



Dear Friends of Nazarene Education in Africa,

PEOPLE:

Most schools in the USA start in September, some in August. All of us experience in our families the mixture of emotions in the lives of many people at the start of the school year. Many schools in Africa are starting up now, as I write. There are nine Nazarene institutions of higher learning and dozens of Nazarene private schools across the continent so let's pray for the people in Africa – students at many levels, staff, teachers, and faculty.

EDUF is also "people". We are people who live all over North America, who care about people in Africa so we invest thoughts, prayers and dollars to projects in Africa. EDUF is "little", like young King David was when he faced the giant and slayed him. The needs in Africa are also giant (!) but EDUF donors in 2024 gave well. Kindly keep reading to find out more and to find a question I'd really appreciate your answering.

PARTNERS. In December, we shared a *surprise* and a *hope*. Our joyous *surprise* was connecting to NCM/Canada that has coordinated for years the shipment of containers of school supplies to Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) from a local church in Cambridge, Ontario. They were open to receive the dozens of boxes of books and scientific glassware purchased and collected from the buildings at Eastern Nazarene College, then consolidate them into their shipment to Africa.

Our *hope* was that you wonderful readers of this newsletter would help us raise funds for the two parts of what we call the "Eswatini Project". One part is transportation for all the items from Quincy, MA to Canada. The second part is a trip to Africa for two ENC faculty members who had the sad task of closing down the buildings at ENC. The total cost of the project is \$8,000.

To date, generous readers have sent in \$6,885. Yay! And NCM/Canada has offered to pay the cost of customs at the border.

Several volunteers have spent hours at the New England District NMI mission house, that is called Reed Missionary Manor. We have packed, wrapped, numbered and prayed over the boxes for the shipment. Our labor is not in vain. The items are ready to ship to Canada as early as February 3.



Eswatini is a favorite country of many of us Nazarenes, but EDUF strives to serve the educational needs of the Church throughout Africa. So, I'd like to share about the purposes of EDUF and then ask you a question.

PURPOSES. The statutes of EDUF state that the Fellowship is organized exclusively for

- educational purposes (school-based, academic ministries),
- charitable purposes (compassionate ministries),
- scientific purposes (health, water, environmental).

Almost all of the ministry of EDUF to date has been related to the education purposes. But we might do more. We've had discussions with several groups about the potential of new projects that might be more "charitable" or "scientific" in nature. All three of these purposes, take us back to "people", so, I want to ask you,

Would you like to be on a task force to explore new EDUF projects?

What would the task force require of you? Interest, of course, but then attending one or two kick-off Zoom meetings, then emailing with me and others in the group to explore possibilities. I look forward to receiving your response at admin@eduf.org.

Prayerfully and thankfully,

Margaret Scott
President,
EDUF

There are several ways you can give to EDUF to support African education:

- Via the 'donate' button on our [website](#)
- Via [Tithe.ly](#) - just search for EDUF
- Via [PayPal](#)
- Mailing a check payable to EDUF to our Treasurer:

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