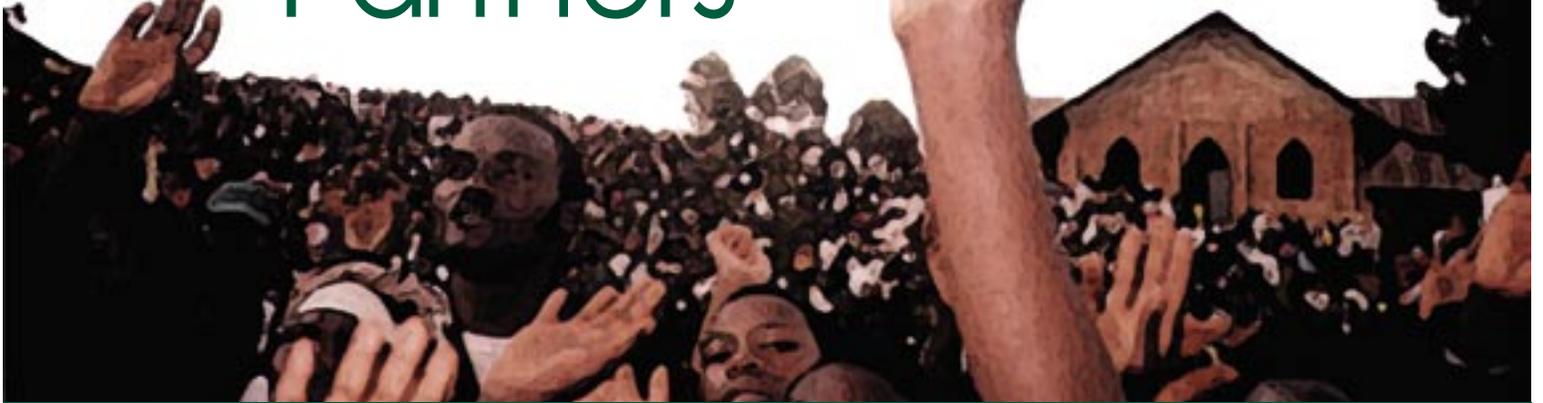


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"Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3-5



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Fond Farewells, Warm Welcome

"You are most welcome" is the gracious greeting that one receives when being welcomed by a Ugandan host into their home or upon meeting. The emphasis is on the "most" invoking a sense of really being welcome!

With the retirement and departure of Archbishop Henry Luke Orombi at the end of 2012, we are pleased to welcome his replacement, the Most Reverend Stanley Ntagali, the 8th Archbishop of the Church of Uganda and the Chancellor of Uganda Christian University. Archbishop Orombi will continue his passion for preaching, stating "I want to devote the rest of my life, while I am still able, to fulfilling this calling full-time." He has been a great friend of Uganda Partners and an outstanding leader in the world wide Anglican Communion as well as the Church of Uganda and UCU.



Archbishop Orombi at his farewell ceremony

Archbishop Ntagali (enthronement on December 16, 2012 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Namirembe Diocese in Kampala) was consecrated Bishop of Masindi-Kitara Diocese in 2004. He did his theological training at Bishop Tucker Theological College (UCU), St. Paul's Theological College in Limuru, Kenya, and the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in the UK.

In July 2004, Doug, JoEllyn and their daughter, Alyssa, moved to Uganda as missionaries to UCU. They will officially

"retire" as missionaries at the end of this year after eight years of outstanding and fruitful service. Doug has been the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Development and External relations at UCU; JoEllyn served in various roles as Director of Financial Aid, hostess and teacher. Earlier this fall, Alyssa began college back in the USA signaling a time for her parents to return to be closer and also to see what God has in store for them in this new chapter of their lives. They will be greatly missed at UCU!



Rejoicing in the election!
Archbishop Orombi with Archbishop-elect Ntagali

We at Uganda Partners are confident in all of God's provisions. As the book of Acts reminds us, "And in generations

gone by He permitted all nations to go their own ways; and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" Acts 15:16-17. We are confident in all of God's provisions and we look forward to the future knowing that God will indeed provide the right people to continue the great mission at Uganda Christian University!



Doug and JoEllyn Fountain

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Remarkable Graduates: Ivan Atuyambe

"God has raised me from Grass to Grace."

