



ARTS Newsletter

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ARTS Graduation 2025

The sixth ARTS graduation took place December 6, 2025. Five master's degrees and two graduate credentials were conferred to students from three African countries. Principal and Practical Theology Lecturer, Dr. Dave Eby, delivered the commencement address from Ephesians 6:18-20 on "Take Up God's Super Weapon of Prayer for Your Spiritual Warfare." Denominations among graduates include the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church, Reconciliation Baptist Church (Reformed), Reformed Presbyterian Church in Malawi, and an independent reformed church.



Upper row, left to right: Mr. Santu Ekada, Registrar, Dr. David Eby, Principal, Richard Mutesasira, Dr. Kennedy Sentamu, Augustin Kambale, Dr. Rick Daniels, Lecturer, Bill Issa, Dr. Andrew Goodman, Lecturer; Lower row: David Mudeya, Celestin Yusse, and Nick Oliver.

Students Who Earned Degrees in 2025

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

- Amuli Kambale Augustin, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Kambasa Issa Bilombel, Uganda
- Oliver Nicholas Jackson, Uganda (our first American graduate)
- Yusse Kassa Celestin, Democratic Republic of Congo

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Christian Education Emphasis

- Mudeya Kakule David, Democratic Republic of Congo

Post-Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies, Christian Education

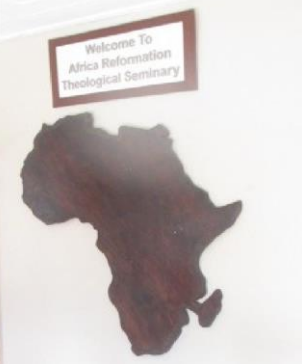
- Khembo Elliot, Malawi

Post-Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies, Pastoral Leadership

- Mutesasira Richard Mukisa, Uganda

Six ARTS Graduations: A Summary 75 Graduates from Eleven African Countries

Master of Divinity, 52; Master of Arts Theological Studies, Pastoral Leadership, 9; Master of Arts Theological Studies, Christian Education, 3; Master of ARTS, Biblical Counseling, 13; Other Credentials, 8.



CHRIST-CENTERED, GOSPEL-DRIVEN, AFFORDABLE GRADUATE LEVEL THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

ARTS 2026 Academics Report Semester I

25 courses offered
11 Lecturers, 41 students
Students Enrolled in these 25 courses:

Courses offered in Semester I

(Courses required for first-year students):

- New Testament Greek I, II, III
- Introduction to the Bible and OT Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Computer Applications in Research Writing
- Bible Interpretation
- Intro To Theological Studies and Research Writing
- Introduction to Biblical Counseling
- The Doctrine of Scripture & God ST I
- The Doctrine of Man & Sin ST II
- Gospel of John

Courses offered in Semester I for Second and Third-Year Students

(Not all courses are required for all degree programs):

- Lukan Writings (Luke and Acts)
- Premarital Counseling
- Preaching I, II, III
- Using the Bible in Counseling
- Introduction to Islam and African Islam
- Intro To Theological Studies and Research Writing
- Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling
- Galatians
- The Doctrine of & Work of Christ ST III
- The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit ST IV
- Personal Evangelism
- Romans

ARTS Admissions Report

As of June 10, ARTS has 12 applicants for Semester 2, 2026. Eleven are for the MDiv program and one for the MATS CE program. Applicants are from DRC, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda.

The ARTS Bookstore



Above: the reading area of the ARTS bookstore

The ARTS Bookstore receives about 3,000 textbooks each year from ChristianBook of Peabody, MA, USA. CB sends an annual container to Uganda to theological

schools and training institutions, including ARTS. This is part of CB's international book distribution ministry. Books are provided at discounts ranging from 50% to 90%. The ARTS Bookstore then provides these textbooks for each course to students through student sponsorships.

Bookstore Manager, Jerome Gasisiro (ARTS graduate, MDiv in 2021), comments that the bookstore provides our students with "A collection of carefully selected reformed books for their personal ownership. As a result, students not only graduate with a quality theological training but also with a personal library that will continue to serve them, and the ministries God has entrusted to them, for many years to come. After graduation, when academic pressures are gone, students are able to revisit their textbooks and understanding and assimilation continue and grow. The textbooks become treasurable lifelong tools for personal growth in sanctification and for ministry practice."

