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WOLF ALUMNI KONNECT

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgeting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead

CONNECTING WITH OUR ALUMNI

As we journeyed with our Alumni this past month, it was a privilege to know how God is greatly using them in their different walks of life.

Over the years, we have churned out **199** graduates. Of these, **150** are from the Bible Institute and have been equipped to live a life of maximum effectiveness for the Lord whereas **49** from the Christian School and have been educated for life and eternity.

We are proud of how you are living for God wherever you are!

MIKHAILA MWESIGWA MUKASA

Country: Uganda

Profession: Music Teacher and Administration

Officer at Peak Schools.

Hobbies: Swimming, hanging out with

friends, watching movies.

Word of Life International School Alumni, 2016

Life as a Student...

As a high school student, it was hard grasping concepts. Moving from a purely American system to a merger of American and Ugandan, and then finally the British system was challenging. It felt like I wasted a lot of time and did not pay attention to the changes which cost me! I remember a particular time in 10th grade history class. My book was always an example to others on what not to do. I went home that day and told my mom that I wanted to drop history. These challenges almost led me to dropping History as a subject but through the guidance of my mother and a teacher from Gayaza High School, I persisted and God surprised me with amazing grades.

Being a quiet person occasionally, my favorite hangout spot was the classroom during break time. My classmates were all excited to get out of class and breathe, but I would stay in and read a book or do something else.

Life After Graduation...

I graduated in 2016, but with grades that I was disappointed about. However, God made a way for me to join Uganda Christian University Mukono. I graduated in July 2019 with a First-Class Honor's Degree in Development Studies.

Life outside Word of Life...

It is quite different. There was a lot of growing up I had to do and decisions I had to make after graduating. Disciplines I did at WOL like Quiet Time, attending service, keeping in good company seemed to be emotionally draining. Many of my university classmates did not interact with me because of my decision to join ministry and be passionate about telling others about who God is to me. I learned that it is okay to be different for the right things.

Word of Life gave me a strong foundation. I had everything I needed for this faith walk and for the academic journey at Uganda Christian University. Our Language Arts and Literature teachers who made us redo our essays until they were perfect were training me for the speed writing essays. The different projects that we did from 2nd grade all the way to high school encouraged me to think outside the box and be active in group discussions.

Advice to current students...

So to any Word of Life student or parent reading this who doesn't know what is next, all I can say is "Hold on to Jesus, He is your best friend, He will not let you fall" (Hold On; AYF Band). God is real and He looks out for those who hold on to Him. Even when things may be going left instead of right; lean on His everlasting arms, stand steadfast, and you will sing of His faithfulness.



SAMUEL KIHUGURU

Course: Mathematical Finance and Information Technology Management **University:** Seton Hall University, New Jersey, US

Hobbies: Using online resources such as Coursera, edX or Udemy to polish on skills that will compliment my career development and self-learning Word of Life International School (WOLIS) Alumni, 2017

What was the favorite part of your school experience?

The opportunity to meet and interact with groups of people at different phases of life, without feeling restricted by class/age bracket. This allowed for a linking of the minds and learning from those who had gone through the hassle of being a responsible adult and those, nine grades below me. I noticed a unique attempt at WOLIS to develop the human hood of everyone who was there to serve or learn.

Looking back to the 7 years I spent at WOLIS, there were several things I was proud to have participated in. Among them was doing volunteer hours at the Alive Medical Services clinic; being part of Bible camps that were run at a local public elementary school; representing my ORANGE team on sports day; serving the school on its first Student Council; debating with students across the country in the Model United Nations; and leading students to present their best ideas as one of the TedED Club leaders.

What do you think helped in shaping the values you gained from WOLIS?

WOLIS was always a close-knit community for me. This was helped by the small-sized classrooms, extra-curricular and open interactions with teachers. It was common for our Christian values and the common faith we shared to be openly and frequently discussed and practiced. I felt a deep connection with everyone.

Values gained at WOLIS helped protect me from several influences that many of my friends fell for. I believe this was due to peer pressure or the absence of spiritual mentors in their lives. Once the norms of surface interaction elapsed, it always became clear that there were many barriers to our engagements as a result of the differing value systems.

How did your time at WOLIS prepare you for life challenges?

Life in university after WOLIS is different. Without the foundation that WOLIS created using Biblical principles, it would have taken much less to sway me to unwholesome practices that would be deprecating to my progression in life. Another less obvious observation I have made, is that many of my college mates, found it very difficult to do research projects or complete assignments; something that had become a norm for us at WOLIS.

Right from 6th grade, we had already become accustomed to doing presentations on a variety of topics. This made me realize that no one should cultivate an inferiority complex towards studying in a first-world country. The intense studying and homework assignments given at WOLIS are a privilege that equip one with the discipline and techniques to handle the first two years of undergraduate studies.

What advice you would give to a current WOLIS student?

