

## Mid-August 2022 Update

Early August temperatures were brutal in North America but in parts of Africa the temps are quite low where it's winter now. Temperatures are only one of the contrasts between the two continents. Check out these recent facts about our Nazarene churches:

2021 Statistics			
	Churches	Ordained Ministers	Percentage Distribution
Africa	8,599	1,716	<b>0.20</b> Ordained per church
USA/Canada	5,274	11,577	<b>2.2</b> Ordained per church

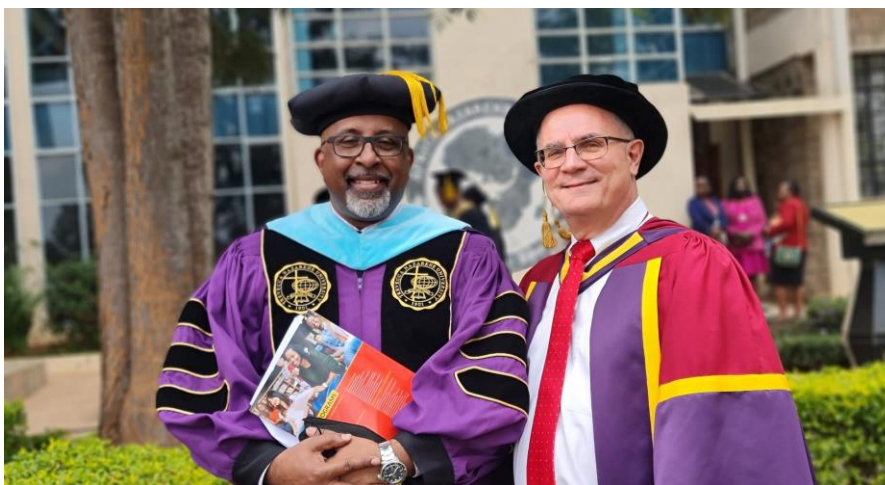
### WHAT DO THESE STATISTICS SAY TO US?

The stats reflect that Nazarene ministers throughout Africa have LIMITED ACCESS to education and training to qualify for ordination.

The North American Church is blessed with multiple ways to train pastors such that it has a large, ordained clergy pool to oversee the work of the church. However, the African Church faces steep challenges to provide training for leaders to oversee the explosion of growth.

### WHAT ARE AFRICAN LEADERS DOING ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL GAP?

African leaders are developing two new degree-level institutions – one for French-speaking leaders, and the other for Portuguese-speaking leaders. They are translating handbooks and gathering digital library resources in both languages. Dr. Gabe Benjiman quotes the late (great) leader, Dr. John Seaman, in this presentation on our EDUF YouTube channel : [The Need Speaks French](#)



**Nairobi, Kenya.** Dr. Gabriel Benjiman and Dr. Russell Frasier in academic regalia as leaders in the graduation ceremonies of Africa Nazarene University. Then they journeyed to West Africa to the planning sessions for a u-level degree program for French speaking Nazarene ministers.


### WHAT CAN EACH OF US DO ABOUT THIS GAP?

- We can pray earnestly for our African educators and translators.
- We can help fund the production of these needed educational resources by joining “EDUF August Jigsaw Puzzle” and/or recruiting others to join with you.

## WHAT'S EDUF'S "AUGUST JIGSAW PUZZLE"?

The "Puzzle" covers Africa with educational options from Mali (West Africa) to the island of Madagascar. This growth will be made possible by churches, small groups, Sunday School classes, families or couples donating \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 toward producing these needed resources – to extend ministerial education across the continent.



Will YOU make up one of the pieces?   
Or join with others to pray and raise funds?

The EDUF treasurer is a retired Nazarene missionary who served with her husband in Swaziland and Madagascar: **Mrs. Lauralee Nothstine, 2412 Wildflower Cove, Mishawaka, IN 46545**

## WHAT ARE THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN AFRICA?

### Educational Providers on the Africa Region 2019 Africa Regional Sourcebook

**Africa Nazarene University (ANU)**  
PO Box 53067-00200  
Nairobi, KENYA

**Southern Africa Nazarene University**  
- Faculty of Theology (SANU)  
PO Box 121  
Siteki, SWAZILAND

**Nazarene Theological College (NTC-SA)**  
PO Box 3083  
2040 Honeydew  
SOUTH AFRICA

**Nazarene Bible College - East Africa (NBCEA)**  
PO Box 20025  
City Square 00200  
Nairobi, KENYA

**Nazarene Theological College of Central Africa (NTCCA)**  
PO Box 30713  
Lilongwe, MALAWI

**Seminario Nazareno de Cabo Verde (SNCV)**  
CP 134  
Mindelo, CAPE VERDE

**Seminario Nazareno em Moçambique (SNM)**  
Institute Biblico Nazareno (IBNAL)  
CP 2317  
Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE

