



COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

2026 Spring Cohort 3

Thursday, April 30, 2026

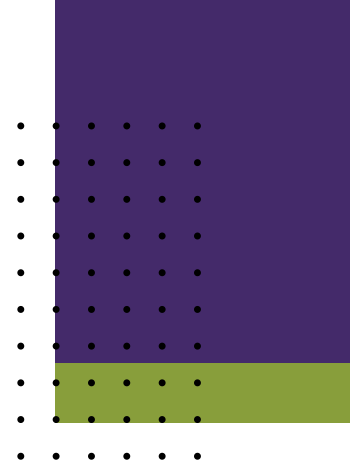
Bulwanyi, Uganda



EMMANUEL
DISCIPLESHIP ACADEMY

PROGRAM

10:00 AM, EDA



Arrival and Registration

Commencement – 10:00 am

Invocation – Rev. Kobi Emmanuel

Provincial Youth & Students Ministry Coordinator, Church of Uganda

Welcome Remarks – Asimwe Norman

President & CEO, Emmanuel Discipleship Academy

Remarks From Board Chair – Nidoi Douglas

Board Chair, Emmanuel Discipleship Academy

Keynote Speaker – Ahimbisibwe Emmanuel

National Director Compassion International – Uganda

Awarding Certificates of Participation – EDA Staff and Keynote Speaker

Dedication and Charge – Nidoi Douglas, Ahimbisibwe Emmanuel, Asimwe Norman, Rev. Kobi Emmanuel

Benediction – Rev. Kobi Emmanuel

Provincial Youth & Students Ministry Coordinator, Church of Uganda

Cake Cutting & Celebration Luncheon – 1:00 pm

Departure

INVOCATION – AND JESUS SAID TO THEM, ‘FOLLOW ME’



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, distinguished guests, faculty, parents, and above all, our dear graduating cohort.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we gather in gratitude and celebration as we mark a significant milestone in the journey of twelve committed disciples who have faithfully completed their training at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy. This is not an academic achievement—it is a spiritual milestone, a testimony of growth, transformation, and dedication to the call of Christ.

Our theme is anchored in the powerful words of Scripture:

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’” (Matthew 4:19)

This verse beautifully captures the essence of discipleship. It is a call, a process, and a purpose. First, “Follow me”—a call to relationship with Christ. Then, “I will make you”—a process of transformation. And finally, “fishers of men”—a commission into purpose and mission.

Dear graduates, over the course of your training, you have not only gained knowledge but have also been shaped in character, deepened in faith, and equipped for service. This is what we mean by holistic growth—growth of the mind, the heart, and the spirit. You have learned to pray, to study the Word, to serve others, and to live as witnesses of Christ in a broken world.

The number twelve is not without significance. Just as Jesus called twelve disciples to be with Him and to send them out, so today we celebrate twelve individuals who are being sent forth—not as mere graduates, but as ambassadors of Christ, bearers of His light, and instruments of His love.

However, let us remember: this ceremony is not the end—it is the beginning. Discipleship is a lifelong journey. The world you are entering is in great need of faithful, grounded, and Spirit-led disciples. You are called to be salt and light, to stand firm in truth, and to serve with humility and compassion.

To the faculty and leadership of EDA, we commend you for your dedication to raising disciples who are rooted in Christ. To the families and supporters, thank you for standing alongside these graduates in prayer and encouragement.

And to you, our dear graduates: remain steadfast. Continue to follow Christ daily. Let His Word dwell in you richly. Be bold in your witness, gentle in your spirit, and faithful in your calling.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, guide you and use you for His glory.

Congratulations, Class of Cohort 3 at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy.

Go forth and make disciples.

Rev. Koboi Emmanuel
Provincial Youth & Students Ministry Coordinator

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



“... At the end of every year...will you gladly face God, our saving king and share the words: The two disciples you have entrusted unto me I have guarded and lost none.”?

Because our quality of life as disciples can never get better than weighing ourselves against the life of a desert shepherd. This is demonstrated to us very well daily as we focus on the words written in the gospel according to John.

