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Bible School  
Part 1 of 2

*“For the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.”*

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## Uganda School of Bible

Bible colleges and seminaries can be found in virtually every major city across the U.S. In those few areas where none is available, online courses have become abundantly available to any and all who would desire trained in God’s Word. Moreover, bookstores and catalogues offer a wealth of biblical resources for those who are prone to look for them. Subsequently, in America, it is almost unheard of for a pastor to have not received some degree of training in the Word of God.

In most cases, those who have sat under a sound Bible teacher for any length of time have, at the very least, been adequately equipped to navigate through their Bibles for scriptural enrichment in living the Christian life. Moreover, in just about every U.S. town, Christians can tune their radios to a station dedicated to broad-

casting Christian talk radio and Bible-based teaching.

Whatever may be lacking from these various streams of information, the World Wide Web more than makes up for by offering countless

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Christian video and audio streaming and a virtually inexhaustible supply of text documents ready for download at the click of a button.

In short, Americans have more Bible training resources at their disposal than they know what to do with. Those living in the U.S. who would find themselves lacking anything in the way of

biblical training are that way by choice, not by circumstance.

Ugandans, on the other hand, are in an altogether different situation. Churches across Uganda find themselves helmed by men who have had no form of training, biblical or otherwise. In some cases those leading the church may scarcely be literate enough to read their Bibles with any degree of understanding. Granted, in the more affluent regions, where commerce and city life are bustling, this is not the norm. But venture out beyond the hub of modern society to life in the rural villages where over 28 million Ugandans are scattered throughout the countryside—and the problem is easily discerned.

For those fortunate enough to live the city life in Kampala or one of the surrounding cities, there are a handful of Bible colleges

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## The Word of Truth

In the last letter that he wrote, the Apostle Paul charged Timothy with the following directive: *“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”* (2 Tim. 2:15, KJV). This was not the Apostle’s directive to an entire church,

rather it was how he charged Timothy, a young minister into whose hands the work of building Christ’s church was entrusted.

Scripture tells us that the work of the ministry is the responsibility of all the saints and does not rest primarily upon the shoulders of those who are called to lead.



In his letter to the church in Ephesus the Apostle made this point abundantly clear (Eph. 4:11-12). However, those whom the Lord has

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Find out how Uganda Ministries is focusing its efforts on pastor training.
- Discover Uganda School of Bible, the first training center of its kind.
- Read about the two programs that distinguish Uganda School of Bible.
- Consider the pastoral directive with which the Apostle charged Timothy.
- Gain new insight on what the Apostle meant by: *“rightly dividing.”*
- Meet an English teacher committed to improving the quality of education for orphans in Africa.
- Learn how you can participate in what God is doing in one of the most remote areas in Uganda.

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where one can receive training. Such institutions can safely offer reasonable assurance to their students that they could enter the pastoral profession upon course completion. And all too often many of their graduates do just that.

Yet the need goes unmet for thousands upon thousands of Ugandan ministers who find themselves in the position of teaching millions of Ugandans week after week. Most areas throughout the Ugandan countryside are almost universally so destitute that they lack any capacity to offer those who are leading any form of support. Therefore, these areas seldom attract those with proper training or education in any field, for that matter. It is, thus, in a region such as this that Uganda Ministries is helping to plant a Bible school and ministry training center—where the need is most desperate and the resources are most scarce.

Uganda School of Bible is intended to offer two very specific programs to meet the two most basic needs that face the church of Uganda: 1) training and equipping those presently committed to serving in the ministry, and 2) raising up a generation of tomorrow's church leaders that would carry the banner of Christ throughout the most remote regions of Uganda and into other desperate countries of Africa.

These two distinct programs will each be tailored to meet the needs of those whom they are intended to serve. The one program—designed to provide the faithful men and women of God

who are shepherding the saints—will offer concentrated courses whereby pastors can come together from surrounding regions for courses that would be self-contained within a single week. Such courses will not necessitate a prerequisite course of study, but would be a complete and stand-alone body of teaching.

These courses would be taught both by resident teachers as well as visiting pastors and teachers from the U.S. These courses are not intended to demand more than a week's commitment of time from the teacher, and the subject matter could be virtually anything that the Lord might place upon the heart of those whom He would call for such a purpose. Furthermore, these courses would be interpreted into the local dialects in order to serve all who would desire to take advantage of such training regardless of their educational background.

The second program, on the other hand, will be specifically designed to train up strong young men and women of God into tomorrow's church leaders. This course of study is intended to provide an ongoing program where students will be afforded to live on campus while they focus on their studies.

This course of study is intended to offer students a full range of curriculum typical to most Bible colleges, ranging from classes in how to study the Bible and basic principles of biblical interpretation to an examination of each of the major biblical doctrines set forth in the Scriptures. Additionally, these students would perform in-depth analyses of certain key individual books of the Bible, with a heavy emphasis on Christian living and ministry.

Ultimately, students who complete this program would be expected to serve in building up the church of Uganda, or any of her neighboring countries. Granted, some may be called beyond. We do not presume to know how the Lord will use these young people for His glory. However, we trust that they

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will be adequately raised up to serve in whatever capacity for which the Lord would choose to call them.

