◇ 206 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-theological-education-team/>

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

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