

EDUF Annual Report 2023

Your Good Seeds!

Plant the good seeds of
righteousness and you will
harvest a crop of love.
Hosea 10:12



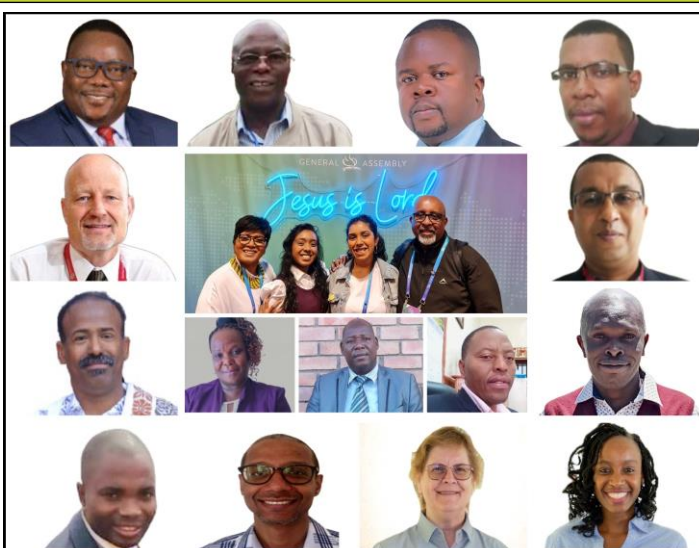
Dear Friends of Ministerial Education in Africa,

I have very good news for you. Seeds of righteousness (goodness) that you have sown are reaping a harvest of love!

What "seeds" have you sown?

Every prayer you've prayed, every post you've liked, every concern you've nurtured, every cent you've given, every good thought you've formed - about the Church in Africa is a "seed" that is now sprouting.

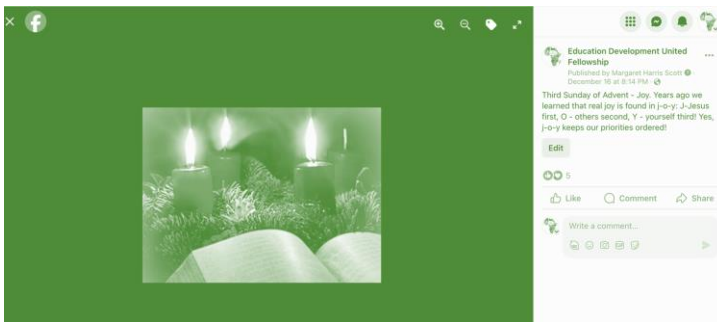
What "harvest of love" is showing up? In past years, EDUF was very little known such that love and appreciation from leaders across Africa was slight. But, in 2023, more communication with them has resulted in sprouts of loving trust, first with Dr. Gabriel Benjiman, Africa Region Education Coordinator, and his family as expressed in their greeting in the image above, and also with leaders at all nine institutions of higher learning across the continent. In the coming year, our plan is to focus prayer on those leaders by name and their educational institution.



Counting the Blessings of Good Seeds Sprouted

Every reader on our email list is highly valued by us at EDUF, so that means you. The fact that you are reading this is a blessing. Thank you! Of course, we thank God, too, the Giver of all good gifts, for the seeds that He watered this year.

1. **More people engaged in our mission to “increase access to ministerial education throughout Africa”.** We know that because our list of email addresses grew, and our Facebook followers increased. Hurray!
2. **Several new videos have been posted on our YouTube Channel** for all of us to view ourselves and to share with our small groups and churches. These videos include the testimony of one of the two scholarship recipients of the Schmelzenbach Memorial Scholarship at Northwest Nazarene University. [Celeste at NNU](#)



3. **Remarkable unity bloomed among the trustees on the EDUF board.** Though the trustees reside far apart from each other - in the middle states and the four corners of the USA and one in Toronto - and though they have never all met in one room, the trustees consistently plant seeds of time, dedication, and creativity in order for the mission of EDUF to be carried out. The unity of spirit shows a harvest of love, love to God, love to Jesus’ global mission and Church, love to Africa.



Top row: Jeff Hitchcock, Margaret Scott, Randy James, Hilbert Miller
 2nd row: Tom & Lauralee Nothstine, Joel Scott, Sharon Bull, Frank Hallum
 3rd row: Lisa Morrison, Pat Crane, Daryll Stanton, Dave Boblitt
 4th row: Carol Rotz, Fred Otto, Ken Walker, Tammy Carter-Licteig.
 Pictured above with NNU grad: Randy Craker

4. **The number of projects funded in one year hits an all-time time.** Thanks be to God for donors that gave seeds for us to scatter all across Africa, North to South, East to West. There are so very many of them! - **41,807** sown to date. Check out the table below and rejoice with us for the harvest that is blooming.

Date	Amount	Project	Country
2022 Dec 14	\$6,568	Four African leaders in the online Masters' Degree Cohort at Trevecca Nazarene University	South Africa, Malawi & Kenya
2022 Total: \$6,568			
2023 Jan	\$2,000	Priorities of the Regional Director	Several countries
Feb 28	\$1,754	Top up to over 10K an under-endowed fund for scholarship at Nazarene Theological College Central Africa	Zambia
Apr	\$10,000	F.A.T.E.N. on Project Serve*	Many that speak French
May	Funds sent previously	Graduation of two Africa Region Leaders in online Masters' program from Northwest Nazarene University	Region NDI & Female Clergy
Aug 13	\$4,963.32	Africans in Masters' Degree Cohort	South Africa, Malawi & Kenya
Sept 18	\$2,221	T.R.E.E. to complete doctoral program	Malawi
Sept 18	\$10,000	F.A.T.E.N. on Project Serve*	French speakers
Sept 25	\$2,924	F.A.T.E.N. from 9 churches*	French speakers
Sept 25	\$5,000	T.R.E.E. on Project Serve* for Orality Clergy Development	Several countries
Nov. 30	\$445	F.A.T.E.N. from 4 churches	French speakers
Dec. 13	\$2,800	<u>Motorcycles for District Leaders Ethiopia</u> ; funds for one motorcycle on Project Serve*	Ethiopia
Dec. 13	\$1,700	<u>Horn of Africa Creative Access</u> on Project Serve*	Ethiopia +
2023 Total: \$43, 807.32			
Grand total \$50,375.32		Grand Total as of 12/18/23 of funds sent to projects to fortify ministerial education throughout Africa	

