



## Christadelphian Bible Mission (Uganda)

### Annual Report 2020



*CBM(U) teaching in Tanzania*

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The Christadelphians have been in Uganda for 36 years and continue to be active in all areas where members are present, Ateso, Central, Eastern, Eastern South, Lango, Mt Elgon, Western and West Nile. Teaching Ugandans about Jesus and how to live Godly lives, as well as continuing to build church meeting halls, providing boreholes and water harvesting, the CBM (Christadelphian Bible Mission) has also again provided furniture, school material, sewing machines, bikes and urgent famine relief, assistance with temperature devices to enable safe meetings following the Covid pandemic as well as some emergency medical expenses. The Christadelphian community continues to support the nursery schools at Bukigai (Mt Elgon) and at Namasindwa.

The most important aspect of the CBM's activity in Uganda, as it is for CBM elsewhere in the world, is to teach people about Jesus, how to live Christian lives and about the kingdom, and it is with God, his father, and Jesus' help that we are able to do this.

During 2020 there was just a single visit due to the Corona Virus pandemic, this took place in January, one trip by Ugandan CBM members to Tanzania and also one visit to S Sudan. Highlights through the year again included the annual Youth camp in January, the strengthening of the churches in Tanzania and S Sudan and ladies' workshop and the successful CBM community elders' management workshops. Continued focus is being made on Christian living with further Christian living workshops being undertaken in future years. We had suspended the building of new permanent and semi permanent halls throughout the country due to Covid restrictions, however, a number of repairs were made. There are 31 permanent CBM properties in Uganda and 47 temporary ones, a number of halls have had to be repaired due to storm damage. The CBM is continuing to work with Agape in Action to support the nurseries in Mt Elgon area, and Christadelphian Meal a Day has supported one water project during the year.

This report aims to summarise activities in Uganda during 2020. Covid restrictions have impacted visits and meetings.

## 2 Christadelphians in Uganda

The "head office" is presently in Jinja, CBMU remains registered in Jinja. There are 107 church groups meeting places in:

<b>Pallisa (Ateso)</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Eastern South</b>	<b>Lango</b>
Abim	Budaali	Budusu	Bumoli	Aberlang
Apetolim	Bukabuli	Bugiri	Busitemba	Acenmach
Bolliso II	Bukompe	Busolwe	Butacho	Aduku
Budabula	Buvuma	Busowa	Buwembe	Akalo
Bukedea	Buwiwula	Butyabule	Dakha	Akakoro
Kabongo	Iganga	Gombe	Kaliro	Akuli
Kanyum	Jinja		Kitoda	Alwa
Kapatai	Kakiri		Lubango	Amolatar
Katakwi	Kampala		Madowa	Apac
Kotido	Kamuli		Mukuju	Awir
Kumi	Kayanja		Nabusera	Awiri
Moroto	Kigandalo		Nabuyoga	Bata
Nabowa	Lufu		Nakapiripirite	Dokolo
Nasanga	Madudu		Nekuku	Kagera
Napak	Makuutu		Tororo	Kitgum
Ngariam	Makwanda			Nabyeso
Obule	Namwiwa			Otoboi
Omasenco	Wakiso			Panygirinya
Peda				
Serere				
Soroti				
<b>Mt Elgon</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>West Nile</b>		
Budadiri	Bushenyi	Nebbi		
Bududa	Fort Portal	Nyaravur		
Bukigai	Ibanda	Payera		
Bukimuna	Isingiro			
Bumbo	Kabale			
Butiru	Kamwenge			
Kapchorwa	Kasese			
Lwakhakha	Kisinga			
Magale	Kisoro			
Maresi	Mbarara			
Mbale	Masaka			
Munamba	Mitooma			
Namiswinda	Rakai			
Soronco	Ssembabule			
Sume				

There are now approximately 1410 **confirmed** active members, over 2352 in total baptised since 1986, recorded on our database, with approximately 99 baptised during 2020. There are approximately 7 active correspondence students, but by far the greater number taught from within Uganda by Ugandan brothers and sisters. NB Actuals may be more than recorded on our database, especially as we adopted a new way of verifying and recording serious members since 2018.

### **3 Office**

The “head office” is in Jinja. As well as serving the Jinja members, the hall and living accommodation are used for all areas to attend the country Business Meetings. The distribution of Bibles and other items is undertaken by the office. We have undertaken some decoration at the house and hall and completed a loft space for storage.