“I have manifested Your name [and revealed Your very self, Your real self] to the people whom You have given Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept and obeyed Your word.” John 17:6 AMP

There isn't a greater life calling than this because God's hand is onto this and has promised that as we do the great commission, there-in He will always be with us. This is one of the scriptures that you can bank on where the Holy Spirit is given as a promise because discipling others holistically comes with a reward as expressed in the gospel of Matthew.

“Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually —regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20 AMP

The habit and intentionality of teaching others to have a continual relationship with God daily through communing with Him as a habit through the practice of spiritual disciplines helps us Abide with our Saving King which results into bearing the fruit of the Spirit thus making us a people who Love God and others freely making us live a life that fulfills any law through Obedience to the Saving King. I call it the elevated life for this will be seen and observed by the world and thus praise our Father who is in heaven and always remembering that we are His ambassadors.

THE GREAT AWAKENING TO ALL OF US

And to all of us, “what keeps you awake in the night, I mean every night?”

Always remember, our relationship with God remains pristine and eminent above everything else and ask yourself, how many people will live life after you are long gone regarding the legacy that you left back?

Legacy are the souls that will live the life you have demonstrated daily and that's your choice regarding what you held dear that you could die for - for others to have an opportunity to lose everything for the same cause... and so was it worth it? Was it eternal or temporary?

Only an everlasting life with the Father is what is worth living for! Because everything else apart from this relationship with the Saving King is temporary and not worth the cost.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Asiimwe Norman'.

Asiimwe Norman

BAED, Kyambogo University, MA in Contextualized Pastoral Ministry LBC, Pennsylvania USA.
President and CEO Emmanuel Discipleship Academy

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Graduands, parents, guardians, faculty, staff, ministry partners, and friends of Emmanuel Discipleship Academy, good afternoon.

It is a great honor and joy to stand before you today as Chairman of the Board on this special occasion of commencement.

Today is more than a graduation. It is a testimony of God's faithfulness. It is a celebration of lives that have been shaped, challenged, and transformed through intentional discipleship.

To the graduands, congratulations. Over these past months, you have walked through a season of practical Christian discipleship that has touched every area of life—your spiritual growth, your character, your relationships, your service, your leadership, and your sense of purpose. We thank God for what He has done in you, and we celebrate this important milestone with you.

At Emmanuel Discipleship Academy, discipleship is not just a programme. It is a lifestyle. It is learning to walk with Jesus, to obey Him, to become like Him, and to join Him in His mission.

And so as you leave this place, you do not leave only with memories. You leave with responsibility.

You have been invested in, prayed for, taught, mentored, and formed in community. My encouragement to you today is simple: do not graduate from the lifestyle that brought you here.

Do not graduate from prayer.
Do not graduate from the Word of God.
Do not graduate from obedience.
Do not graduate from fellowship.
And do not graduate from making disciples.

The true fruit of this journey will not only be seen in what happened here at EDA, but in how you live after today. It will be seen in the way you honor Christ in your family, in your studies, in your workplace, in your church, and in your community. The world does not simply need talented young people. It needs transformed young people—young men and women who will live for Jesus with courage, humility, wisdom, and conviction.

As a Board, we are grateful for what God is doing through this ministry, and we remain committed to the vision of raising disciple-making leaders who will transform communities for the glory of God.

To the parents, guardians, staff, mentors, and partners, thank you for your prayers, sacrifice, and faithful support. Your labor is bearing fruit.

To the graduands, let me leave you with this charge: abide in Christ, walk in truth, serve with humility, lead with character, and live in such a way that others are drawn to Jesus through you.

