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Uganda Christian University School of Medicine: **It's a Matter of Life**

There are not enough doctors and dentists coming out of school to provide care for those in need in East Africa. You can help bridge the gap for many people in need.

In Uganda, when a doctor or dentist treats someone who is sick or injured, they do more than help one person: they keep mothers and children alive; keep families intact; and improve productivity in school, work, and community.

Uganda and the rest of East Africa have some of the world's toughest health conditions. Too many children die before they turn 5. Many mothers become sick or die during pregnancy. The world's scariest diseases get a foothold in places that don't have good health care.

Many of the world's leading causes of disability and early death could be better managed with enough health workers. **Unfortunately, too few doctors and dentists are coming out of school, so many people will not get the health care that they need.** For comparison, the number of physicians per person is 27x higher in the US than Uganda.

Uganda's Ministry of Health states that the *health workforce is a key bottleneck for the appropriate provision of health services, with challenges in number, skills, retention, motivation and performance.* Governments in countries like Uganda hope that private institutions like the UCU School of Medicine will bridge this gap.

UCU School of Medicine

Training at Mengo Hospital

Holistic, modern curriculum

Entering class: 60 students

70% are female

Cost is \$4100 per year

Need: Technical partners,
learning resources and
start up support



This School of Medicine unites Uganda Christian University, one of East Africa's premier universities, with Mengo Hospital, a tertiary care hospital that was the first teaching hospital in East Africa. Both are leading faith-based institutions.

Together they will create competent doctors and dentists who meet people's needs. **They will equip a generation of exceptional health leaders who can change the health of a society.**

This would be a dream! Imagine though that we already have almost everything we need to make this a reality. The only thing missing is you.

What we have:

A vision, trusted partners, expertise, facilities, accreditation and a great learning strategy

What we need: YOU

Your financial contribution and donations of expertise and materials will move this vision from dream to reality.

Join us. It's a matter of life.

"I am very confident that the UCU School of Medicine will contribute immensely to improving the status of human resources for health in the country."

- Hon. Dr. Ruth Aceng, Uganda Minister of Health, April 2018

UCU School of Medicine graduates will fill a quarter of the gap in number of physicians in Uganda by 2030.

Three requirements are needed to accomplish this goal. First is quality general and specialized training that integrates students in clinical experience early. Second is developing expert faculty who bring world class teaching and research capabilities to advance the program. Third is financial sustainability by



anticipating future growth, positioning faculty and students for research and contribution to the field.

The School's Mission: Advancing the health of all, by training and increasing the diversity of highly qualified medical and dental professionals, leaders and scientists; providing outstanding and compassionate medical care; advocating for the health and dental health of all nations and pursuing new knowledge and excellence of practice.

Distinctive Elements: Quality medical education exists in Uganda but few if any other schools embrace holistic health principles – that health is not the absence of disease, but integrated physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing.

Program Objectives and Development: Over 10 years, the school will grow to scale (at 300 students). Operating budgets will be partially offset by tuition, but gaps will remain. Capital and material investments are also needed to start off on a firm foundation. Later, partnerships and research funding will help offset the cost of running programs while elevating reputation and quality.

UCU has already invested over \$275,000 in locally raised funds, to renovate classrooms and offices near Mengo Hospital. We seek support and partnerships to raise the following:

- \$25,000 each for four science and practical skills labs
- \$50,000 for library books, software and teaching materials
- \$50,000 toward staff recruitment, training and development
- \$50,000 toward scholarships, to help at least 15 students meet the \$4100 annual cost.

Finally, we need your time, talent, and useful donated materials. We seek volunteers and visiting scholars to fill essential needs and advise and engage in clinical training and program development. Can you help us acquire books and learning materials through donations?

Will you help us equip a generation of doctors and dentists to save lives and improve health for millions of people in need?

We can answer questions: Contact

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Please consider financial support.

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