Ligonier Ministries French Reformation Study Bibles Distribution through the ARTS Bookstore

Did you know that there are 300 million French speakers worldwide? Or that the Democratic Republic of Congo is the largest Francophone country in the world?

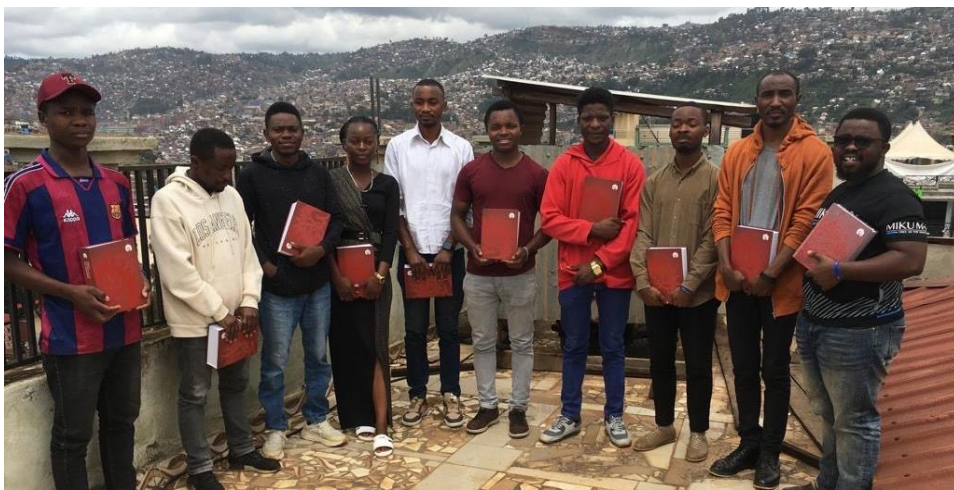
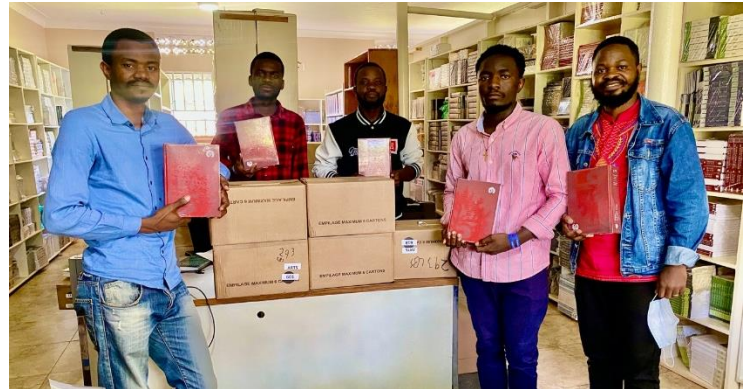
Ligonier Ministries invested four years to produce the French version of the Reformation Study Bible (RSB). It was released in December of 2024. Ligonier sent 300 copies to ARTS to distribute to French-speaking students and through these students to French speaking pastors and pastoral interns. Those RSBs arrived at ARTS in February.

Humphrey Dobson, the Sr. Director of International Publishing for Ligonier wrote to Jerome at the ARTS bookstore in May:

“Thank you so much for confirming receipt of the French Reformation Study Bibles at ARTS. We are delighted that these are now available for you and others at ARTS who speak French. As discussed [earlier], most of these study Bibles are intended for your students to take into the DRC and give to pastors there without their own study Bible. Ligonier highly values its partnership with ARTS and we pray that the Lord will continue to prosper your strategic and much-needed work.”



Above: ARTS French-speaking students from Burundi & DRC
Below: Pick-up for Bukavu, DRC and Goma REACH church plant



From right to left: Celestine Yusse (pastor and ARTS graduate, planting a REACH [Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church] from the mother church, LePhare Bukavu REACH; Arnold (pastoral intern); Salomon Mwilo (pastoral intern); Sadiki Luzolo (pastoral intern); Moise Ntakobajira (pastoral intern); Augustine Mushambarwa (pastoral intern); Innocent Masiriki (pastoral intern); Philemon Bahati (pastoral intern); Yvette Bichu (pastoral intern); Christian Bashizi (pastoral intern).

