

# Uganda Christian University Partners

"Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5



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## The Gratification of Arriving

"*And so we came to Rome*," is how St. Luke concludes his narrative about the tempestuous journey of a VIP prisoner, St. Paul, in Acts 28.14. We can only imagine the sentiments that welled up in Paul's heart as he arrived in Rome – he came as a prisoner slated for a trial for his faith. Yet Rome for Paul represented his long held anticipation. He had for long yearned to preach the Gospel in Rome, too. The tumultuous sea and the successes of planting churches were behind him; now, relief of arriving at his destination.

It is the end of the September semester at Uganda Christian University. What a tremendous four months this has been for us! This has reaffirmed in my heart the reason for this institution. It is the Centenary Year of the University (1913-2013), a history inherited from Bishop Tucker Theological College.

**University Mission.** Our very dear friend, Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi from Jos Province, Nigeria spent one week in October at the University for an evangelistic mission. The mission was preceded by door-to-door outreach by students with support from three Christian organizations. Many students surrendered their lives to the Saviour, even some Muslims! Then came the daily meetings with riveting messages and certainly youthful vigor from Archbishop Kwashi. We hired tents to accommodate the crowds, but even these were not enough. People sat wherever they could to listen to the preaching of the Gospel. On the



Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi

first Sunday, a young Muslim female student confessed Jesus Christ. On one of these days, it rained while Archbishop Kwashi was preaching. He was drenched but people remained and listened, and several gave their lives to Jesus Christ. The final harvest included nineteen people who converted from Islam to Christ. This year, they will have their first real Christmas knowing God's salvation.

**GAFCON 2.** The other major event this semester was the Global Anglican Future Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. About 1400 Anglican delegates attended from 38 countries, including a delegation of sixteen people from UCU.

My wife Ruth and I were involved in preaching and leading a workshop on Marriage and Family. I gave the opening address on the East African Revival, which set the tone of our East African venue, and this focused the conference on the Lord Jesus Christ. God spoke to us about the peculiarities of this Revival that gave it wide impact. We saw the centrality of Christ, but also the distinctive uncompromising preaching to repent from sin to God. Our workshop filled its quota even before the conference opened! No other room was available to fit the numbers.

**Centenary General Thanksgiving.** We returned to Uganda for the Centenary General Thanksgiving Service held at Namirembe Cathedral. The Thanksgiving doubled as the Commissioning (Baccalaureate) for our Graduands, who graduated the following day. The Vice President of Uganda represented the President of Uganda at the Service.

Then came the Public Lecture given by the President of Patrick Henry College, VA, Dr. Graham Walker, on the Topic, "What Ugandan Education Can Learn from the American Experience." It was an insightful presentation helping Uganda not to divorce intellectual knowledge from virtue. This has been a semester worth celebrating. We thank God and would say with St. Luke, "*And so we came . . .*" to the end of the semester. For God has been truly faithful. *Amen.*

Rev. Canon Dr. John Senyonyi,

Vice Chancellor Uganda Christian University

# Uganda Partners Trip to Uganda in 2013

A team of 25 people visited UCU in late October and early November in response to the invitation of Vice Chancellor John Senyonyi, when he visited Northern Virginia earlier in the year, to come to UCU and learn about the university by experiencing it first-hand.

The team was warmly received by Dr. Senyonyi and the UCU community. Team members lived on campus, met with UCU friends (with whom they were matched before the trip), and explored areas of individual interest; these features proved valuable in getting to know UCU and its people.

They attended the Graduation service, a service of Thanksgiving (for the Centenary of the university) and Commissioning (Baccalaureate), and other events.

Bishop John Guernsey, a member of the team, preached at the UCU community worship on the day the team arrived. Graham Walker, a member of the team and president of Patrick Henry College, gave the speech at the UCU Graduation, and another speech at an event in Kampala hosted by UCU, about what Ugandan higher education can learn from the US experience.

The team included clergy, academics and educators, journalists, nurses, business people, a think tank analyst, retirees, four trustees of Uganda Christian University Partners, and several other people interested in UCU. The trip -- Connect with UCU in 2013! -- was organized and led by the metro Washington, DC chapter of UCUP, and included people from Virginia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, California, and Washington, DC.