### **4 Teaching about Jesus**

This is CBMU’s main aim and the Bible is used as the only written authority of Christian teachings. Christadelphians believe totally in the teachings in the Bible and try their very best to live Godly lives in everything that they do.

### **5 Projects**

The CBM is committed to assisting communities where it can and where it is practical. Over the past years CBMU has undertaken the following project activities in Uganda:

#### **5.1 Send-a-Cow (SAC)**

The CBM, in partnership with another Christadelphian organisation, Meal-a-Day (CMaD), set up and initially supported the zero grazing cows in the Mt Elgon area, in conjunction with SAC. The CBM works with NGOs in Uganda for any large projects as this has proved more successful over the years. This project continues to be financially supported by the members and SAC. No funds were sent by CBMUK for this project during 2020..

#### **5.2 Sustainable Farming**

Following the training in conjunction with Kasenge Riverford Organics in 2007 and 2012, the CBM has continued to support members by distributing the resultant sustainable farming manuals. All attendees and all of the CBMU churches have been issued with copies. During the year we have continued to encourage our members to use the material that we have supplied in the past and to always grow crops sustainably, there are good examples of this at some of CBM and members’ properties. Our church members in Kabale and Ibanda have excellent examples of sustainable farming.

#### **5.3 Water projects**

There are now 21 completed boreholes in Uganda provided by CBMU and CMaD, these are at Abim, Awiri, Bolliso II, 3 at Butacho, Busowa, Butiru, Genguluho, Gombe, Kabong, Kigandalo Kitoda, Kotido, Lubango, Makuutu, Moroto, Nyariam, Orungo, Peda, Serere and 2 spring wells at Kapwatai. Also water storages at Achanmac, Bumoli, Dakha, Ibanda (2), Kabale, Kamuli,

Namisindwa and Nekuku, Also included are two borehole repairs at Makuttu and Lubango and there are now six water harvesting tanks.

Total invested in 2020 = 32.5M (26.5M CMA D; 6M PA) This figure has remained surprisingly high due to the Covid restrictions.

#### 5.4 Halls

There are both permanent and semi permanent in Uganda, as well as rented accommodation, the split of permanent v semi permanent is now:

Permanent	Temporary
31	47
39.74%	60.26%

Permanent halls, on CBM(U) land, have been provided over a number of years from 2000 to the present.

Temporary buildings exist, on CBMU land, a number have been replaced by permanent over the years.

A total of 1,673MUSH has been invested over the years in property and buildings, including purchase, repairs and latrines.

CBMU now has effectively 2 permanent office buildings, one at Mbarara the other at Jinja.

Rented accommodation is at other places, with some church members meeting at members' homes.

Halls are used to store Bibles and other teaching aids for worship, containing libraries, holding day schools and nurseries and for hosting community teaching and seminars, eg AIDs and SAC seminars.

Total invested in 2020 = 133M Ush

#### 5.5 Bikes

Bikes have continued to be provided at various locations. These bikes are to assist members to travel to teach others.

#### 5.6 Sewing machines

Sewing machines have been provided to assist members to earn small amounts of money to be able to assist with medical bills.

#### 5.7 Mosquito nets

Some nets were provided.

#### 5.8 Malaria Tablets

CBMU has provided multiple boxes of ACT tablets to assist those with malaria, these have been obtained wholesale from Mbale.

Total invested in 2020 = 8M Ush

### 5.9 Emergency welfare Assistance

The CBMU has provided appropriate amounts of welfare assistance for members and their families. Significant help has been given to members affected by drought and floods.

Total contributed in 2020 = 56M Ush

### 5.10 Youth Camps

Every year, youth camps are held to teach the young Biblical and moral topics. This is an important part of CBMU's activity in Uganda and the Uganda youth have been coached in order to undertake all the planning and organisation themselves. It was necessary to purchase 10 new tents this year to replace those damaged, hence the greater costs than previous years. Uganda youth are invited from all areas.

Total contributed in 2020 = 18.7M

### 5.11 Orphans

Another Christadelphian charity, Agape in Action, now fully supports the two nursery school projects in Mt Elgon area, of which most of the beneficiaries are orphans. They have invested over 60M during the year (AinA). Additionally the CBMU supports a few orphans in the home and one in a deaf school.