Congratulations to the Spring 2026 graduating class. We are proud of you, we thank God for you, and we commission you with joy.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”
Matthew 28:19

May the Lord bless you, keep you, guide you, and use you for His glory.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Nidoi Douglas
Chairman of the Board Emmanuel Discipleship Academy

KEYNOTE



Greetings from Compassion International where I serve, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an honor and a humbling privilege that Compassion is part of this, yet another testament of God's faithfulness and goodness at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy. It is an honor to witness this milestone in the course of life of EDA and to us, it is nothing but a clear manifestation of what God can do when believers choose to trust and put Him at the Center of the visions that He graciously reveals to us so as to accomplish His purposes - for Spirit - led leaders, visions are not made or created but they are revealed! In a world filled with chaos, we see EDA's mandate as one that brings the transformative love of God back into this world and the stability of Sound Doctrine. Thank you EDA that you did not wait for the perfect moment but took the "ancient paths" of faith, obedience, and service and that is what God is blessing today.

As we celebrate the commissioning of another cohort of messengers that are transitioning from learners to leaders, we can never be more convinced that the conviction for EDA, to contribute to the journey of making disciples who make disciples for Christ was not from any man but God Himself who summons us and calls us back to Himself into a relationship with His Son Jesus Christ. What EDA is doing does not only please God but is also at the Center of His heart for He never wants anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, when we equip disciple - making leaders, we join God in His will to reconcile man to Himself and have His people redeemed back to Him. This is not different from what Compassion International does and makes our collaboration with EDA one of the most profound partnerships that we have and comes to us with a great sense of purpose and fulfilment.

Whereas this sounds like the graduation of a cohort of disciples, disciples never graduate from the lifelong process of following Jesus. The journey of discipleship is never truly finished. Today, we are commissioning His messengers to live as lifelong servants, placing the interests of others above their own, carrying the cross with humility and grace - ministry is sacrifice, and the highest calling is loving God and His people.

To our graduands therefore, we are only celebrating the completion of training while commissioning you to go forth and make new disciples in fulfilment of the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). You are graduating into a new season of higher responsibility and deeper obedience. The classroom of life is now your mission field; the foundational doctrines you have learned are now the tools for your ministry." You have been equipped as fishers of men, not to just sit on the shore, but to go into the deep waters. As mentioned earlier, discipleship is a continuous journey, not a one-time class and I charge you to keep striving to be fully transformed into Christlikeness rather than just gaining knowledge. I acknowledge the hard work in the last few months, dedication, intense study, immersing yourselves in God's word, strict discipline, engaging in deep prayer, and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape your hearts and Mold you into the instruments that the Lord wants you to be. I believe you are not going back the same as you came - God has equipped you with new skills, new relationships, mentored you under His word and is appointing you to go and bear fruit, fruit that lasts as you cause others to know Him (John 15:16).

You have been equipped to follow Christ; now, go forth to lead others to Him. As you have received, go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything He has commanded."

You have learned to walk with Jesus, now go and show the world His ways. Be the salt and light in every corner you enter, making disciples who make disciples. You are hereby sent forth, not just to share the Gospel, but to multiply it.

As you take on this journey, one of the things you should always know is that you are not alone, in Matthew 28:20, He assures us that He will be with us to the very end. Remember that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion (Philippians 1:6). The same God who has supported you through every assignment before, will strengthen you in your ministry. You are now ambassadors of Christ, called to make a difference. The world is hungry for truth. You have been rooted in the Word, now be established in faith, and shine as stars in the world's dark sky.

Therefore, go forth with courage, humility, and an unshakable commitment to the call of God. As you leave here, remember, your story is now part of God's larger story. Go and help set the world right by bringing the light of Christ back into life.

Live the truth you have learned, love the Savior you have found, and lead the nations to His Kingdom.

Congratulations to EDA, the graduands, and the Lord bless you all!

Ahimbisibwe Emmanuel

National Director, Compassion International - Uganda

MANAGEMENT TEAM



Asimwe Norman
President and CEO



Makale Chris
Patriarch



Muwanguzi Marion Aryana
Matriarch



Ainemukama Esther
Matriarch/Nurse



Manley Klassen
Spiritual Advisor



Rev. Kobi Emmanuel
Spiritual Advisor



Kanzila Joy Asimwe
Operations Manager



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Maintenance Manager



Namwano Anne
Chef

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President and CEO



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Board Treasurer



Nimusiima Catherine
Board Member

2026 SPRING COHORT 3 LEADERS

As a patriarch, I have witnessed a few cohorts graduate to their next phase of life. Each cohort presented its challenges to learn from as a leader and as a follower of King Jesus. When we teach the young adults on how to relate with the Lord as the most important thing in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ, often times we exclude ourselves from the equation but once we humble ourselves and know that all that is taught is equally beneficial and applies to us as leaders too, we grow even deeper in relating with the lord. This has always been a learning journey for both the young adults and me. We recently hosted a few of our alumni who spared a day to interact with our recent cohort members. It was an honor to learn that they stayed true to the mission of discipling their fellows in their spaces of influence.