Trip participants from Northern Virginia

The team was graciously received by Archbishop Stanley Ntagali, who is Chancellor of UCU, and his wife, Beatrice, in their residence. The team visited places in Uganda that are parts of the Christian context of the university: the site of the Uganda Martyrs; the site of the martyrdom of Bishop James Hannington; All Saints' Cathedral, Kampala; Namirembe Cathedral (where the Rev. Alison Barfoot led a walking tour). The team also visited the Source of the Nile, the Ndere Cultural Centre, and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre.

Mr. Jack Klenk,  
UCUP Trustee

## Laptops for UCUP Scholarship Students

*UCU Holdings, Ltd. arranged for high quality University-approved laptop computers to be available for students to purchase at a reduced cost of approximately \$575 each. Uganda Partners hopes to provide a laptop for each scholarship student, but we need your help to meet this goal. Your help is much appreciated! Please consider a donation for this campaign.*



Trip participants greet UCUP scholar



# 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

View UCU's complete photo album at  
[http://www.facebook.com/  
 UgandaChristianUniversity/  
 photos\\_stream](http://www.facebook.com/UgandaChristianUniversity/photos_stream).



Left column from top: UCU hosts Uganda Martyr's Day; Vice Chancellor's procession; Presentation to Dr. John and Dr. Ruth Senyonyi; Dr. and Mrs. Murray Black on safari  
 Center column from top: Northern Virginia team dinner; Dr. Stephen and Dr. Peggy Noll at opening of the Noll Reading Room; Students studying for exams at the new library  
 Right column from top: Dr. Senyonyi addresses GAFCON; students celebrate the Centenary; Archbishop Ntagali speaks at graduation; Uganda Partners Trustees greet Archbishop Ntagali

# Be Transformed



*Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

In the winter of A.D. 57-58, Paul was in Corinth where he was on his third missionary journey. In anticipation of going to Rome, he wrote a letter to the Christians there. He was preparing to return to Jerusalem with an offering for the poor. He realized that this may be his only communication with the church which was strategically located in the capital of the world. He stressed what he must have felt to be the two principal truths of the Christian faith—the belief that results in salvation and the behavior that results from salvation.

When St. Paul talks about being “conformed” to this world, he is referring to the present evil age —of the intellectual, moral and cultural climate of an era. Being conformed to this era means being wrapped up in things that are temporal. Being “transformed” is not something we can accomplish by ourselves but in partnership with the Holy Spirit who guides us through a process of turning our lives over to God – of surrendering ourselves to become more Christ-like.

The challenge of a Christian university is to help orient and mold young minds to think from a Christian worldview, help to strengthen their faith, and to attain soundness of mind.

At the recent graduation at UCU in October, the university was honored to have Dr. Graham Walker, President of Patrick Henry University, address the graduating students. Here is a segment of his outstanding speech:

*“As Christians, we must not operate the way the confused practitioners of worldly education operate. Instead of being conformed to this world, we can be “transformed by the renewing of our mind” as St. Paul urges in Romans 12:2. And so, when your lecturers set about educating you here at Uganda Christian University, we can see the fruit of sound-mindedness. When you come to conclusions about the difficult public issues, it will not be because you simply repeat the things you were told to believe. It will be because you thought about it, you’ve checked the word of God first where it bears on the submitted; because you’ve reasoned it through, you’ve looked at the evidence. . . .we don’t want you walking out of UCU saying, ‘I believe in the Bible because I went to a university that believes in the Bible.’ We want you to believe in the Bible because you recognize that the Bible deserves to be embraced as the word of God, and you see the evidence. You are not going to have sound-mindedness in its fullness unless you hold on to God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who is the giver of power, love and a sound mind. That’s what I want for you, and what your UCU lecturers want for you, and what God wants for you.”*



It is thrilling to know that our students at UCU are getting this kind of message! I give thanks to Dr. Walker, the faculty and leadership at UCU for presenting the gospel in their teaching and in the opportunities they offer for students to live “transformed” lives in Christ! May this New Year be one of renewal in your relationship with Christ as well!

