

## AUGUST FOR AFRICA 2023

### Churches that have Already Given

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### EDUF SALUTES CHURCHES THAT HAVE ALREADY GIVEN TO AUGUST-FOR-AFRICA 2023

Churches of the Nazarene from several different states have already sent in donations for “August-for-Africa”. EDUF thanks them for the responsiveness to the needs expressed by our top leaders, Dr. Dany Gomis and Dr. Gabriel Benjiman. The churches are:

- Brazil, Indiana
- Federal Way, Washington
- Ontario, Oregon
- Trevecca, Tennessee
- Worcester, MA

These churches will receive 10% credit for their donations. We hope to publish a long, long list by the end of our campaign in September.

### A Reminder about Why We Give

Why August for “Africa”? Why not “August for Australia” or “August for Asia” or “August for Austria”? Well, currently, 1 in 4 Christians in the world live in Africa! The Church of the Nazarene in Africa enjoys an exploding growth of believers and, at the same time, grapples with a huge challenge to train up pastors and lay leaders. African Nazarenes that speak English have options for education that do not exist in other languages. Major languages in Africa include French and Portuguese.

**\*\*Currently Africa has approximately 8,500 Churches of the Nazarene and about 1,800 ordained clergy, making **4.7 churches for every ordained elder**. That’s too many! In the training pipeline are another 2,500 (1,500 district licensed clergy and 1,000 locally licensed ministers). If and when these 2,500 are ordained, there will 4,300 elders, so **1.98 churches per elder**. But by then there will surely be more churches to pastor, so the race is on to train many, many more!**

\*\*\*Nazarene Research Services, Church of the Nazarene, Global Ministries Center, 2020-2021

**The purpose of EDUF is to increase access to ministerial education throughout Africa.**

### BREAKING NEWS from Dr. Benjiman

**YOUR PRAYERS:** Friends, in the last week of July 2023, I asked that you pray for the good outcomes of our Council meetings at Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi. Our Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S. Makhosi Bhebhe, together with his formidable administrative and leadership team set the platform for strong business meetings and insightful workshops for Council members and Trustees. We also took time to appreciate Dr. Jerry Lambert as we bid farewell as Chancellor of ANU and welcomed Dr. **Eugenio Duarte**, as the new Chancellor of Africa Nazarene University.

**\*\*Developing Story:** More will follow under the Church of the Nazarene Official Africa Region FB Continue praying as I depart Kenya today. I will arrive in Dakar, Senegal tomorrow morning. There I will meet with a part of the ARCOSAC team to journey on to Cape Verde for Quality Assurance based meetings around clergy development curricula. These are vital meetings so please pray for:

1. Protection all along the journey
2. Provisions for all our hosts & traveling participants
3. The various different parts of the meeting
4. Return mercies
5. Pray for West Africa and the development of our clergy in this rapidly growing part of the Kingdom

Shalom blessings. Gabe