The alumni visit gave opportunity to our young adults to understand better the life at campus as they shared their experiences and helped them appreciate their stay at the academy. We also had a few mentors from various fields of life that came through to guide them after the release of their results. This was rightly timed to sort out the confusion that often follows as they look forward to planning for their next step in life, i.e. whether to join campus or pursue other things. I am confident that we have given this cohort our best and now the mandate is upon them to go out there and continue their discipleship journey for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.



Makale Chris
Patriarch

I am so privileged for having been placed in the place of a stewardship as a matriarch in the lives of these young adults, it's a very precious thing to me personally, and I give gratitude to God for granting me an opportunity of living a holistic life with these sweet souls. Watching every step of their growth in faith and transformation in their lives has been a testimony for me. I glorify the name of the Lord who has enabled me to walk this journey of naturing and teaching these young adults to grow in wisdom, humility and in obedience to king Jesus. Deep inside in my heart, am very convinced that these young adults are going to impact and transform communities through love, humility and trusting the holy Spirit. As we delegate them to go and disciple two each of them, and by doing so they are replicating hence fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Above all, the most crucial thing is to have a personal relationship with God, that's what matters. Be blessed as you obey our Lord.



Muwanguzi Marion Aryana
Matriarch

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy as both a matriarch and nurse, supporting young adults as they grow in their faith. This journey has been meaningful, shaping the lives of those I serve and strengthening my own faith. As a matriarch, I provide guidance, encouragement, and a sense of family to young adults seeking direction and purpose. It has been a blessing to create a nurturing environment where they feel valued and supported. Watching them mature spiritually, gain confidence, and find their identity in Christ has been deeply rewarding.

Serving as a nurse lets me care for their physical well-being and minister to their emotional and spiritual needs. I have seen how compassion and prayer bring comfort and restoration. These experiences have shown me the importance of holistic care—tending to body, mind, and spirit together. Throughout my time at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy, I have witnessed lives transformed, faith strengthened, and purpose awakened. This mission has taught me patience, deepened my compassion, and reminded me daily of God's faithfulness.



Ainemukama Esther
Matriarch/Nurse

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Adong Caroline
Age 21 UG0543

I humbly write this thanking God for the opportunity He has granted me through the compassion of coming to EDA to attend Discipleship program. This has enabled me to develop both spiritually and socially. On spiritual aspect, I have learnt the most important thing which is communing with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines for example prayer, gratitude, solitude, unhurriedness, etc.

The other thing I have come to understand is the meaning of the disciple and what is required of a disciple. However, on social aspect, I have learnt hands-on skills shampoo, liquid soap, tomato sauce making etc. where I was able to take the lesson that life is about the ability to do something which can make you put something on the table at the end of the day. I conclude saying that life is about the card you have played and the one you play next, so be careful with your life. The moves you take determine who you will be, either a winner or a loser. Thank you.



Adwono Josephine
Age 20 UG0148

My life at EDA has been a wonderful and transformational experience holistically. It has impacted my life to a greater height. I have grown both physically, socially, emotionally, and in cognitive aspects. The encounter here has given me an avenue to have quality time with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines. I have also known the truth about the gospel that Jesus is the saving, King. In the whole process of discipleship and life as a Christian, I have known that communing with God is the most important thing through abiding in Jesus.

