



## EDUF Pastoral Training at the “Ends of the Earth” August 2024

Dear Friends of Nazarene Education in Africa,

Jesus references the “Ends of the Earth” in His last instructions to us. Where are these “ends”? I think I’ve been to a few of them! When Jon and I lived in Africa, we drove our 4x4 to deliver Jesus Film Equipment and pastoral training books to churches in very remote places. Sometimes the rutted, dirt road ended such that we had to drive through fields to get to the church. Surely Africa isn’t alone with these locations, but it does have some of those “Ends of the Earth” and Jesus has churches there. Yay!

In recent communication with a pastor who was part of a team that traveled to teach at one of these very remote places, I wrote to him: *The realities there seem to cause us conflict. ‘Things’ shouldn’t be this way. Why is life so difficult for them? Why do poverty and death live so close to these wonderful people? What can we do about it? Why don’t more people care? Why don’t more Nazarenes care?*

He wisely replied, **“More Nazarenes would care if they only knew.”**

Our EDUF readers do care. You show it by reading this newsletter. Thank you.

Let’s think more about Jesus’ mission in Africa. Do you know that there are 54 countries in the continent of Africa? The Church of the Nazarene is planted in 44 countries across Africa. How many languages are spoken in Africa? Over 2000!

- Pastors in these 44 countries of Africa need multiple options to become better prepared to lead their churches
- Pastors and church leaders need training in many different languages
- Pastors and church leaders need training at different educational levels, i.e. an academic ladder:
  - Some of them need entry level and oral methodologies
  - Others need secondary- and university-level schooling
  - Instructors at our Nazarene institutions, need graduate-level studies

EDUF chose the month of August for a yearly campaign to raise funds for educational resources throughout Africa. We called it “August-for-Africa” but the real need is to raise funds every day, every month! There are several choices for giving on our website: [Giving to Empower](#)

August seemed too busy with vacations and preparation for school starts to focus on Africa so we switched the campaign to “October-for-Africa” and created a poster and bulletin inserts to use in your church on the next two pages. Click on these links for more information on [October-for-Africa](#) and downloading the [poster](#) and [bulletin inserts](#).

Thank YOU for caring about the Ends of the Earth,

Margaret Scott  
President

## Two-Page Poster to Print

### Nazarene Ministers in Africa Need Help from Your Church

**Why do they need our help?**  
AFRICA is the world's fastest growing Region of the Church of the Nazarene. However, the rapid increase in the number of churches in Africa has far exceeded the theological training of church leaders. Thousands of the men and women who are already leading churches lack holiness training. **They need more kinds of ladders!** They need more ministerial training programs in order to develop the skills, experience, knowledge and character to lead churches well.

**How can your church help our ministers in Africa?**  
Partner with us at EDUF! Our constant partnership with the top Nazarene educational leaders allows us to hear the priorities directly from them and to pass this news on to others.


**Why would your church want to do this?**  
EDUF is agile! We have set up means to quickly on the funding priorities of our top African leaders. If you want to receive our ministerial training, send your email address to our President, Dr. Margaret Lewis, [admin@eduf.org](mailto:admin@eduf.org). Also, follow our Facebook page ([Educational Development United Fellowship](https://www.facebook.com/Educational-Development-United-Fellowship/)) for updates and prayer requests.

**When to give?** Anytime, of course, but the orange of autumn may remind you to plan to pray for and give to "October for Africa" when, each year, EDUF begins the highest priorities of our top African leaders.

**How would your church give?** Details for giving are found on page 2, also on EDUF.org website.

**The Core Activities of EDUF**  
The purpose of EDUF is to come alongside African leaders to carry out the mission to "increase access to ministerial education throughout Africa." Africa is our Africa.

**EDUF'S CORE ACTIVITIES**



**Prayer**  
Prayer underlies all that EDUF does, both with us in praying for the new ministries of ministerial training across Africa.

**Ways to Give to Fortify Ministerial Education in Africa**

- making a check to EDUF (contact Mrs. Laurence Nichols at 2412 Whiteflower Cove, Mishawaka, IN 46545)
- via the button on Facebook Page ([Educational Development United Fellowship](https://www.facebook.com/Educational-Development-United-Fellowship/))
- through Transfer on the "World Now" to the African Development Authority
- setting up a direct deposit to our EDUF account through our team at [Admin@eduf.org](mailto:Admin@eduf.org).

Our churches have had 100% credit for our program. EDUF has been contacted by the office of Development at United Methodist Church to observe due to the [UMC Development Office Report](https://www.umc.org/press-releases/2016/06/01/umc-development-office-reports) at [www.umc.org/press-releases/2016/06/01/umc-development-office-reports](https://www.umc.org/press-releases/2016/06/01/umc-development-office-reports). They learned a lot and are excited to assist in [Admin@eduf.org](https://www.umc.org/press-releases/2016/06/01/umc-development-office-reports) fully the giving for the projects. Thank you is always for following this procedure instead of sending checks to our account; contact the 100% giving.


Donations received by EDUF without requesting a receipt are used for sustaining the mission to fortify ministerial education throughout Africa through increasing access to training programs.


\*Post from online platform for Nazarene group (a group for the 100% credit for giving)

## Bulletin Insert

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