



New YouTube Channel & EDUF Officers

CHURCHES: YOU CAN NOW HEAR DR. BENJIMAN ON YOUTUBE

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By Margaret Scott

Dr. Gabriel Benjiman opened the Annual Meeting of Education Development United Foundation on June 12th with a devotional message. [Click here to watch this dynamic, recorded message](#) now available to the public on the [new YouTube EDUF channel](#). Dr. Benjiman leads the Nazarene systems of education in the Africa Region as the Education Coordinator. He demonstrated the size of that challenge in this slide below, emphasizing the "clergy deficit", that is the number of trained pastors compared to the number of churches.

A map of the African continent with various countries highlighted in different colors. The map is set against a light blue background with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The text "AFRICA" is written in large, bold, red letters at the top right of the slide.

AFRICA

1. Nearly 900 million people, of whom 45% are under 15 years of age, Africa is a continent that is bigger in land mass than the USA, India, Europe, China, Argentina and New Zealand combined.
2. COTN Presence- 34 of the 54 independent African countries. Approx. 700,000 Nazarenes in over 9 000 churches and preaching points, organized in 115 districts and 15 pioneer areas, constitute the Africa Region..
3. Essentially, one in every four Nazarenes worldwide is from Africa.
4. 8 IBOE Schools, 1 Creative Leadership Institution.
5. Approx. 1600 Ordained Clergy and 1500 Licensed ministers > 750 000 members / Compare USA Canada 12000 Clergy > 635 000 members
6. Total Enrolment -9504 Students across Africa in IBOE schools

Dr. Ken Walker, President Emeritus of EDUF: "I have just listened to the entire video of the [annual] meeting and was impressed, moved, challenged and generally motivated to do more for education in Africa. Gabe Benjamin gave a wonderful survey of education in Africa today."

As current president of EDUF, I want to urge leaders and members of Nazarene Mission International to listen to his challenge on YouTube and share it with others. I am also willing to share the recording with you by email. If you want to receive it in that way write me at Admin@eduf.org

FIRST IMPRESSIONS FROM A NEW MEMBER OF EDUF

By Craig Craker



I've known Margaret Scott since I was 13 years old, but I think this was the first time she has emailed me on my birthday. No, she wasn't sending me a happy birthday greeting or an Amazon gift card, rather she had a request for me to fill a need on the EDUF board as an interim secretary. If you know Margaret, you know you have to come up with a good reason to say no. I didn't have a good reason, so here I am.

It's an honor to be here! I've never been to Africa, though I've lived vicariously through my parents (Randy and Robbie), brother (Mick) and sister and brother-in-law (Olivia and Dustin Metcalf) who have all been there multiple times. A chance to partner with people doing work there was too good to pass up.

Going into our first board meeting, I confess I knew nothing about EDUF or even what the group was trying to accomplish, but listening to Dr. Gabriel Benjamin really opened my eyes to what EDUF can do moving forward.

Hearing from an African, who lives on the continent was eye opening in regard to what challenges they face. From war to volcanoes to diseases, Africans are facing constant threats to their very survival. Dr. Benjamin gave us real ideas for ways to help the Nazarene church survive and thrive in Africa and in turn help Nazarenes on the ground.

I thank everyone who supports EDUF and for the board for allowing me to come alongside them and serve as interim secretary until Ms. Beth Restrict can come back to the board full-time.

You, Friend, who are reading this. Thank YOU for learning, celebrating and praying with us for “education in Africa”.

EDUF is also excited to announce another way to give to educational projects in Africa through “Project Serve” found at Nazarene.org at this link [Ed Projects in Africa](#).

Paper checks for these projects may be sent to:

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Striving to make a difference in Africa, Education Development United Foundation is a Stateside, volunteer-based, non-profit resourcing education by connecting with leaders in Africa to raise awareness of their needs. EDUF Engages Pray-ers, Creates Solutions & Funds-the-Mission.



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