I have discovered various life skills, both hands-on like liquid soap making, shampoo, jelly, and others. Interpersonal skills that I have interacted with include resilience, self-discovery, and confidence among others which have built in me a sense of togetherness and embarked on my life in society. I have learnt to associate with various groups of people by making relationships with my colleagues. Therefore, my heartfelt gratitude goes to EDA organization for the opportunity. I am fully transformed and promise to obey the greatest commission by going out to make other disciples across the world. May the Lord bless the founders and funders of Emmanuel Discipleship Academy.



Agenorwat Dorothy
Age 21 UG0934

I My life at EDA has been a compelling one because I learnt and experienced a lot of things holistically. Spiritually, through quiet time, I learnt and grew through the practice of spiritual disciplines like unhurriedness, prayer, meditation, gratitude, silence, Examen, praise and worship. This shaped my spiritual life, led to a great transformation in my life and built my deep relationship with God. I also learnt the gospel: which is “Jesus is the saving, King.”

I also learnt how to relate, communicate and befriend people from different parts of the country like Jinja, Mukono, Kampala, Soroti, Serere, Kasese, Kamwenge, Bukedia, Alebtong, Malaba and Kanungu through different languages and characters, through group discussions, volleyball and girls’ talk.

In conclusion, my life at EDA was full of joyous moments. I look forward to fulfilling the great commission of making disciples and to obeying the great commands.

Thank you. God bless you.

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I give gratitude to the Almighty God to be part of participants of the third cohort at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy. I have seen my life change through spiritual understanding of the gospel. And more to that, the response to the gospel which is saving faith or allegiance to King Jesus. This allegiance is done through three steps that include mental agreement to the gospel, professed fealty and embodied loyalty that in deals with faith in action and works.

Above it all, I have learnt that my relationship with God remains the most important thing in my life. This is achieved through the practice of spiritual disciplines like prayer, solitude, praise, worship and many others.

On the other hand, I have learnt life skills both soft and hard skills. I have learnt skills like liquid soap making, sanitizer making, paper bags, bathing soap, and many others to me. As a disciple, I live to obey the great commission which is making other new disciples and teaching them how to obey all He has commanded. Glory be to the Lord God for the life transformation opportunity in my life.



Ampumuza Isaac
Age 20 UG0732

I take the honor to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire EDA community for the seed of discipleship they have planted in me. I never imagined a journey like this in My life, but they say God's timing is always perfect and indeed EDA has transformed my life holistically. I am so grateful to the leaders at EDA that have guided me through this life. At first, it felt overwhelming, but guess what, it's easy after defining your self-worth. I have been able to build my relationship with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines. Moreso, with the provision of a flexible schedule and a calm space, my journey in salvation has been much easier since day one.

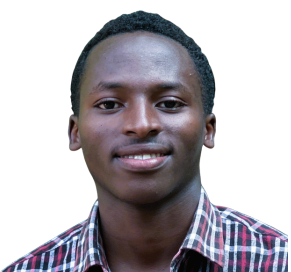
EDA has also taught me to live a life with meaning through training me in life skills like leadership, communication and mental health and it's really been an interesting experience. Therefore, my life at EDA has been much more of a holistic transformation and I thank Compassion International and EDA for such a privilege and promise to work hard to fulfill the great commission through discipling others into obeying all that the Lord has commanded. May God bless you.



Bugingo Geoffrey
Age 20 UG0255

During my four months training at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy, I learnt the most pivotal thing which was in the spiritual aspect. During the morning sessions taught to me about the following: discipleship, the gospel, the most important thing, spiritual disciplines and the discovery Bible study. This session helped me build a relationship with God and this improved on my Biblical understanding and application in our daily lives

The other sessions held such as life skills (liquid soap making, shampoo, sanitizer, Vaseline, paper and gift bags) are also one of the things that I have learnt which play a paramount role in or day to day living. Decision making and leadership sessions have also equipped me with knowledge on how to associate and make right decisions and these help me to be independent and responsible. I take this moment to express my deepest gratitude for everything I have learnt.



