

Uganda: Nebbi Diocese



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Partnership Ministries in Nebbi

- ❑ Women's Vocational Training Centre: Every parish in the West Texas Diocese (DWTX) participated in funding this center where women come to learn literacy, tailoring, micro enterprise, hair braiding, and home economics.
- ❑ Scholarships for Secondary Students of Clergy.
- ❑ Women's Revolving Bank: This fund administered with oversight by a local board makes small loans to women for micro enterprise.
- ❑ Threads of Blessing: Nebbi women meet twice weekly for Bible study, fellowship, and to make tapestries, which help pay family expenses. Brenda Kingery, artistic director, and Helen Schnelzer, business manager, facilitate marketing opportunities, national conferences, and creative development for the project. (See ToB presentation.)
- ❑ Udende Centre: Nebbi Diocese utilizes this facility for conferences and overflow accommodations.
- ❑ Goli Health Centre: This ministry serves people throughout the region with critical care and preventive medicine.

Nebbi is in the lush, mountainous, northwest corner of Uganda. Congo is a short walk away, and one can see the mountains of Sudan to the north.



Uganda Facts (CIA Uganda, 2011)

- Location: Eastern Africa, west of Kenya
- Comparative size: Slightly smaller than Oregon, 236,040 sq. km.
- Climate: Tropical, generally rainy with two dry seasons
- Terrain: Mostly plateau with rim of mountains
- Geography: Landlocked, fertile, well-watered with lakes, rivers
- Population: 32,369,558
- Median age: 15 years
- Life expectancy: 53 years
- Ethnic groups: Baganda, Banyakole, Basoga, Iteso, Bakiga, Langi, Rwanda, Bagisu, Acholi, Lugbara, Batoro, Bunyoro, Alur, other
- Religions: Roman Catholic 41.9%, Protestant 42%, Muslim 12.1%, other 4%
- Languages: English, Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan, other
- Literacy: 66.8%
- Government type: Republic; President Lt. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
- Capital: Kampala
- GDP, per capita: \$1,300
- Labor force – by occupation: agriculture 82%, services 13%, industry 5%
- Population below poverty line: 35%

At our 2011 VBS, we expected 1,000 children; over 1,500 showed up.



Scholarships: With 66.8% literacy rate, the need for education is still urgent. DWTX funds secondary school fees for clergy children.



DWTX Scholarship Program

- Goal of program: Ugandan parliament voted to support secondary schooling, but funding has not been provided. Unless parents can provide fees, students cannot continue education beyond primary school. DWTX funds competitive scholarships for clergy children to attend secondary school and university.
- Participation: Students must fill out application and supply photograph; with parents attend an interview with Education Director, Nebbi Diocese; maintain passing grades.
- Program administrator: Director of Education, Nebbi Diocese.
- Funding: Pennies from Heaven and special offerings for scholarships.

Mama Phoebe Orombi's dream of a school for women was realized in partnership with parishes of DWTX.



Women's Vocational Training Centre

- In 1996 Phoebe Orombi, wife of then-Bishop Henry Orombi, shared her vision for a training school for women.
- Goals for the school: literacy, vocational skills, venue for meeting, self-sustainability.
- Income generation for self-sustainability: guest wing.
- In 1998 the DWTX voted at its Annual Council to form a partnership with the Diocese of Nebbi.
- In 1999 Bp. Jim Folts led an exploratory team from DWTX to Nebbi Diocese.
- World Missions Director Betty Chumney led fundraising efforts in which all churches of the DWTX participated.
- 2002 was the dedication date of the first phase of building, and classes began.
- 2005 all buildings were completed; Marthe Curry mentored the new principal, worked with Management Committee on strategic planning; facilitated development of by-laws.
- 2010 Uganda Christian University (UCU) offered certification programs through the Women's Vocational Training Centre.

Goli Health Centre



No visit to Nebbi is complete without a trip to Prayer Mountain.



Prayer Mountain

- ❑ Pastor Song, a Korean missionary, accepted the challenge to come to Nebbi to develop a prayer and retreat center.
- ❑ The Mountain is located on the Uganda-Congo border with views to Sudan.
- ❑ People come from all places in life and on the globe to pray, study, meditate, learn, and listen to the voice of God.
- ❑ The facilities and gardens of Prayer Mountain are continuously being developed under the loving care of Pastor Song and his devoted team.