Introducing Norah Kwizera, ARTS Financial Manager

Norah Kwizera is a mother of five, ages 11 to 19. She and her husband live in Muyenga (Kampala neighborhood). She enrolled in the ARTS Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling in 2023 to be better equipped to minister to women in her congregation (Church of Uganda). In April 2026 ARTS needed to find an accountant with the skill to oversee the Seminary's finances. Norah holds a Uganda Diploma in Business Studies (UDBS) from Makerere University Business School (2001), a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting and Finance from Kampala International University (2011) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Major in Accounting and Finance (2014), also from KIU. Her significant experience in both private businesses and organizations and in government agencies provides wonderful skills and expertise for her work at ARTS. Norah plans to continue her MABC program while she manages ARTS' accounting needs.



ARTS FARMING PROJECT



Peter Mukafu was trained by Growing God's Way in South Africa in 2012. Peter was also trained by Equipping Farmers International (EFI) in Zimbabwe. The mission of Equipping Farmers International (EFI) is a faith-based nonprofit that empowers farming families across the Global South through conservation agriculture and spiritual discipleship. By

collaborating with local churches, EFI promotes financial independence, food security, and self-sufficiency, reducing reliance on Western aid. See the more at www.efi-intl.org.

Peter has enrolled part-time in the MDiv program at ARTS and is also working part-time on three gardens on the ARTS campus and an off-campus farm. These farm projects are aimed at increasing food production to benefit students and to reduce ARTS food costs. These gardens are currently producing carrots, green peppers, beans, sweet peas, ground nuts, matoke and sweet bananas. At ARTS, due to the availability of irrigation, three growing seasons are possible each year. Peter and his wife Joan live on campus with their three children, Wisdom (7), Providence (6) and Nissi, (1).



Married Housing Apartments: Update

One year ago, we had just finished construction on our married housing 12-unit apartment building. Today married housing apartments currently homes 11 families (15 adults and 14 children). Praise the Lord!

Campus Construction: The Darlene Eby Memorial Project

Great progress has been made on this four-story building. The second floor, the men's hostel, is about to be opened, and the third floor dormitory will follow soon. Both floors should be ready by the opening of Semester 2 in August. The ground floor will be faculty housing when finished. Students in the Romans course gathered briefly on May 21, to thank the Lord for progress and to pray for completion of the project.



Ronnie Kitavujja and Jennifer Namusoke Marry

Ronnie grew up near ARTS in the Bulongo community. For elementary school, he attended Day Spring School, the campus of which was later purchased and renovated to become ARTS' current home. While attending the nearby Bahati High School, Ronnie was active at New City Mission Church, which meets at ARTS. In 2021, Ronnie became member of NCMC and later took a position working as the ground's keeper and plumber for ARTS. After meeting in 2025, Ronnie and Jennifer began attending NCMC together and in February 2026, Jennifer became a member of NCMC. On Sunday, April 12, as part of the morning worship service, Ronnie and Jennifer were married. They now live on the ARTS campus.



Become an ARTS Financial Partner

ARTS has many unsponsored and under-sponsored students.

An individual or congregation may sponsor at any level.

Examples:

Level 1: Give \$25 per month or \$300 per year.

Level 2: Give \$50 per month or \$600 per year.

Level 3: Give \$100 per month or \$1200 per year

A sponsor may provide the cost for an entire degree program over a three-year period.

Master of Divinity = \$6,180 (\$2,060/annually);

MATS Pastoral Leadership Emphasis = \$4,636 (\$1,545/annually)

MATS Christian Education Emphasis = \$4,329 (\$1,443/annually)

Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC) = \$4,246 (\$1,415/annually)

How to Give (US donors)

All checks for ARTS should be made to and sent to:

North City Presbyterian Church
Attn Treasurer/Financial Director

11717 Poway Rd

Poway CA, 92064

Church Office Phone: 858-748-4642

Designate your gift "ARTS Student Scholarships"

All gifts are fully tax-deductible. NCPC does not charge an administrative fee to process any gifts to ARTS or to student scholarships. North City Presbyterian Church is the receiver of donations and finance administrator church for ARTS in the USA.

Scholarship funds for a specific student may be arranged.

How to Give: Donors wishing to give directly to ARTS in Uganda

Contact Norah Kwizera (ARTS Financial Manager) at accounts@arts.ac.ug

Questions

Please direct any questions to Norah Kwizera (ARTS Financial Manager) at accounts@arts.ac.ug