



## Education Development United Fellowship

Delightful News in May 2024



Dear Friends of Ministerial Education in Africa,

I've never been in the same room with the gentlewoman donor that I just spoke to on the phone. She lives far from me. We talk from time to time. Today, I had news to share with her that I had received from SANU (Southern Africa Nazarene University). The scholarship grant that she had sent would give her "the desires of her heart". She wanted very much to help students in medical fields to further study this year and this grant would help 10 students. She was delighted! Her joy blessed my heart!

There was LOTS of work behind the scenes for this to happen. Multiple communications between the Vice Chancellor at SANU, the Africa Regional Education Coordinator, the EDUF treasurer, the EDUF bank and me. Lots of work that will yield ripples of blessing from this multi-party collaboration. It demonstrates the truth expressed in one of my favorite Psalms (37):

*Trust in the LORD and do good.*

*Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.*

**<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you your heart's desires.**

*<sup>5</sup> Commit everything you do to the LORD.*

*Trust him, and he will help you.*

*<sup>6</sup> He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,  
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.*

God has enabled this gentlewoman to give a lot of money. Most of us are rich in other ways, so as we "Trust...Do good...Take delight...and Commit to Him", He is faithful to give us the desires of our hearts as He did to her.

Thank you for the kindness of reading on in the May newsletter to share the joy of other significant happenings in the lives of people who make up Education Development United Fellowship.

On His Mission with you,  
Margaret Scott  
President of EDUF

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### Graduation in Nashville of First Cohort of MS in Instructional Design and Technology



Back row: James Patterson, Rev. Bob Aldrich, Jeff Hitchcock, Jr., Dr. Lena Welch, Dr. Ken Walker  
Front: Rev. Musa Kunene, Sinenkhosi Kunene, Prudence Kunene, Dr. Shirley Aldrich, Rev. Mathapelo (Thapi) Tebele, Rev. Lisa Morrison, Dr. LeMetrius Daniels

Praise God for the fruit of this 3-way partnership between Trevecca Nazarene University, African Region of the Church of the Nazarene, and Education Development United Fellowship. On May 3, 2024, three EDUF trustees - Dr. Ken Walker, Lisa Morrison and Jeff Hitchcock, Jr. - along with major EDUF supporters, Dr. Shirley Aldrich and Rev. Bob Aldrich, were present in Nashville to celebrate the graduation of four African leaders who completed the online master's degree in Instructional Design and Technology from Trevecca Nazarene University. Many donors gave towards the fees of these students. EDUF thanks you for your fantastic faithfulness! Congratulations to the creators and instructors of this new program and to the hard-working students themselves. Four Africans graduated with this degree. Two were present for these photos. Including:

**Prudence Kunene** wrote: *I was glad to meet Jeff [Hitchcock, Jr.] during the graduation ceremony, and others from the whole EDUF board of trustees. We had a long discussion about instructional design and to my surprise he was involved in setting up Africa Nazarene University (ANU) online technological equipment in Kenya where I work now as an instructional designer. My husband was pleased to see Dr. Walker whom he's known since he was 6 years old in Swaziland, also during his time in Swaziland Nazarene Bible College where Ken Walker taught him. It was such a blessing to us all to be invited by Dr. Shirley and Rev. Bob to their home for breakfast in the morning of the graduation day (my children, especially, were amazed by the generosity).*

**Prudence** also says: *Thank you ever so much, EDUF, for making my dream come true!*

**Oscar Dama** wrote: *I have over thirteen years of experience in higher education as a librarian, chaplain, and lecturer at NTCCA. Through the Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology program, I have gained the skills and knowledge to create engaging, interactive, and effective learning experiences for my students. I am grateful for those who supported me financially during my studies at Trevecca Nazarene University.*

**Peris Akoli** wrote: *I am a volunteer at Africa Nazarene University, Online department, as an instructional designer. I am the district Children Ministry secretary. I would like to personally appreciate each and every one of you for the support you accorded to me and my peers. Not only has it equipped me for better ministry, but it has also led me closer to God, which is our sole purpose here on earth.*

**Mathapelo (Thapi) Tebele** wrote: *As Vice Principal for Academics at Nazarene Theological College of South Africa says, I express gratitude to everyone who contributed to our achievement of this degree in Instructional Design and Technology.*



**SIDING PROJECTS IN CORYDON, IN**  
**By Todd Nothstine**



Emmanuel Nacionales and Ken Walker

Over the span of a couple weeks beginning in early March this year, dad and I (Tom and Todd Nothstine) had the privilege of working once again with the energizer bunny of retired missionaries (or more like "re-tired") Ken Walker, on another fund-raising project for EDUF.

