

Why Africa Reformation Theological Seminary?

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1. Because God deserves to be worshipped by every tribe, tongue, language, clan and nation on earth.
2. Because the gospel of Christ and his grace is the only hope for sinners.
3. Because Christ's cross is the only way for sinners to be right with our holy Creator and God now and the only way to escape God's just and eternal condemnation in the age to come.
4. Because the Bible is the only authority for faith, life and practice in the church and in the world.
5. Because grace alone, purchased by Christ alone, is the only way for salvation for anyone.
6. Because the empty hand of faith alone, in Christ alone, and no human obedience, work or ritual is the only way to receive the salvation purchased by Christ.
7. Because God alone deserves the glory for salvation and for all things.
8. Because biblical reformation and revival is the universal and urgent need for the world-wide church.
9. Because every generation needs to embrace the great foundation columns and principles of biblical reformation (Scripture alone, Christ alone, grace alone, faith alone and to God alone be the glory).
10. Because the great commission must be fulfilled and disciples must be made among all peoples, and especially the unreached Jews and the remaining unreached 2 billion among the Hindus, Buddhists and MsIms.
11. Because Africa is poised to become a great missionary sending continent in the next 50 years.
12. Because African pastors must be equipped to establish and build up gospel-driven churches that will be God's agents to disciple every African nation and all the world's nations and reach the unreached among the Jews, the Hindus, Buddhists and MsIms.
13. Because there is a growing number of Ugandans and Africans earning first degrees, who will be called by God to pursue with passion, graduate level theological education in order to be equipped in the spiritual weapons of prayer and the Word, to lead and advance a movement of biblical reformation. For example, in Uganda, 400,000 people per year are earning first degrees.
14. Because there are so few graduate level theological seminaries on the continent of Africa (some 12-15).

ARTS has been called by God to equip and train pastors and church leaders for gospel-driven churches and to advance a movement of biblical reformation that will, by God's grace, reach all of Africa and all nations. May God grant much grace to ARTS for this high calling, this great privilege and this humanly impossible mission. And may He get all the glory.