You shape the quality of your student experience.

Be open to these new experiences! Some of them may seem time-consuming or take you out of your comfort zone, but when you become open to learning through them, you will come to appreciate the world around you and your place in it. You are not an island. Allow yourself to identify the global citizen in you and take advantage of every genuine opportunity to make mistakes, learn new things from outside your academic sphere, contribute to the environment you interact with, and (most importantly) have fun!

KENNY LULE

Proffession: Pastor and Director of a Christian School

Family: Claire Lule (wife) and 4 children Word of Life Africa Bible Institute Alumni, 2017

How was your experience at the Bible Institute?

I joined Word of Life Africa Bible Institute [WOLABI] in 2016. By then I was a full time staff. Six months into my service, with the help of my discipler, I realized the need to enroll for studies at the Bible Institute. With a wife, a new born baby, two other kids and work, if I was to take on the rigorous nature of the course, I felt the need to doubly pray and deeply ponder the benefits of studying in relation to the cost of the study.

After consultations with Claire, I decided to take on the course. Since I had just graduated from a three year course in clinical medicine, I thought the Bible Institute would be a walk in the park. To my surprise, the course was quite challenging. At medical school, one did not have to ponder over what they were studying or find ways of applying it in one's personal life. We studied what to apply to patients. This was not the case with the Bible course. I had to learn, internalize and apply personally what I was learning; a very tough but rewarding experience.

What impression did the professors have on you?

However, when it came to my study at WOLABI, almost every professor challenged me to make a conviction or create a certain form of world view in everything I learned; this was in itself a very good thing, but it made me go an extra mile with what I learnt in the class. The material and the character/ testimony of the professors kept challenging me to live my life for the Lord. The professors by God's grace walked their talk and didn't brag about it; they constantly pointed us to God who is able to help one practice what is learnt in class. *I learnt* that the central goal of Christian education is to be an obedient disciple who makes obedient disciples who can in turn make obedient disciples [2 Tim 2:2]. This and many other disciplines have been pivotal in the way we minister and teach younger and older people in our community.

Where are you now?

My wife and I are currently serving and running a ministry in Mitiyana called Esuubi Community Outreach Ministry. We serve our community through free medical outreaches and using this as an opportunity to reach out to our patients with the gospel. We run children and teens camps, oversee a Christian school and as well as Pastoring at a local church we planted.

Our prayer is that by God's grace Claire and I will continue to grow in our relationship with the Lord and with each other; so that we continue to be a centerpiece of God's grace and a tool in God's hand to minister grace and truth to all the people He has called us to serve. May He find us Faithful!



A TRIBUTE TO DAVE NIGHTINGALE

It is with deep sorrow and shock that we learnt of the demise of our co-labourer in Christ; Mr. Dave Nightingale who had served with the International Ministries arm of Word of Life Fellowship.

Dave was a unique leader who exemplified Christ-likeness by serving others diligently and with utmost humility.

He dedicated his life to the proclamation of the Gospel in both action and Word which has had a tremendous impact to the ministry in Uganda.

You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, You have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!



DAVE KIAMU JUNIOR

Course: Theology

University: Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary Word of Life Africa Bible Institute Alumni, 2019

I am an intern with Word of Life Liberia helping out with bible clubs in schools and local churches. As a result of bible clubs in schools and churches, I was given the opportunity to teach Bible in one of the schools where WOL Bible clubs are carried out.

Due to the pandemic, we have not had the opportunity to run bible clubs in schools and churches but Word of Life started up a radio program that is currently being used to share the gospel and I am grateful to be part of the teachers that equip others on the program.

Honestly! I am grateful to have attended the Word of Life Africa Bible Institute (WOLABI) because it is from here that I drew closer to God and had a personal relationship with Him. I also developed the heart to see every young person in Liberia and in the world live for Christ. The sound teaching of God's word at Word of Life Africa Bible Institute changed my heart and carried me through even the tough seasons of life.

The Lord has also been faithful in keeping me strong during these devastating moments the world is facing.

Continue to pray for wisdom and direction as I do God's work, protection during this time and for the Word of Life Ministry in all aspects.



AUGUST STATISTICS

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Continual financial providence for the Ministry.
- 2. Meaningful discipleship relations with the churches in Kayunga and Kasese district.
- 3. Thanksgiving for the WOLIS Online Remote Learning system that has enabled students to learn.
- 4. Comfort for Dave Nightingale's family.
- 5. Financial providence for WOLIS parents and BI students.
- 5. The Bible Institute as it rolls out online remote learning for the students.
- 6. WOLIS students as they go on holiday.
- 7. Safety and vigilance as we safeguard against the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 SAFETY TIPS!

- 1. Wash your hands regularly or use a hand sanitizer.
- 2. Wear your mask appropriately.
- 3. Avoid unnecessary movements and
- 4. Maintain social distancing in public.

Psalm 62:8

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

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