

Brian and Mary Jane Dennison serving in Kampala , Uganda , share their story of God at work through their ministry at Ugandan Christian University :

Our mission in Uganda is the mission of Uganda Christian University. We are here to be a part of a “Centre of Excellence in the Heart of Africa.” We are here to help future leaders grow and learn how to incorporate Christian principles into their future life and work.



Robert with craftsperson selling mats



David at Sunday School Party

An example would be Brian’s class entitled “Law and Christian Political Thought in Africa.” This is a small class of just over 20 students. Students in the class are presented with material ranging from St. Augustine’s City of God to recent articles from *The Economist*. A unifying theme of the class is how to incorporate faith into the political realm of Sub-Saharan Africa.



Clinical Class being instructed by lawyer with International Justice Mission

Perhaps the most ominous short-term challenge facing Ugandans is the 2011 Presidential Election. There is grave concern that the 2011 Presidential Election will lead to violence and instability. Students in Brian’s class discuss the challenges presented by the Election and strategies for a way forward built on Christian principles and a Christian world view.

One of the most frustrating things about Uganda is that the problems of corruption and tribalism are contrary to the Christian beliefs held and espoused by the vast majority of the population. Students in the class wrestle with this disconnect and discuss strategies for implementing real change through Christ.

Another exciting project that Brian has been involved with is the development of a clinical legal education program. Brian has developed partnerships with organizations such as International Justice Mission and Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity to generate learning and service opportunities for law students. Law students in the clinical program

conduct prison interviews for indigent inmates who are largely lost or forgotten within the Ugandan criminal justice system. Other law students work to defend the rights of women and orphans who have had their property grabbed from them in wake of the loss of their husbands and fathers. This meaningful and practical work enables future lawyers see how faith can be integrated with legal practice.

A third example of Brian's work are his efforts as director of the moot court program. Since arriving at Uganda Christian University Brian has worked to develop the moot program. Through moots law students get the opportunity to test their skills in courtroom against law students from all over the world. One moot team competed Washington D.C. providing the students with a once in a life time learning opportunity and experience.



Brian at Rwanda Moot with UCU team member Onyait-Odeke Perez and U.S. Circuit Court Judge Ann Claire Williams,

In truth God has been very good to our mission here in Uganda. Time and time again great opportunities to serve fall into our lap. We are very thankful to be engaged in the Christian leadership business at Uganda Christian University.



Charlotte Selling Airtime



Mary Jane, Charlotte and Robert.