As was the project last time we made the 5-hour trek from Mishawaka to Corydon, Indiana two years ago, this one entailed siding another house project that Ken is overseeing for his sister, Juanita. Juanita has been a generous donor to EDUF over the years. A few of us occasionally

volunteer a little of our time and labor toward her house-building passion and she passes on those funds to EDUF that would have gone to a contractor to do the job. What a great idea!

What we volunteers have not always thought such a great idea, however, is the habit Juanita has of picking steep hillsides on which to build multi-story homes, ha-ha! To be fair, it's mostly a matter of what there is to work with - the southern Indiana topography of Corydon is nothing like the tabletop flatness of Mishawaka, for example. The odds are good you'll be building on a hillside, and that tends to mean you will also be going up at least two levels with the floor plan. And these factors contribute to making something like a siding job a little more work than it might be for, say, a one-level ranch. But it was all good. We came, we saw, we conquered!



Tom Nothstine, Ken Walker, Todd Nothstine

This latest project was a towering 3-story home, being sided in a lovely shade of green (I'll call it Hillside Green!). Due to its height, we had to put a lot of scaffolding to use - 5 tiers of it, to be exact. It was a veritable tower of tubular framework and cross-bracing, and no exaggeration to say that erecting and tearing it down was a job in itself. Also, as it meant working as high as 30 feet off the ground, on a mere 24" wide platform, there were earnest prayers and thanks given to God for safe keeping on a Potentially perilous job. It would end up taking us about six days (spread

across three round trips to Corydon) to get the siding job largely completed.

But it wasn't just me and dad and uncle Ken doing all the work - lifelong friend and fellow missionary kid, Emmanuel Nacionales, came over from nearby Louisville to work with us for a couple of days. In addition, Bob Ferryman and his son Jeff, from Indianapolis, also joined the effort one day and were a great help, being no strangers to construction work themselves. Bob and Jeff, as well as Emmanuel, were also in on the previous EDUF siding job a couple years ago, by the way. Rain showers interrupted and halted the fun a couple times briefly, but the late-winter weather was otherwise very cooperative.

Re-tired Ken Walker claims this is the last house build he will be managing for Juanita, but some of us are skeptical. Only time will tell, perhaps! And if another one does come along, there are some of us who will be happy to rendezvous in Corydon, Indiana again. With a little luck, it might even be at a one-level ranch not on a hillside.

EDUF Trustees Rock!  
Significant Trips to Africa



**Honeydew, South Africa, May 7 – 29.** Dr. Sharon Bull, Secretary of EDUF, led five librarians who traveled to Nazarene Theological College to assist with cataloging of library resources, adding electronic books to the collection, reviewing policies and procedures, and assisting with the library website, all in preparation for the transition of library leadership from Anna Sibeko who is retiring at the end of the year.



**Nairobi, Kenya, June 4 ff.** Dr. Daryl Stanton, EDUF leader of Creative Academics, will lead a discipleship workshop for the Africa East Field. Then with others from the Nazarene Discipleship International, he will facilitate Discover Missions training for 150+ at Africa Nazarene University.

**eSwatini and Mozambique, June 14 – July 3.** Dr. Ken Walker will lead a team of 10 individuals to work on a building project. Some are staying longer for a side trip to Tete, Mozambique. Stay tuned for photos on the EDUF Facebook page.

**Milange, Mozambique.** Dr. Randy and Robinette Craker and their team of volunteers will fly into Blantyre, Malawi then drive across the border into the site in Milange where they will work on an educational center. They will fly out via Johannesburg.

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