As excellent as all of this may seem, there remains yet a single challenge for all of the potential ministers who would be biblically trained and spiritually equipped to serve the people of God in Uganda. Though their desire is strong and their hearts are most willing, they lack even the most meager resources required to make such a Bible school a reality.

Those men and women presently serving in pastoral roles do so despite the church's inability to afford them any form of compensation. In fact, when offerings are collected, there is not even so much as a thought of administrative costs. The first and foremost need of caring for the orphans and widows, is itself often neglected due to the severe lack of monetary resources.

Nearly all of the ministers serving in a full-time capacity as well as those youngsters looking forward to such a blessed life understand well that they are resigned to foraging for their food and daily sustenance for themselves and their family. For this reason, it is not uncommon for meals to be shared by all within the community. Nor is it unheard of for a pastor to fast and pray for weeks on end that the Lord would provide a meal.

In this, we are confronted with a most blessed opportunity. We are given a chance to participate in what the Lord would do in the building up of His church in a region that has not, for all of human history, received such equipping. Rest assured, God will accomplish His plans. Even if He needs to break off a branch to graft in another in order to attain His ultimate desire, the end of God's will shall be reached. Consider, now, this blessed opportunity before you to participate in this marvelous plan of God, and participate in accordance with His leading.



*Training sessions in Rukungiri allow for church leaders to dialogue the Scriptures and ask questions from the Bible.*

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called as pastors and teachers are told to be careful concerning how they exercise their stewardship in shepherding the Lord's flock, for those who teach "will be judged with greater strictness" (Jas. 3:1, ESV).

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Therefore, it was with good cause that the Apostle urged his son in the faith to exercise great diligence with regard to the Scriptures. For Paul did not want that Timothy should be ashamed before God on that coming day when he would stand at the judgment seat of Christ. It is for this reason that Paul not only encouraged him toward diligence in the Scriptures, but he taught him as well.

In that same letter the Apostle told Timothy, "Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13, ESV). Moreover, he wrote, "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2, ESV). And again he

wrote, "Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it" (2 Tim. 3:14, ESV).

Evidently Paul endeavored to instruct Timothy above and beyond the general teachings which were intended for the instruction of the church. We know this not merely because he emphatically states it in his writings but also because in addition to the many epistles which he addressed to the various churches he labored particularly over Timothy and Titus as leaders among the brethren.

And what is the charge that the Apostle gave to Timothy? None other than that he should exercise diligence in his approach to the Scriptures and specifically that he would rightly handle or administer the word of truth. In fact, the meaning of this word in the original Greek language in which it was written suggests that as a steward administers portions of bread, that Timothy would rightly divide, administer, or apportion the bread of life to the saints.

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Pastors and teachers are a vital component to a healthy church. But apart from proper instruction and training in the Word of God, that very same teacher of Scripture could be a liability. It is for this reason that James cautioned so strongly against "would-be" teachers.

Uganda Ministries is committed to building up the church of Uganda by training pastors and ministers to rightly handle the word of truth. By generating support in the U.S. and mobilizing those who would share the burden for the church in Uganda we are working together to build the first and only Bible school and ministry training center in the remote southwestern corner of the country that would serve half a dozen districts of Uganda as well as the bordering countries of Rwanda, Congo, and Tanzania.



## Donation Information

Uganda Ministries operates entirely on the basis of God's grace in cooperation with the willingness of His people to participate in the work of the building of His Church. This is a multi-denominational effort shared by all Christians who have a concern for seeing the Lord's Church built up both here and abroad.

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*Angelica teaching English and reading at an orphanage in Uganda.*

## PROFILE: Angelica Fazio

Angelica Fazio began teaching thirty years ago using a method known as Direct Instruction developed by Zigfried Engelmann. She holds a K-12 teaching credential and a Master of Arts in Education.

In the early 1980's, Angelica developed a private school, the Philadelphia Academy, in which she developed all the curriculum, trained the teachers, and taught.

She later focused on developing literacy—especially among non-native English speakers and challenged readers. In 1996, Angelica taught the first Family Literacy class offered in San Diego, California.

In 2000, Angelica received an Excellence in Education award from the Association for Direct Instruction and was featured in the Spring 2001 issue of the Direct Instruction News for

having taught sheltered-English kindergarteners and first graders to become fluent readers. She was also featured in the summer 2001 journal of *Education* for her work with learning disabled middle school students.

Today, Angelica serves with Uganda Ministries by helping to facilitate the implementation of superior English curriculum in some of the most disadvantaged orphan schools in Uganda

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## General Information

*Uganda Ministries is a U.S. non-profit organization designated for religious, educational, and charitable purposes. We are dedicated to supporting the ongoing work of*

*Christian ministry and the building-up of the Christian Church in the Republic of Uganda, through biblical training and spiritual equipping of native Ugandan ministers.*

*The mission of Uganda Ministries is to support and uphold the work of the ministry in Uganda that the Church there would be both edified and fortified unto the building up of the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*

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