



2023 Greetings from EDUF,

As we start a new year together, I want to describe our connection with the top educational leader in the Church of the Nazarene in Africa, Dr. Gabriel Benjiman. He calls our connection a “covenant partnership”. We EDUF leaders keep in contact with him. In the practices, this means several things:

1. *Our Facebook* page posts regularly include Dr. Gabe’s prayer requests.
2. *Our fund-raising projects are priorities chosen by Dr. Benjiman.*
 - a. Supporting the cohort at Trevecca Nazarene University of African educators that are doing a masters-level course in digital curriculum development. With giving from many new and regular donors of over \$6,000, that already topped up payment for their 2nd term course fees. One more term fees of \$6000 to go!
 - b. Promoting F.A.T.E.N. the French-speaking, degree-level online ordination track that is in formation. Dr. Sharon Bull, our EDUF secretary, leader of OPALS, and key player of Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library is collaborating in this.
 - c. Gathering digital library resources, especially, but not only those in French and Portuguese. I’m personally vested in this.
 - d. Increasing the endowment we started at Northwest Nazarene University called the *Schmelzenbach Memorial Scholarship for African* leaders to do online masters in theology. Two African lady leaders will graduate in May: Rev. Leniza Soares and Mrs. Celeste Chaguala. Yay!
3. *Our plans for 2023 include at least two Stateside visits* for Dr. Benjiman:
 - a. His speaking at KC-area churches after global education meetings in February.
 - b. His deputation in New England, the first week of June. Jon and I are hosting.
 - c. Many of us with him at the Africa Breakfast at General Assembly on June 10th.
 - d. His deputation in Indiana after General Assembly. Our Indiana EDUF people are hosting him.

SAVE-THE-DATES! We are very, very pleased with everything I've shared above, and I hope that you are, too. There's one more "heads up": we're in the process of planning EDUF meet-ups in the Seattle area and the Nampa area the weekend of the ladies' graduation, May 5-7. More details to follow.

We are very grateful for your interest in and prayers for ministerial education throughout Africa.


In Christ,
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