



REWRITING THE STORY:

LINDA MUSAVULI

When Linda Musavuli first moved to Beni, she did not plan to study at UCBC. After attending secondary school in the big city and capital, Kinshasa, she could not imagine leaving the larger universities of the city for a young university in the town of Beni. In fact, she wanted to study some day in the U.S. or Canada. But, after some convincing from family and friends, she decided to attend an orientation at UCBC and participate in the intensive English courses.

On the second day, she began to appreciate the environment and community at UCBC. She began to feel a stir in her heart and felt “God was opening her eyes, helping her see beyond what she was seeing.” Though not entirely ready and cautious, she decided to stay in Beni and enroll.

Learning to balance life as a student and eventually, as a spouse and mother, her experience at UCBC not only provided an environment to grow academically and spiritually, it prepared her for future opportunities.

“The intensive courses were difficult. But, when I went to African International University (AIU) in Nairobi I realized it helped me, made me stronger to face challenges. At AIU, they have a semester schedule

where you take one course the entire semester. But, at one time I was taking 7-8 courses and even my lecturers were concerned. But, I told him I would make it because I knew I succeeded at UCBC. So, it was a challenge that became an opportunity and I succeeded because of the preparation at UCBC,” she said.

Linda graduated from AIU with a Masters of Divinity in Missions in 2016 and has returned to Beni with her husband, Jean Musavuli, to work with the Faculty of Theology and the Center for Church Renewal and Global Mission. She is excited to join the UCBC team and serve as a leader, mentoring students through their own transformation and encouraging especially women to take on studies and leadership roles.