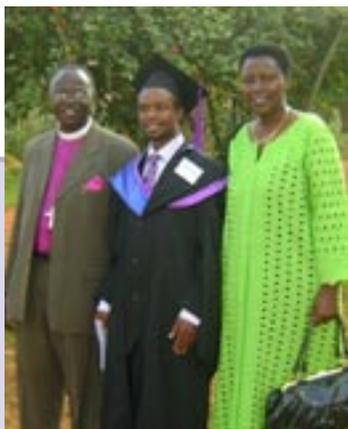
Jeremiah 29:11

My encounter with the Lord

Although my father died in 1997 and my mother in 2002, I became an "orphan" as a young child, abandoned by abusive parents. Due to a hopeless life, full of daily tears, and misery, in December 1994, I attempted suicide at a large river in South Western Uganda (Kisiizi), throwing myself in twice and catching the grass again, saved by fear of the wavy waters. I concluded that no one loved me and the only thing left was to end my life. Today I believe it was God saving me for his purpose on my life. While at a mission in 1999, I was touched by the Word of God based on John 15:7 "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask . . ." I cried so much (but for the last time) on this day, as the Lord restored my joy, which has remained my strength daily. A new hope and vision he gave to me.

An email from a stranger

With the support of a generous family in the U.S., I was able to complete high school and was admitted to UCU in 2008. However, the tougher part of my career life journey had arrived and caught me off guard. School would begin on Monday 1st September 2008, yet until Tuesday 28th August 2008 I had no idea what would happen. I had no idea that any body was working hard to see that I was able to report to school on Monday, the following week. After struggling to pay rent, I moved in with Bishop Edward Muhima and Mama Vasta, and we prayed together daily, that the Lord would open a door for me. It was soon after that I received an email from Mama Diane, then a stranger. Her email shocked me and drove me into endless cries of joy.



Ivan at graduation with Bishop and Mama Muhima

"Dear Ivan, I have been blessed to hear about you and read your testimony, thanks to your wonderful friend and sponsor. I am pleased to report that you have been accepted as a scholarship recipient at Uganda Christian University."



Ivan in Passau, Germany

Building a Future

The opportunity to join UCU was extraordinary and life changing. While at UCU, I remained passionate that my duty was to serve God, which I did through the numerous fellowships where I worshiped and preached the word of God. UCU tremendously shaped my career as well as my goal of inspiring God-fearing leaders in Uganda. I served the university as an advisor to the Student Guild, and represented students on the University Planning and Policy Review Committee. I helped found Africa Challenge Foundation, a platform to challenge students to express issues or concerns to university administration in a positive manner rather than through demonstrations and violent strikes. This organization continues to grow, working beyond UCU as a national NGO with plans underway to launch Youth Empowerment for Good Governance and Youth Employment Issues in Uganda, and Mission and Evangelism (Life Changing Ministries).

God has blessed me with yet another opportunity. Sponsored by the German government, I am currently studying for a Masters of Governance and Public Policy in Passau, Germany.

I bless all who have loved and supported me (a stranger of God), all who love and give to me, without an idea what I look like. May God bless you abundantly in return! My greater desire is to remain a faithful servant of God.

Centenary Celebrations 1913-2013



Celebrating 100 years of service . . . Building a great future

In 1913, a theological college was established in Mukono on land granted to the church by local chief, Hamu Mukasa. Over the years, Bishop Tucker Theological College trained thousands of clergy and educators. In 1997 the Church of Uganda promoted the College into Uganda Christian University. Today, Uganda Christian University serves 11,000 students from 13 countries at its five campuses nationwide.

In 2013, Uganda Christian University will celebrate 100 years of service and look forward to building a great future.

Centenary Activities

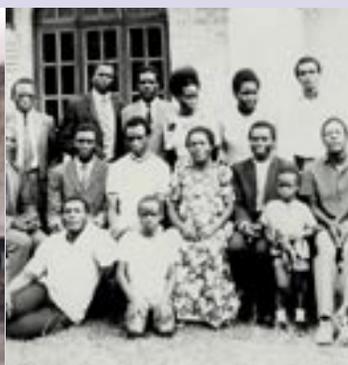
- Publish the history of the Bishop Tucker Theological College as well as a pictorial history
- Offer a new liturgy for celebration of worship in the Church of Uganda
- Collect material for a museum to remember the growth and role of the Church, faith and education in East Africa
- Hold public talks on church, faith, and education in the region

Please join Uganda Partners on a trip to Uganda in late June, 2013 to participate in the Centenary Celebrations. Contact our office for more details at 214 343-6422 or visit our website for the trip brochure.