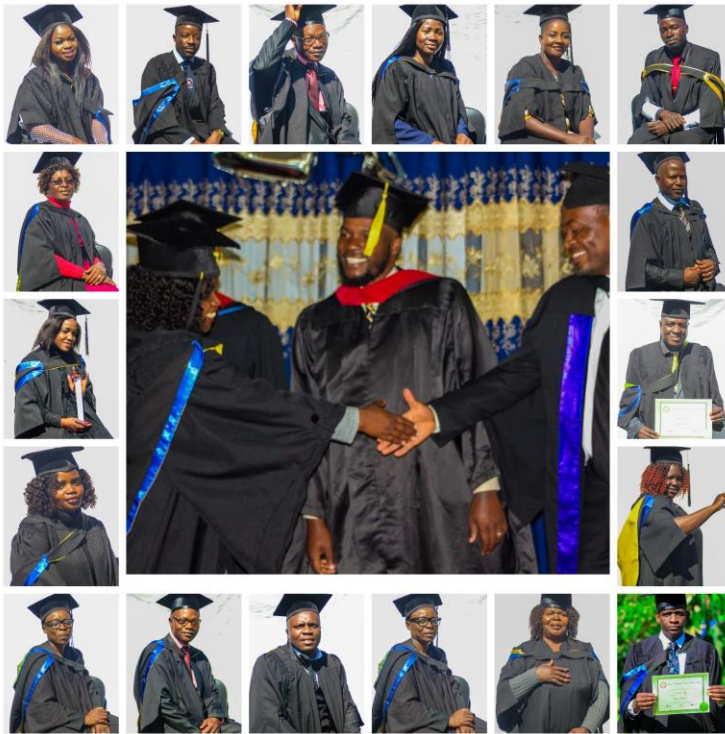
**Institut Théologique Nazaréen/ Nazarene Theological Institute (ITN/NTI)**  
BP 5675  
Fann, Dakar  
SENEGAL

**\*Creative Leadership Institute (CLI)**  
PO Box 8974  
Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA

\*Pending recognition from the Nazarene International Board of Education

## WHAT ARE AFRICAN LEADERS IN ZIMBABWE DOING ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL GAP?

News from Rev. Oliver Chavunduka, Zimbabwe East District Registrar



### GRADUATES FROM ALL SEVEN NAZARENE DISTRICTS IN ZIMBABWE

I have many stories that I can write about this graduation. I like the stories especially from the students because I know that those stories are what are very important in their desire to serve God and reach out to the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God has been faithful over the years in this training program, but especially when the world was hit by the Covid pandemic and everything was affected, with churches in-person services closed; businesses went low and for some time no one knew what would happen. Everyone was doing everything to keep themselves alive and to survive. Our training program was not spared from the effects of all the lock downs and shutdowns and social distancing. We train men and women who have work so that they can feed their families and take care of many things in their lives. Every time a student would tell us that they now have a phone, a tablet or laptop to which we can transfer notes in softcopy, the lectures could focus on discussions more than dictating notes. So when Covid happened, it almost was a confirmation of the need to have all students have a smart phone and to learn online applications. I should also mention that a few months prior to Covid hitting the world, we had conducted a seminar on "ONLINE" services and classes. All this was as if we knew Covid was coming.

Anyhow, rushing to the end of the story... we had to do everything online for the rest of the course up until restrictions were lifted. But through it all we learnt a lot of what needs to be done. This is where we are now, we managed to have students finish their course outlines, learn, and graduate. This graduation was a true testimony that "through it all we learn to trust in Jesus".

Well, this is just a piece of the story but that's what makes life worth living and our God worth of all honor and glory in Christ Jesus.

We have given ourselves fully to this mission which is to equip men and women who are ready to make disciples in all nations.

## WHAT ARE EDUF LEADERS IN THE USA DOING ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL GAP?



Dr. Ken Walker and Mr. Dave Boblitt, co-leaders of the Indiana Chapter of EDUF, set up an Africa table at the NMI Convention at Southwest Indiana District Assembly. They engaged new people to PRAY for Nazarene Educational Leaders in Africa.

**PRAYER THIS WEEK FOR A.R.C.O.S.A.C.  
Africa Regional Course-of-Study Advisory  
Committee is meeting August 16 ff.**