

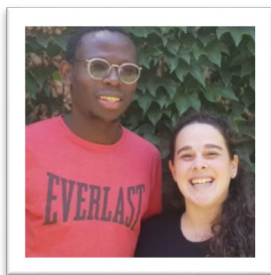
STUDY PARTNER NEWS

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Welcome to the fortieth issue of the BEST prayer newsletter. A few more bible colleges and universities are hoping and planning to open their doors to students soon, after running teaching online for the past year. Others are expecting to continue with online classes for the time being, with one college in Ethiopia not expected to re-open until the next academic year.

In Santiago, Chile, our new study partner at the **Centre for Pastoral Studies** is **Diego Rivera**. He is studying the three-year Bachelor of Theology course, in preparation for leading churches in the upper sector of Viña del Mar, Valparaiso, which are without a pastor at the moment. This work will include pastoral care and teaching the bible, training leaders and discipling believers.



Jacqueline Tolley is now in her third year of the Bachelor of Theology course at the **Centre for Pastoral Studies** but she is having to engage through online teaching from her home in Argentina. Coronavirus restrictions do not allow classes to be held on campus and Jacqueline (and her husband Kidum) have recently moved to

Mendoza (western Argentina). They are serving at a church in Mendoza that is led by mission partner Andrew Walker.

Uganda Baptist Seminary in Jinja opened its doors to a small cohort of students in January – primarily those who were unable to finish their courses in 2020. Gradually they are welcoming back other students, including **Gerald Ludhuba** (pictured far right) who will recommence his Bachelor of Theology course in May. New study partner **Daniel Kuku Kuti** (pictured right) will begin the Bachelor of Theology course in July – more than a year later than planned because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

From March 2021 BEST is committed to support **41** Study Partners from **20** countries, who were actively engaged in theological and ministry courses in **18** different colleges in **13** countries. They are from:

Africa

Burundi 1; Ethiopia 1; Kenya 4; Namibia 1; Nigeria 1; Rwanda 1; South Africa 3; South Sudan 1; Sudan 1; Tanzania 4; Togo 1; Uganda 4; Zambia 1; Zimbabwe 1

Asia

Nepal 3

Europe

Italy 3; Moldova 1; Serbia 4

South America

Argentina 1; Chile 4

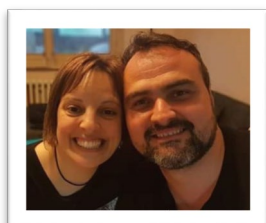
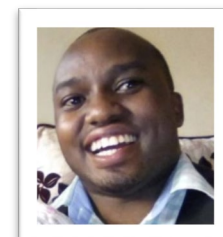


Also in Uganda, **Samuel Longok** from Karamoja will be travelling to **Uganda Christian University** soon to start the three-year Bachelor of Divinity course. Pray for Samuel as he prepares to leave his rural parish to take up studies near Kampala. Pray that he settles in well.



In Marsabit, Kenya, **John Maganjo** is in the last few months of his Bachelor of Theology course at **Africa International University**. Students have not been able to attend classes at the university campus due to coronavirus so John has had to travel to an internet café in Isiolo in order to attend classes and sit exams online. Pray for John and other study partners who have to make this extra effort and face inconvenience in order to carry on their studies.

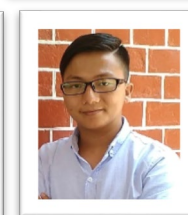
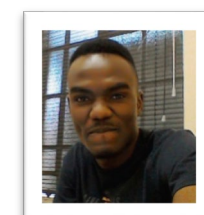
Patrick Bundi Cyprian is about to finish his Masters in Missions course at **Africa International University**. Patrick is part of a team from GracePoint Church in Nairobi who are praying for and keen to be involved in the church's evangelism and church planting plans. This team also includes former study partner **James Wainaina**. The church's hope is to preach the gospel and establish congregations in various neighbourhoods around the city.



The start of the new semester at the **Baptist Theological Seminary** in Novi Sad, Serbia, has seen students gather for classes in a church just outside the city. Study partners **Nenad and Ilaria Jovisevic** are grateful to be back with their fellow students learning together on the Bachelor of Theology course. Please take the opportunity to read Nenad's testimony on the [Crosslinks blog](#).

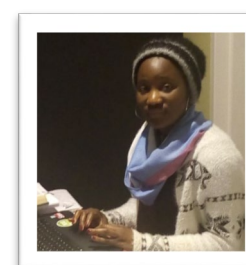
Leavers

- At the end of last year, **Sindiso Tshuma** finished the Bachelor of Theology course with **South Africa Theological Seminary**. During lockdown Sindiso started a local bible study called 'Theology Nights' with two young men. This has now grown to a group of twelve, some of whom are not Christians but all now go to bible-believing churches in the neighbourhood.
- **Noel Ba Lan** (pictured far right) and **Saw Myint Kho Kho Khaing** (pictured right) completed the Masters of Divinity course at **Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology** in Yangon in February. Please continue to pray for people in Myanmar, for the government and for the Church as it perseveres in the work of the gospel during these difficult times.



Former study partner news

Pray for **Cecilia Mumbi** who graduated from **George Whitefield College** at the end of last year and returned to Kitwe in Zambia. Recently, Cecilia wrote to thank Crosslinks for the support she received while studying and to ask us to pray for her as she takes up the role of Campus Ministry Co-ordinator for the Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students (ZAFES). She asks us to pray that ZAFES will help mobilise and equip students from all walks of life, working hand-in-hand with the local churches to spread the good news of Christ among students.



Thank you for your support and prayers for all Crosslinks study partners.

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