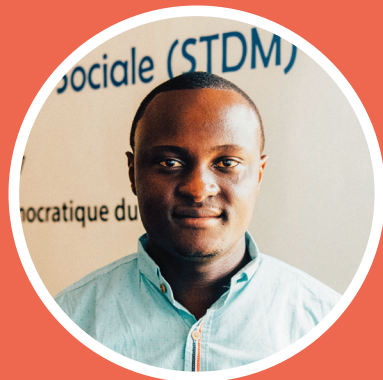


writing a new story in Congo



Joella Mbiliki ('16)

After witnessing the consequences of war in northeastern Congo, Archip was inspired to confront its root cause - land conflict. After graduating from UCBC, he helped launch the *Sharing the Land* (STL) project that promotes peace and human flourishing by developing a just, transparent, effective Land Information and Management System that addresses land conflict, improves land governance and administration, and enhances urban planning and rural development in eastern Congo.



Archip Lobo ('14)



Clarisse Ngoyi ('16)

Clarisse chose UCBC because the university was different from others in Congo, promoting spiritual values and virtues not found in other Congolese universities. She graduated at the top of her class and now works as director of marketing for SICOVIR, a business enterprise that produces soaps made from locally sourced palm oil. As a student, she understood the importance of education for women, and continues to encourage female students to participate fearlessly in their studies.



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CONGO'S CONTEXT

The historical narrative of the Democratic Republic of Congo is about ongoing cycles of violence, exploitation, and captivity. For 300 years, its peoples were seized and enslaved in the Americas and elsewhere (c1500-1885). Then, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Belgian imperial rule was imposed and maintained through systematic genocide and pillage of Congo's resources (1885-1960). Congo's post-colonial history has been more of the same – predatory structures of power, systemic and continuing violence and war, mass killings, sexual violence, extraction and theft of natural resources through complicity of local and international players, and rampant poverty continue to hold Congo's people captive (1960-present).

IN SHORT, CONGO IS IN CRISIS.

Numerous humanitarian organizations are spending millions of dollars in Congo every year, but most are not addressing the root cause of the crisis - a critical lack of ethical and service-minded leaders who advance the common good.

OUR IMPACT

Over **500 UCBC ALUMNI** are already writing a new story in Congo. Here is just a sample:



- 3** work with the DRC government.
- 6** work in the mining industry.
- 8** work in bank enterprises.
- 15** serve as pastors in churches.
- 20+** work with CI or UCBC.
- 50+** enrolled in advanced degrees across east Africa.
- 50+** work in national and international NGOs in Congo.
- 100+** innovate new startups or work as consultants.

“YES, WE ARE CONGO'S FUTURE. YOU, WHO READ OUR WORDS, ARE ALSO OUR FUTURE.”

~ UCBC STUDENTS

WE CAN'T WRITE THIS STORY ALONE.



EDUCATION + FAITH + SERVICE = TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS

A CONGOLESE-LED SOLUTION

In the midst of this challenging context, and out of an already resilient society, a new liberating and transformative narrative is being written and lived. It begins at the **UNIVERSITÉ CHRÉTIENNE BILINGUE DU CONGO (UCBC)**, where committed Congolese visionaries are developing and nurturing a redemptive community of passionate, young men and women. It continues in forming these women and men as students equipped through professional and formative education at the highest level. It is witnessed in alumni who identify, own, and respond to Congo's challenges with skill, dedication, excellence, creativity, and Christian hope.



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INTEGRATED RESEARCH
JUSTICE ADVOCACY

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GET INVOLVED

You can have a direct impact on the **NEXT 500 TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS** for Congo! Did you know that the full cost of a UCBC education is just \$2,200 per year? Students and their families make extraordinary sacrifices to pay an average tuition of **\$400** per year (98% of Congo's annual per capita gross national income). This leaves a balance of **\$1,800** required to fully fund each student.

Help write the next chapter of this story by committing to scholarship one or more students for the next four years. You can either make an annual gift or easily set up a secure, recurring donation online. Every size gift matters! We encourage you to collaborate with friends to help reach a full scholarship (\$1,800 or \$150/month) or more. (For example, three people giving \$50/month can together reach a full scholarship!)

Match the financial commitment that UCBC students already make with one of your own. As you do so, witness how your investment brings lasting change.

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