

STUDY PARTNER NEWS

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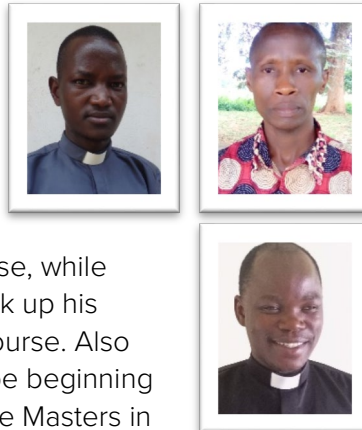
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After many months of Uganda Baptist Seminary being closed, **Gerald Ludhuba** and **Daniel Kuku Kuti** are looking forward to travelling to Jinja this month to start their courses at the seminary. Gerald will continue with the first

year of the Bachelor of Theology course and Daniel will be starting the first modules of this course.

Uganda Christian University (UCU) has been teaching courses predominantly online for the last two years but it is welcoming students back in May. **Rev Samuel Longok** from northern Uganda will continue the Bachelor of Divinity course, while **Simon Singano** from Tanzania will pick up his studies on the Masters in Theology course. Also from Tanzania, **Grayson Katunzi** will be beginning his studies at UCU in May, studying the Masters in Theology course.



From March 2022, BEST is committed to supporting **53** study partners from **20** countries. They are studying in **20** different colleges in **12** countries. They are from:

Africa

Burundi (1), DR Congo (1), Ethiopia (5), Kenya (4), Nigeria (12), Rwanda (1), South Africa (3), South Sudan (1), Sudan (1), Tanzania (2), Uganda (3), Zambia (2) and Zimbabwe (1).

Asia

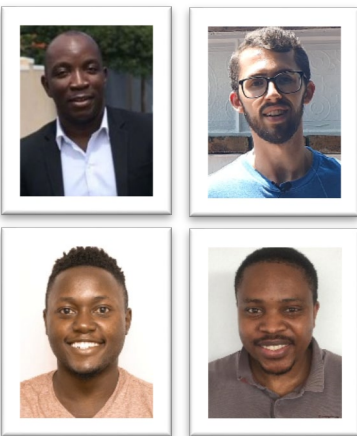
Nepal (3).

Europe

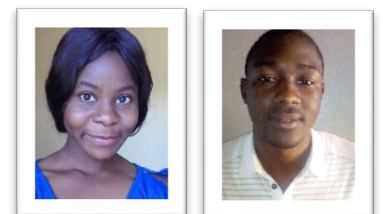
Italy (3), Moldova (1) and Serbia (3).

South America

Brazil (1) and Chile (4).



In South Africa, **George Whitefield College** has completed its summer school, which introduces the start of the academic year. New study partners this year are **Joseph Chilufya** and **Adam Tomalin** – they are now in the first semester of the Bachelor of Theology course and will be looking for placement churches for the year. Second year student **Derrick Ntambi** and third year students **Mziwanele Mhlanti**, **Wilma Chipururu** and **Clemore Hanjalika** are all settling back into their studies and life on the campus.



We rejoice with **Elie Nimbona**, who married Alvere Negamiyimana at the beginning of this year. Elie has just started the second year of the Bachelor of Theology course at **Bujumbura Christian University** in Burundi. He has been

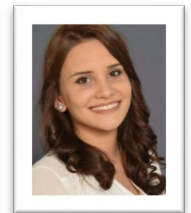


continuing the 'Image d'une Nouvelle Creature' youth project, which teaches the gospel and life skills to unemployed young people in Muyinga Diocese.



The unrest in Ethiopia has affected the lives of study partners at **Nekemte Christian Education College**. A number of churches have closed and are no longer able to provide support for pastors who are studying in Nekemte. Also, we have yet to hear what plans **St Frumentius Anglican Theological College**, Gambella, has to start its courses again. While the college is closed, study partner **David Yaka Yiege** has been working with his church in a refugee camp in the westerly part of the Amhara region of Ethiopia.

At the end of 2021, **Igor and Renata Mudri** were sent with another family from Belgrade to start a new church plant in Petrovaradin, a suburb of Novi Sad. The couple are both Bachelor of Theology students at the **Baptist Theological Seminary Novi Sad**. They have started small group meetings for the church plant where they pray and study the Bible together, and are looking for opportunities for gospel outreach into the community.



In Kenya, **Rev George Bulyaar**, is currently having to study lessons remotely for the Bachelor of Divinity course at **St Paul's University**. This is because he is a chaplain for the Kenya Defence Force and has recently been posted 'on manoeuvres'. He will minister to military personnel as he travels around.

Mihail Chisari is pastor of Imago Dei Baptist Church in Chisinau, Moldova. He has sent news from Moldova following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which borders Moldova. Many people have fled Ukraine and sought refuge in Moldova. Mihai writes, 'Our worship service today was one of the most crowded since the beginning of our church plant – over 100 people. A place of worship and preaching, a shelter during the night, a place where people can get warm, eat, receive encouragement and, most importantly, hear the Good News. It's heartbreaking to see so many running for their lives. So many young mothers are crying because their husbands and father of their young children haven't been allowed to cross the border. We helped receive and then shelter people coming from Ukraine, many of whom are from all over the world – Nigeria, Nepal, India, etc. Providing shelter, answering dozens and hundreds of calls from all over (during any time of the day or the night), providing food, providing directions and information for those travelling further into Europe, providing counselling and emotional support – and sharing the good news. We have been busy with this almost 24/7 for the last four days. It is exhausting but what a joy and privilege to be able to help those in need and to point them to the only one in whose arms we are safe and in whom we find peace.'



Mihai is studying the online Masters in Missions course from **Crosslands** in the UK.

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