### 5.12 Bibles

During the year Bibles were again purchased and distributed. These included: local languages and English. It is the CBMU's aim to ensure that as many people as possible are able to read a Bible.

Total invested in 2019 = 8.3M Ush

### 5.13 Clothes

During the year, jumpers and blankets knitted by members of the Christadelphian church in the UK, have again been distributed in needy areas, eg Western.

### 5.14 Glasses

Reading glasses were distributed to facilitate reading within a number of villages during the year. A stock is held at the Jinja hall that is replenished from the UK.

### 5.15 Sunday School

Children have been taught about Jesus in all of the areas where there are Christadelphians. Teachers' notes are provided from the UK and teachers are encouraged to use these as guides for teaching children morals as well as Christianity.

### 5.16 Famine relief

In extreme cases during the year, famine relief in the form of maize and seeds has been distributed.

#### 5.17 Schools

Although the CBM does not support schools, some of the existing CBMU halls are used to host day schools and nurseries. The Agape in Action nurseries are centred around the church halls at Bukigai and at Namisindwa.

#### 5.18 Translations

The translation of Christian and other information is an important aspect as more and more involvement is undertaken in villages where English is not spoken. This work is undertaken by CBMU members.

### **6 Plans for 2021**

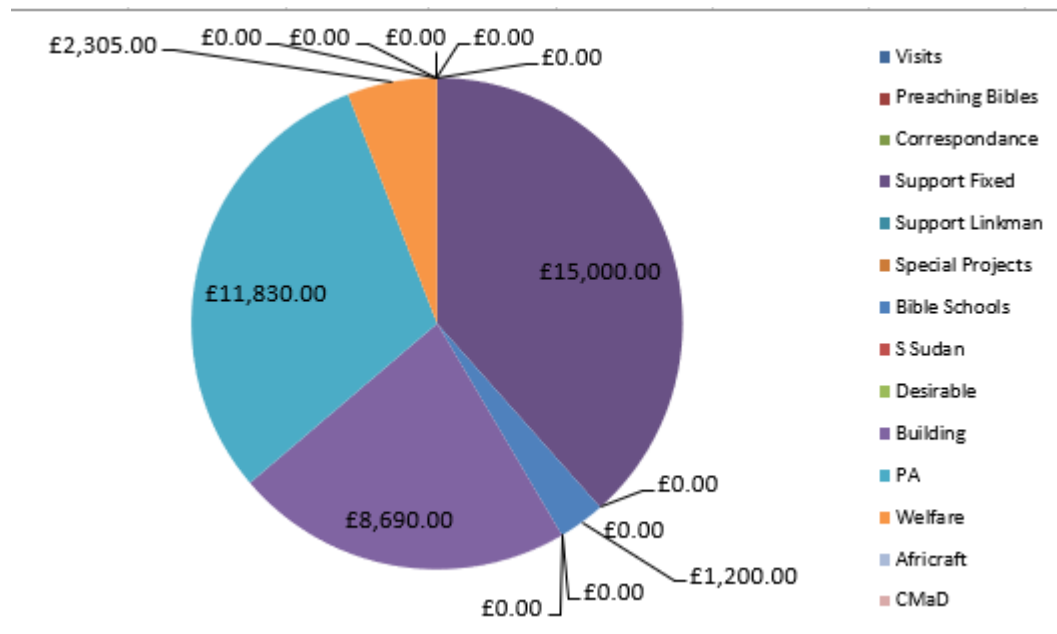
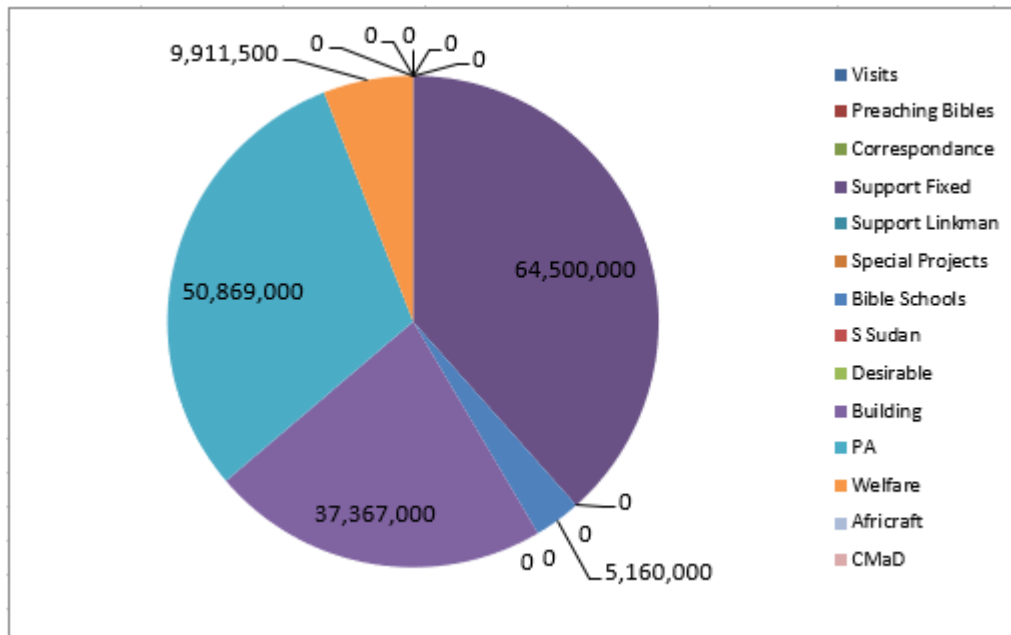
If God is willing, the CBMU aims to continue to teach in Uganda. The emphasis will remain on Bible teaching, Christian living, facilitating of church elders to themselves teach and provide leadership, the continued building of halls and the continued provision of bikes and other necessary aids for teaching will continue as funds permit. The translation of Biblical literature into local languages is a main aim. The CBMU aims to continue to provide sustainable farming information and will consider further water projects.