* "Project Serve" is the online platform for giving to the Church of the Nazarene that gives churches 10% credit for their giving.

There are multiple ways for individuals and groups to donate to EDUF, monthly or occasionally:

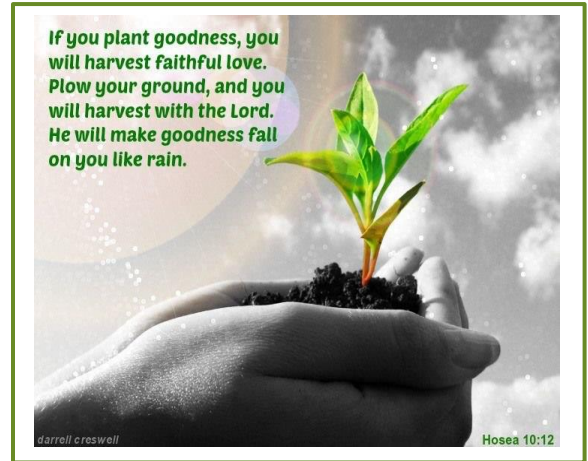
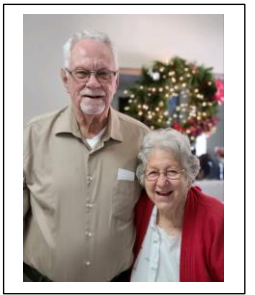
- mailing a check to EDUF treasurer: Mrs. Lauralee Nothstine,
2412 Wildflower Cove, Mishawaka, IN 46545
- giving through the donate button on Facebook [EducationDevelopmentUnitedFellowship/](https://www.facebook.com/EducationDevelopmentUnitedFellowship/)
- donating through Tithely with the 'Donate Now' button <https://eduf.org/donate/>
- direct deposit to our EDUF account that can be set up by our team at Admin@eduf.org.

Attention please churches wanting 10% credit for your giving. EDUF has new instructions from the Office of Stewardship at Global Ministries Center. Instead of sending checks to our treasurer marked for 10% giving, we ask you to please give online and then email a copy of the receipt for your giving to Admin@eduf.org. We thank you in advance for following this procedure.

We are in the season of Advent. In the face of all the human suffering all around Jesus' birthplace, let us all pray for peace and dig deeper to respond to the voice of our Living Lord.

Gratefully for the board of EDUF,
Margaret Scott, President

P. S. The wife of our precious treasurer emeritus of EDUF, Frank Hallum, Jr. journeyed to heaven this year. Besides his head for financial subjects, Frank expresses himself with words that speak to a lot of people. He and Pat have planted many, many good seeds.



A Letter to My Dear Wife,

Patricia, you are spending your first Christmas in heaven, and I am spending my first Christmas without you. I have been wondering how different our two Christmas experiences will be this year.

Down here I see people rushing around buying presents, they have decorated their homes inside and out, and many are traveling from miles away to be with their families for Christmas. After they get there, anticipate exchanging gifts on Christmas morning and enjoying a wonderful meal around their mom and dad's table. I have been hearing a lot of Christmas carols on the radio and television and have even been singing some myself in church. I don't know if what we sing about in the carols is actually what happened when Christ was born. I don't know if the angels came down to sing at midnight, or if the sky was clear, or if they actually had harps of gold. Nor do I know if the shepherds were in the fields on a cold winter night. They normally would only be in the fields at night during the birthing season of the lambs which is in the spring. But I do know that Christ existed from the beginning of time. He and the Father are one and the same, and the Father chose to reveal Himself in the flesh, to mankind in the form of a baby. That baby proved to be the one promised by the prophets hundreds of years earlier who would ultimately become the "sacrificial lamb" by dying on a cross, thereby providing a means to have eternal salvation for all who would accept him and believe in him. That is why we sing the carols to remind us of Jesus' birth and why He came to earth.

Since I am not where you are, I can only imagine what your Christmas must be like. I wonder if you are now singing with the angels, and which songs you are singing? You are probably not singing "The Birthday of the King" since you are there with the King. I would think you might be singing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" or "Praise Him, Praise Him," or perhaps the chorus, "Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul." It must be nice just to be in His presence! It also must be nice not to go through all the hustle and bustle of shopping for presents, worrying about what to fix for Christmas dinner, or having to cook and bake for everyone. I know you are enjoying being with Jesus, being with Mom and Dad who got there before you and renewing the acquaintance of some of our friends who are also there that we haven't even thought about for a while. I'm glad you are no longer sick and don't have to spend any more time in doctor's offices or hospitals.

This Christmas without you will sure be different after spending the last sixty-six years together. It probably won't be that many more until we will be able to spend them with each other again. Here we celebrate it one day out of the year, but for you, EVERY DAY IS CHRISTMAS! Sweetheart, have yourself the Merriest Christmas ever!

Love you always, Frank