Guloba Khisa
Age 18 UG0585

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I am so glad to have participated in the 3rd cohort. It was a great pleasure that I was selected among the many Compassion young adults all over Uganda and I ended up being among the 12 disciples to participate at EDA, indeed it was by God's grace. My life at EDA was so amazing that I grew spiritually, physically, and mentally stable and I thank the almighty God that I always grow spiritually day by day where I learnt that the most important thing in discipleship is communion with God and others follow like abiding in Jesus and being transformed by the Holy Spirit and lastly you produce the fruit which is love.

I also learnt some spiritual disciplines and I practiced them and they helped me grow spiritually as a person. Like worship, gratitude, and scripture reading where I practiced all these through quiet time where I engage with God. Physically I also engaged in games, morning exercises, and cleaning, and games like volleyball and football. Maintaining the compound to keep it clean and green too. We also had some skills to keep our pockets warm and happy so that our future can be more enjoyable. The skills like liquid soap, sanitizer, shampoo and many others. Living in a cool green, quiet environment so that you can be able to grow more spiritually, physically and mentally stable. Thank you so much. In God we trust.



Kobugabe Joan Namara
Age 20 UG0261

I am glad and thankful to God to have spent four months at Emmanuel Discipleship Academy. Spiritually, I have learnt to relate with God which is the most important thing in a Christian life. This has been achieved through abiding in Jesus by the practice of the holy habits like silence, prayer, worship, gratitude, unhurriedness, confession, and examen. These practices have improved my relationship with God which is helping me to acquire the fruits of the Holy Spirit *(Galatians 5:22-23) *.

I have acquired very many practical skills like liquid soap making, shampoo making, tomato sauce, and bar soap. These skills will enable me to boost my economic status. More so, life skills like sitting posture, self-confidence and leadership skills. These will enable me to associate with people. I have grown physically through the exercise activities we do at EDA, playing volleyball and football.



Mumbere Reagan
Age 20 UG0802

I am so grateful to the Lord Almighty for having given me a chance to attend the Emmanuel Discipleship Academy program and most of all to be a part of Cohort Three. It was a wonderful experience for me because at first I thought it was all about discipleship, which wasn't the case because I've experienced life with people from different parts of the country who became family.

I personally wanted to seek God and learn about Him more in my vacation and Emmanuel Discipleship Academy has given me a chance to exercise it all from provision of a peaceful and quiet environment to teaching me of how to commune with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines such as solitude, meditation and prayer among others. I also learnt to relate with other people, especially group discussions and group work which has taught me not to do life all alone. Besides the spiritual aspect, I've also been able to learn life skills like leadership, making liquid soap, shampoo among others. I am also thankful to the EDA family that has given me a peaceful home away from home feeling and I pray that the Lord Almighty blesses each and everything of theirs.



Nambi Gift Carol
Age 19 UG0448

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I really want to thank God and Compassion for giving me this opportunity to participate in this life changing program at EDA. My life at EDA has been an exciting journey where I came to learn many things which transformed and challenged the way I think and approach matters concerning spiritual things and building a relationship with God. First and foremost, I have learnt the correct and proper ways to practice spiritual disciplines, like unhurriedness, examen, gratitude, prayer, fasting, worship among others. I personally knew spiritual disciplines, but I was practicing them in the wrong way, for example I thought worship is mainly about singing a slow song, fasting is mainly abstaining from food among others, but through my journey at EDA, I've come to realize that worship is beyond singing and fasting is also beyond abstaining from food. Additionally, I have learnt to defend my faith, the reasons why I believe in what I believe in for example the Bible. In most cases, we've believed certain things because we've been told and heard that's it's what's is true, but with no back up or even evidence to defend it, but through my journey at EDA, I've learnt to defend my faith with reason and evidence from the word of God. Furthermore, I have learnt to use logic and reasoning before concluding on some biblical aspects, as well as interpreting scriptures. We've been brought up in communities where scriptures are interpreted to fulfill our personal desires and demand at that time yet while interpreting scriptures, we must look for the context, time when that scripture was written among others. Far from spiritual life, I've been able to learn life skills such as liquid soap making, bar soap making, shampoo making, gift bags to mention but a few. The main thing that transformed my life was not the life skills, but rather how to make money out of life skills. It's useless to know a skill if you don't know how to make money out of it. Remember, there's no way we can fulfill Compassion's slogan of "Releasing children from poverty" if we can't make money out of skills. Above all, EDA didn't only transform my life spiritually but also cognitively. I'll forever treasure this opportunity. May God bless you all.



