# **Living Word Uganda**

Living Word Uganda is an interdenominational partnership of the UK church and the Ugandan church.

Official support partners are Crosslinks and Langham Preaching in the UK, and African Bible University and FOCUS (the local IFES movement) in Uganda.



LWU's Sam Opolot teaching at one of the many universities he visited last year.

Christians in Uganda are faithful, prayerful and very enthusiastic to see the gospel of Jesus Christ change lives in their country. There is enormous potential to grow the church leaders of the future. Many believers among current university students long to learn more about the bible, how to preach it well and how to teach it to others.

At present, although there is great hunger for faithful biblical preaching and a deeper understanding of Scripture, only a few examples of this are available across Uganda. Living Word Uganda is committed to serving Christian university students by responding to this need.

#### The aims of LWU:

- 1) To develop among students a greater joy in Jesus from faithful bible understanding and good biblical preaching.
- 2) To equip students with the necessary skills for good bible study and faithful preaching.
- 3) To identify and encourage gifted students to pursue further training in these areas.
- 4) To unite likeminded people and organisations committed to faithful bible handling and preaching of God's word in East Africa.



Sam Opolot, our team leader.

Sam is supported by Schwarz, Judith and Bernie (all trained at the Cornhill Training Course in London), Baker (administration) and small team of volunteers across the country who organise events and coordinate the work.

Sam has 14 years of experience of working with students as a bible teacher, most recently as acting Director at FOCUS Uganda. He received training at the Kampala School of Evangelical Theology and from Langham Preaching. Sam is married to Alice. They have two children Timothy & Sheryl.

#### **The Annual Conference**

LWU works year-round, encouraging students all across Uganda. In 2015 we visited 38 universities and colleges. Small group leaders are trained up carefully, as a foundation for the main conference.

The programme includes:

- Every morning a 'model' exposition.
- Bible lectures with an emphasis on developing practical understanding and teaching skills.
- Students prepare bible passages to handle in 'teaching practice' in a small group context and constructive feedback is offered.
- Time to get to know each other and the experienced speakers and teachers.

In 2016 we are praying for 220 students to attend. Our main speaker is Pete Nicholas, Minister Inspire Church Plant, All Souls Langham Place. Topics covered will include a Bible Overview, Understanding Old Testament Prophesy, the Psalms and the Gospel of John.



Conference attendees January 2015.

#### **Student Link**

By becoming one of our ministry partners you will be providing a wonderful opportunity for a student in Uganda to attend the LWU annual conference.

You will be given a specific student profile written by the person you are supporting. We hope that this gives you a good idea of why your partnership is so valuable and of how LWU is making a difference to their faith and life.



Happy students with certificates of attendance.

#### How much does it cost?

The total cost of the conference for 2016 including transport to and from the venue is £85 per student.

We ask students to raise £10 themselves, which is a struggle for some.

Ministry partners are asked to provide the remaining £75 per student, though all donations however small are most welcome.

#### E-Mail Link

If you would like, we have the opportunity for you to be linked to your student via email, with each student chosen because of evident Christian faith.

We encourage communication so that you can share together what God is doing in your life, pray for and encourage each other.

Whilst we do not anticipate any problems in the vast majority of cases, we recognise the temptation this may bring for students and the potential difficulties for you.

As such, both students and ministry partners are asked to comply with a few rules:

- 1) All correspondence between ministry partners and students will be passed on having been sent via studentlink@livingworduganda.org
- 2) Students and ministry partners will not exchange any kind of contact information eg: addresses or telephone numbers.
- 3) Students will not write regarding any need for money or material possessions, either for themselves or for anyone known to them.
- 4) Ministry partners will not donate any money or material possessions to the linked student.

LWU will provide support and deal with any concerns regarding the correspondence - via this same email address.

Further information regarding the scheme and all other aspects of our work may be found at www.livingworduganda.org











# Partner with a Bible Student in Uganda

"We are so hungry for this kind of teaching – it is exactly what our country so desperately needs."



"I had no idea the bible was so amazina. This is where to meet Jesus!" [Comments by students after the first Living Word Uganda bible conference in January 2014]

Living Word Uganda provides multiple events for students all over Uganda. The main event of the year is a 5-day residential conference held in the African Bible University, Kampala. Students from across Uganda gather to learn together.

Your partnership can help to make it possible for a student to attend.

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