Event Schedule

UCU kicked off its Centenary Celebrations on October 26th with Graduation and opening of the Science Labs. Remaining events include:

- **June 3, 2013:** Martyr's Day Celebration
- **June 4-30, 2013:** Celebrations around Uganda
- **July 1-5, 2013:** Centenary Activities Week culminating in a celebration on July 5th with graduation, a book launch, and other activities
- **October 2013:** Groundbreaking for a Student Centre
- **November 28, 2013:** Launch of the Museum collection
- **December 2013:** University Games



A Giving Spirit



*“And my God shall supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”
Phil. 4:19*

How I dream of the day when we have an abundance of resources to meet every single need that we hear about. Do you have that dream, too? But I have come to understand that God hears our prayers and provides what He knows to be an appropriate answer for every situation that we offer up to Him. We do have so many needs: more students need sponsorship, more programs need to be funded, more buildings need to be built, and so much more. And when I stop to review the past decade, I am amazed at how much has been provided by you, our partners! We are truly grateful for your generous support and want you to know how much it means to all of us who work on behalf of Uganda Christian University.

I was recently watching a holiday movie about a woman granted twelve wishes. A few of the wishes were frivolous wants; several were to help her friends with their wants; the rest were used to help “fix” other people’s problems – all of which lead to disastrous results. But the conclusion of the movie was a statement about how God acts in our lives and in my eyes, the movie was redeemed. As I was thinking through my “want list” (aka prayer list), I came up with a few ideas that I am offering up in prayer and asking for help with:

- General support – we have so many things we want to accomplish this coming year and little resources to accomplish these
- General Scholarship support – we have many students who need help to finish up their last semester or year and just don’t have the ability to pay their fees
- Centenary celebration items like purchasing lab equipment, publishing a commemorative book and helping sponsor some teacher education
- Building a wing to the dormitories which are full to capacity
- And of course, world peace!

Thank you for your giving spirit and we pray for a healthy and blessed New Year!

God bless you,
Diane Stanton,
Executive Director

A Thankful Heart



Dear Partners,

As I go about my work, it is always a delightful, yet humbling experience to receive an email like the one I received recently from Nicholus Kwehangana, one of our scholarship recipients studying Agricultural Science and Entrepreneurship. I agree with Nicholus – Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord that we can participate in this great ministry! Please visit our website to see how you can renew your partnership. And may God richly bless *you* for your generous support of UCU’s wonderful students and Uganda’s bright future.

Laura Corley,
Scholarship Coordinator

Praise the Lord!

Ms. Laura how are you? I would like to extend my gratitude to you for making my dream come to pass. Being at UCU puts a smile on my face. I am adjusting to campus life despite a few challenges.

Through you God has surprised me and I am sure God is pleased with you as He observes every bit of your actions.

May God richly bless you,
Kwehangana Nicholus

Three Ways to Help a Student

1: Mail the enclosed envelope to:
Uganda Partners
PO Box 38333
Dallas, TX 75238

2: Email Uganda Partners at:
info@ugandapartners.org

3: Build a scholarship online at:
www.ugandapartners.org

Won't you prayerfully consider how you could impact a student's life in 2013 by supporting the following scholarship funds?

General Scholarship: any size donation

Anglican Theology: any size donation

University Designated: approx. \$2,500

Achievement Award: \$500

Business and Technology Award: \$250

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

View UCU's complete photo album at http://www.facebook.com/UgandaChristianUniversity/photos_stream.



Left column from top: All smiles at graduation; UCU Sports Awards Gala; Graduation procession; looking for a bright future at Career Week

Center column from top: Archbishop Henry Orombi accepts a plaque of appreciation; Drum Corp; Rev. Dr. John Senyonyi, Archbishop and Mrs. Orombi at their farewell ceremony

Right column from top: Safe Motherhood Run; UCU's debaters off to Zimbabwe; a dramatic presentation at Faculty Appreciation Luncheon; a mother's monumental accomplishment



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The University Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, make this University a real community, and may whatever is just, pure, lovable and gracious abound here. Keep for the University an unspoiled name; develop it for wider usefulness; and may we value it as an instrument for bringing glory to your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

UPdates

- UCU celebrated the opening of the **new Science Lab**. The new facility includes 10,700 square feet with five labs and additional office space. UCU is currently seeking donations to more fully equip the labs.
- In August, UCU welcomed **three Fulbright professors**, Dr. Tom Gurley (Chemistry), Dr. Judy Shepherd (Social Work) and Dr. Patricia Johnson (Law and Organizational Leadership). In addition, UCU was awarded the US Government English Language Fellow, Ms. Rebecca Glenn, who arrived in September.
- During UCU's recent **Mission Week** celebration, newly appointed University Chaplain, Rev. Rebecca Nyegenye, reported over 150 students committed themselves to Christ.
- UCU Mukono was selected to host the **Inter-University Games for 2013** where over twenty regional Ugandan universities will participate.
- In October, **UCU graduated 1425 students**. Of the graduates, 57% were female and 43% were male. Minister of Education, Hon. Jessica Alupo, presided over the ceremonies.

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