If Covid pandemic allows, the normal 2 visits per year will be attempted with additional trips to Tanzania and South Sudan.

## 7 Finances

Money is sent from the UK, quarterly, to assist members in Uganda to assist others and to run the Christadelphian churches. Financial accounts are sent to the UK for auditing and returned to the CBMU for further in country auditing.

The Total investment by CBM during 2020 = 279.7M, ie £65K was sent during 2020, distributed as follows:





Please note that the above may differ from what was actually spent as the amount spent may have been used in either the preceding or following years. Please see audit report for accurate details.

CBM members are increasing across the world and sufficient funds are not available to continue the level of support within each country as has been the case in the past, therefore a limit on the number of trips to countries has been introduced to ensure that the limited resources are sustainably distributed. The reduction of money spent in Uganda is in part a reflection of a reduction in trips.

## **8 Summary**

The CBM is a small, but steadily growing, organisation in Uganda, that aims to teach people country wide about Jesus and Christian morals. It continues to provide limited physical help to benefit members and the community. The CBM has had NGO registration for over 24 years. The CBM is 100% committed to Uganda and sees its role in Uganda as long term. Visits to S Sudan and Tanzania will continue to be undertaken from Uganda providing it is safe to do so.

CBMU, in conjunction with CMaD, both Christadelphian charities, work with other organisations in Uganda.

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Appendix 1

Christadelphian Bible Mission (Uganda)  
Workplan 2021

The following are the activities that the Christadelphian Bible Mission (Uganda) plans to undertake in 2021, God willing:

Item	Activity	Expected Expenditure (Ush)
1	Running costs of CBMU, plus maintenance activities. Also the costs of running church activities.	30,000,000
2	Completion of 4 new church halls, plus pit latrines. Maintenance of existing structures.	84,000,000
3	Maintenance of 10 existing boreholes.	4,000,000
4	Purchase of new bikes for churches (estimated 15).	4,500,000
5	Purchase of Bibles for Bible students (English and local versions, estimated 400).	10,000,000
6	Translation of English literature (books, hymnbooks and leaflets) into Luganda and other Ugandan languages.	2,000,000
7	Provision of basic literature as a library for churches (religious books, and helpful books such as "Where there is no doctor" and "How to grow a balanced diet").	10,000,000
8	Mosquito nets (estimated 700).	10,000,000
9	Emergency medical assistance for members and their families.	10,000,000
10	One youth camp (approximately 70).	17,000,000
11	Area Bible Schools.	8,000,000
12	Famine relief and natural disasters	28,000,000
13	Sunday schools. Provision of stationery and teachers' notes.	500,000
Total	Estimated expenditure.	218,000,000

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