Mrs. Diane Stanton,  
Executive Director



Dr. Graham Walker address  
Fall 2013 graduation class

## Gratitude

Dear Partners,



Don’t we all benefit when we focus more on relationships than the busy work of ministry? The letters of gratitude on page 5 from a few of Uganda Partners’ scholarship students, as well as the one below from

Keneth, UCU’s first Batwa Pygmy graduate, remind us that reaching out with our resources to someone on another continent provides much more in the form of relationship than it does in financial support! We would love for you to continue your partnership in our scholarship program, and invite you to renew your commitment as a sponsor (see below). Enjoy the letters—they are meant for you!

Mrs. Laura Corley,  
Scholarship Coordinator

Precious love and greetings from  
your son Keneth Tumhamye.

This serves to extend my sincere appreciation to you Mama Diane and all people who supported me to attain a degree. Praise the Lord! Allow me to report to you that we had the best ever graduation ceremony and I thank you.

May our good Lord bless you,  
Keneth



# Gratitude



DEAR SPONSOR,

RE: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MY TITUTION FEES:

I WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TOWARDS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PAYMENT OF MY TITUTION FEES WHICH I HAD HARDLY FAILED TO RAISE. &

GLORY TO GOD WHO WORKED THROUGH YOU AND YOU CAME TO MY AID, MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY.

WORDS ALONE CANNOT BE ENOUGH FOR ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU HOW MUCH THANKFUL I AM FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION BECAUSE IT GIVES ME A HOPE FOR FINISHING MY STUDIES AT UGANDA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY AND BECOMING A BETTER PERSON IN FUTURE, BUT EACH DAY I PRAY TO GOD TO BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KIND HEART OF SUPPORTING ME.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU RIGHTLY.

YOURS IN GRATITUDE,  
TULIIME EDINAH  
STUDENT OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
ENGINEERING.

UGANDA CHRISTIAN,  
UNIVERSITY,  
P.O. BOX 4  
MUKONO  
25<sup>th</sup>. 11.2013

DEAR SIR / MADAM,

RE: APPRECIATION MESSAGE.

I GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THIS NOTE INFORM OF A BRIEF LETTER IS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORT THAT YOU HAVE TIRELESSLY RENDERED AND SACRIFICED TO CONTRIBUTE TO MY TUTION SO THAT I AM ABLE TO COMPLETE MY COURSE (STUDIES).

I THANK GOD FOR WORKING THROUGH YOU BY GIVING SUCH A GENEROUS HEART OF HELPING ME MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD REWARD YOU ABUNDANTLY. I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AS WE BREAK OFF FOR HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND PRAYERS YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR MY SUCCESS ASWHAS I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR GODS GIFTS OF LOVE AND PEACE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

YOURS SINCERELY  
CATHERINE KENTE

## Three Ways to Help a Student

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

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

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

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

**General Scholarship:** any size donation

**Anglican Theology:** any size donation

**University Designated:** approx. \$2,500

**Achievement Award:** \$500



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newsletter, please pass it on to  
a friend or post it at church.**

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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 **Stephen Noll Reading Room** for Theology and the **Museum Archives** in July, 2013. The reading room contains Dr. Noll's collection of thousands of theology books.
- In October, UCU Vice Chancellor Rev. Dr. John Senyoyi and wife Dr. Ruth Senyoyi presented talks at the **Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON)** in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Dr. Karen Drake, Bethel University professor of nursing and UCU resident nursing professor, was recently awarded the title of **"Distinguished Nurse of the Year"** by the March of Dimes for her contribution in establishing the masters of nursing program. at UCU.
- In October, UCU broke ground for the **new Student Centre**.
- **Arlene Buchholz** is the new Director of the **Institute on Faith, Learning and Service** at UCU, a program to train the faculty in the integration of faith and academics.
- In December, UCU hosted the **Inter-University Games**. In addition, UCU was elected to host Inter-University Games for the Eastern Africa region in December 2014.

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