Nassozi Shakira
Age 20 UG0833

With much pleasure I want to thank the Almighty God for the Golden opportunity He has granted for me to be part of Emmanuel Discipleship Academy as one family in Cohort 3 2026. Special appreciation also goes to Compassion International Uganda for choosing me among the thousands of beneficiaries who have completed their form Six in 2025 to be part of this Discipleship training at EDA. Life at the Emmanuel Discipleship Academy has been wonderful since we were doing everything as the family in fact if I had authority the Cohort was going to be extended up to December. Basing on the teaching and the experience have learnt from EDA, the Three Cord Approach to Discipleship that is Relational, Intentional and Holistic has really helped me to understand deeply what it means to be a disciple and understanding more about what it counts to be a strong and true disciple of Jesus Christ. On top of the Gospel that Jesus is the saving King, we were also equipped with self income generating skills such as making liquid soap, shampoo, paper bags, gifts bags, tomato source, among other products, but in a modernized way and with that experience I am ready to start my own income generating project based on the skills they have entrusted us with. Long live EDA, long live Compassion International Uganda and I pray the Supreme God we serve should grant The Management of EDA with more knowledge and ability to extend their Discipleship heart to a thousand generations to come.



Ogwal Emmanuel
Age 17 UG0931

I am very privileged to have participated in the third cohort of Emmanuel Discipleship Academy. This has been a crucial aspect of my Holistic transformation accompanied with an outstanding environment for learning and thoughts, activities of self-discovery, enjoyment with fellows, and exposure to different social chores like life skills and entrepreneurship skills.

This program has been a full loaf of Leadership skills, True Gospel Discovery, practice of Spiritual Disciplines and Holistic transformation in accordance with the obedience of the Great Commission of making other disciples of Christ. I have interacted with all kinds of Resilience, Adaptability, Independence and Responsibility. Elated gratitude comes from the bottom of my heart to all the leaders, fellow young adults and greatly to the Almighty for such a valuable journey achieved. Fare-thee-well as we Prioritize our Communion with God.



Ssempijja Jonathan
Age 19 UG0415



EDA CREED

We understand and do believe that Jesus the Messiah is the Saving King.

Therefore, we commit to become dedicated followers of Jesus, the anointed one, and want to be included in his kingdom

We renounce all other kingdoms, including the kingdom of self and the kingdom of the world, and declare allegiance to King Jesus.

We acknowledge that this allegiance requires learning to obey all He has commanded.

We commit to abide in Jesus by communing with Him through the practice of the spiritual disciplines.

As we abide in Jesus, we are building a deep loving relationship with God where we know Him and are known by Him.

We acknowledge that this relationship will:

allow us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into Christlikeness, which will produce the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, which will make us people who love God and others naturally, and by loving this way, we will obey all of God's commands.

We pledge to obey the Great Commission by making new disciples through:

telling others the Good News that Jesus is the Saving King, and helping other followers of Jesus learn how to obey all He has commanded.



COMPANY OVERVIEW

About Us

Emmanuel Discipleship Academy is an intimate and focused residential program where we invite 12 Christian young adults to live on site with the intention of developing Disciple Making Leaders.

Our campus is located in a beautiful gated community within the Kajjansi Town Council, Wakiso District-Uganda. Nestled amidst a natural environment of trees and wildlife, the accommodations and grounds are designed to create an atmosphere that facilitates learning, personal reflection and meditation, enjoyment of nature, and strong interpersonal relationships.

The program runs for three and a half months twice a year beginning in January and again in July. Participants engage in a variety of activities including Bible studies, group discussions, life skills, meeting with a variety of mentors, recreation, and spiritual disciplines.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS



Compassion International Uganda
Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' name



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