

URBAN PROMISE

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At UrbanPromise International, we believe that the most potent means for effecting change is through the development of local leadership and have chosen to address the many challenges facing youth today through the cultivation and development of young visionaries. UrbanPromise International provides the means for empowering leaders to impact their communities through organizations that effectively meet the needs of local populations. All of our fellows are studying for their MA. in Organizational Leadership.

2017-2018 COHORT

VANESSA MWANGALA, AGE 25 MALAWI, AFRICA

After graduating from African Bible College with a degree in education, Vanessa spent a year interning with UPI in 2013. She then went back home and began a girls' empowerment program called Voices Awake. The program grew quickly and was impacting over 70 girls.

Vanessa is now poised to become our first female African Executive Director and will lead our 7th site in Malawi



KEN NDYAMUHAKI , AGE 28 UGANDA, AFRICA

Ken graduated from Uganda Christian University with a dual degree in Social Work and Social Administration. After college, Ken founded a community-based organization called Yamba, where 20 kids are being supported to go back to school. He's now set to return and become our second site in Uganda and will implement the afterschool model of UrbanPromise.



MILLY NAKATO, AGE 27 UGANDA, AFRICA

Milly has a degree in with an emphasis in child development and children's ministry from Uganda Christian University and is now studying for her master's in Organizational Leadership at Eastern. She is going back to be the principal at CALM Christian primary school with Children Alive Ministries, an UrbanPromise affiliate site in Uganda.



KENNETH SANDE, AGE 31 MALAWI, AFRICA

Kenneth graduated from African Bible College with a BA in Biblical Studies and Community Development. Kenneth is planning to launch the first UrbanPromise site in Muzuzu, North Malawi using the model of UrbanPromise Ministries' afterschool programs, summer camps and youth programs.



JUSTINE NAGAWA, AGE 25 UGANDA, AFRICA

Justine graduated from Kyambogo University in central Uganda with a degree in Social Work and Social Administration. She works with ROTOM Ministries, a ministry targeting older persons and grandchildren under their care. She will be returning to ROTOM to take on an executive leadership role.



ALEX HARA , AGE 28 MALAWI, AFRICA

Alex has served for several years in our ministries in Malawi as a leader. He is here studying for his MA in Organizational Leadership and is passionate about micro-enterprises, gender equality and organizational sustainability.



MERCY ANIH, AGE 26 NIGERIA, AFRICA

Milly has a degree in linguistics and is an social entrepreneur in Nigeria. Her passionate is education and is here at the fellowship to learn the model of UrbanPromise and to take it back to Nigeria and begin a learning center.



ANDREW OGWAL, AGE 30

UGANDA, AFRICA

Andrew graduated from African Bible College with a dual major of Christian Community Leadership and Business. He served for a couple of years at our Uganda ministry and is passionate about social enterprise and helping young people become self sufficient through micro enterprise.



GILBERT MFITUNDINDA, AGE 28

UGANDA, AFRICA

Gilbert graduated with a BA in Information Technology from Uganda Christian University and spent a year at Compassion International in Colorado as a systems analyst. He has also founded a ministry called Love Restoration in his home village that has a school with nearly 75 students.



NADIA VANDERKUIP - DIRECTOR OF UPI

Nadia, a former UrbanPromise Camden intern and founder of UrbanPromise Vancouver, returned to the UPI family as Director of UPI to guide and strengthen our fellowship program.

Nadia served as a youth pastor in Vancouver's inner city for 10 years before moving on to work with the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada as their Short-Term Missions Director. Prior to coming back to UPI, she worked as the Marketing and Communications Director for a seminary in Vancouver. Nadia has a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education from Northwest Baptist Theological College in British Columbia, Canada, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Carey Theological College in B.C., Canada.

Using her experience as one of UPI's first "unofficial" fellows and her subsequent ministry experience and graduate education, Nadia continues to develop our vocational and fellowship programs.

