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In the month of February, in CUs across the country, Staff and some Associates were involved in training students for service and providing necessary help for character and spiritual growth.

Leadership transitions for some of the CUs have already happened and will keep happening through this semester necessitating training of new leadership on how to run CUs.

At Bishop Barham University College on 23rd February, while 23 members of the CU were being taught on discipleship, one said, "We are usually not deliberate about becoming rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ. With the training we are receiving, we expect to help our brothers and sisters that have also been missing out."

The place of the bible in a disciple's life

'Because the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the uniquely inspired revelation of God and the standard of truth in all matters of faith and practice, a portion of each day should be set aside to read, study and mediate on God's word. The Bible is to the spirit what food is to the body.' *Greg Ogden*

Knowing how to study scripture is a key component of trainings provided to CUs. These are some reports of the trainings on this topic that happened.

"As Bible study coordinator, am very grateful that we had this training. Until today, I had never realized that there are many examples in the bible that illustrate the importance of small groups. I have learnt the dynamics of leading small groups and how I can make my C.U members interested in attending bible study, I believe that my team and I are now

more equipped and we shall be even more confident in leading bible study". **Rhoda**



David Munobwa (Associate) and Daphine (TS) train Care group leaders at Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery on how to lead small group bible study on 4th Feb.

"I have realized that I didn't know how to read the bible! Am now charged to read my bible even more and also teach it faithfully by interpreting it in context". **Angel**



Some of the CU Members at Jinja School of Nursing learn how to do inductive bible study

"Before the training I always opened my bible at random and read any text. Many times I found reading the bible boring because interpretation was so hard for me. Now am happy that I have learnt how to intentionally read my bible and in fact I now know how important it is for a child of God to study the father's word because it is active and alive." **Suzan**

Wow! I can now read a whole chapter of the bible in context and relate it to my current situation and also teach it to others. I was challenged by Nehemiah 8; the respect and zeal the Israelites had towards the word of God that they asked for Ezra to read the book of the law for them and as He read it, many said "Amen", bowed down and worshiped the lord. I desire to have the same thirst for the word of God. I have learnt the difference between "observation", and "interpretation' of a text. **Johnson**

Missions

Students in some of the CUs were involved in on-campus missions for instance Uganda Christian University and Kyambogo Universities.

On 19th Feb, 3 students from Lira school of Nursing and 2 Associates took the gospel to a community in Agago district. The team provided medical check ups and treatments for minor ailments.



Upcoming conferences

Our training conferences will take place on the following dates.

Area and type of conference	Dates	Cost
Kabale CU leaders conference	18 th March	762,000
Lira Finalists conference	18 th March	750,000
Mbarara Area Missions conference at SU Office Grounds	1-2 nd April	5,104,000
Mbale Area Missions conference at Livingstone University	14-17 April	5,000,000
Central region Missions conference at FOCUS Camping Site in Gerenge	13-17 April	6,148,000
TOTAL		17,764,000

The missions’ conferences will increase students’ capacity and participation in missions and evangelism plus discipleship; the leadership training conference will help Students be able to get knowledge of how to lead more effectively to benefit not only their Christian Unions but also themselves; and the finalists’ conference will help prepare students for the world of work. Our goal is to raise Uganda shillings 17,764,000.

Our efforts to strengthen CUs can’t take effect unless we have the support of everyone who is passionate about the gospel and young people. That’s where you come in!

I’m writing to ask you to donate money to help fund these conferences. By donating, you will be able to make the trainings a reality. Please let us know if you want information of how to give.

FOCUS Child Project

We paid school fees for 190 children and continue Saturday learning programs for the children each Saturday.

We remain thankful to God who is at work among us. Thank you for your support.

Until next time;

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