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BATC News August 2019

*Bishop Allison Theological College:
"A Christian Center of Academic Excellence and
Deep Spirituality in the Heart of South Sudan and
Africa"*

Another Semester Completed at BATC!

We have completed another semester at Bishop Allison Theological College! Our students are now halfway through their 3-year courses, and they completed exams on topics such as Church History, Pastoral Ministry, and African Christian Theology at the beginning of this month. The students have currently gone home for a few weeks for their break, and our next semester will begin the first week of September.



Students taking their final exams for the semester.



Principal Emmanuel Lokosang's Message for the end of the Semester

Affiliation with Uganda Christian University

Bishop Allison is accredited by Uganda Christian University (UCU). Therefore, BATC functions as a study center of Uganda Christian University, and our students who have finished high school are considered students of UCU. When they graduate from BATC, they will also graduate from UCU, and they will receive their transcripts and academic documents directly from UCU. UCU is one of the best universities in Uganda, so if our students go on for further studies after their time at Bishop Allison or are applying for jobs in the future, the fact that they have graduated from UCU will greatly help them. During this past semester, the Dean of UCU's Bishop Tucker School of Theology and Divinity, Rev. Dr. Christopher Byaruhanga, came to visit us at BATC. Professor Byaruhanga was able to talk with the BATC staff, and he also spoke to our students. We were very grateful to have him come and visit us, and we are very grateful for our connection to Uganda Christian University.



BATC staff and students with Rev. Dr. Christopher Byaruhanga (center with tie) and other representatives from Uganda Christian University

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation is one of the key components of our students' education at Bishop Allison Theological College. Every weekday students lead prayers in the morning before classes, and we also have evening devotions. Every Wednesday afternoon, our college community comes together to celebrate Holy Communion, and on Sundays the students go out to fellowship with and serve in churches around the college. In addition to these regularly scheduled activities, the students have also been placed in groups for Bible studies, and the college has also organized days for prayer and fasting. Our prayer is that at BATC academic learning and spiritual formation will be fully integrated.



BATC students (left to right) Ocima James, Rev. Seme Remo, and Lomoro Felix after leading a Holy Communion Service



Morning Prayer at BATC

Bishop Allison Alumni

Bishop Allison's purpose is to train leaders for the South Sudanese churches and communities. Therefore, we always enjoy seeing how our alumni are serving in their local churches and communities. BATC staff have been able to visit a number of BATC alumni this year, and we are continuously encouraged by their commitment to the Lord and to their people. In spite of the challenges that our alumni face, they remain committed to the ministry that God has given to them.



BATC Alumni (left to right) Rev. Elisha Timon, Isaac Kenyi, and Rev. Satimon Bida in front of Jericho Church, where Elisha serves as pastor, in Ofua 2 in Rhino Refugee Settlement

Meet a Student

Kennedy Lumori is a certificate student at Bishop Allison Theological College, and he currently lives in Ofua 3 in Rhino Refugee Settlement. When asked why he wanted to come study at Bishop Allison, Kennedy responded, “Among South Sudanese, there is a great need for the people to hear a clear Gospel message. I wanted to be equipped with the knowledge of God so that I can share this knowledge with the people. God has called me to come study theology, and when God called me, I responded.”



Please pray for the following:

- 1) For peace and reconciliation in South Sudan
 - 2) For our students to come back in September from their vacation rested and ready for the next semester
 - 3) For our two students who were unable to come to the college this past semester due to various issues in their families
 - 4) For the students' families who remain in South Sudan, Congo, and the refugee camps in Uganda
 - 5) For financial stability for BATC
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