



Education Development United Fellowship

Compassion in Action: New England, Canada and Kenya
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Breaking news from Jeff Hitchcock, Jr., Nairobi, Kenya

As leader of New England District Project Team to Africa Nazarene University, and from Nairobi, Jeff reports: *Praise be to God for providing an opportunity to serve at ANU-Kenya! And thank you for all the encouragement, prayer, kind thoughts and resources that were provided to bless brothers and sisters on this side. It's been a challenge to lead the team, meaningfully contribute, heal from the flu and TD and keep you all updated on a regular basis.*

To say we hit the ground running would be an understatement as we spent two days last weekend serving at Mather CotN running a children's program, serving meals, and loving on those present. The work started on Monday with various construction projects and a game night with students. Now that I'm over the sickness, I'm ready to get back after it!

"Father, please accept my meager offering and let it be pleasing to you. You have provided these opportunities for glory to be brought to your name only. Continue to put people in front of me and I will tell them about your saving grace and abundant love."



Meanwhile...back in the USA

February 1, in Quincy, MA at the New England Mission House, we finished packing some scientific glassware to take to Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi. Dr. Tadiose Bekele has been an ever-ready volunteer to help with this gathering of books and science equipment to send to Nazarene schools in Africa. Native of Ethiopia, with his PhD in Environmental studies from China, he taught for 16 months at Eastern Nazarene College.



February 3, in Canada, Rev. Alan Cristales, Director of NCM/Canada, authorizes Orbit customs agent to act for our shipment when it gets to the border.

In Quincy, MA. Issac's Trucking company arrives to do professional packing of ALL the items going from Quincy, MA to Cambridge, Ontario with final destination Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini.



Another set of books will go to Nazarene Theological College, South Africa



February 4, Dr. Mark Mann, professor of theology at Point Loma Nazarene University, reviews books separated out to send to NTC-SA (Nazarene Theological College, South Africa).

On sabbatical leave from PLNU, Mark has spent time in Africa. He visited, counseled and prayed with faculty and taught at both ANU and SANU. His great passion and vision is for the development of Wesleyan Holiness theologians from Africa. With this heart and vision, he joined EDUF as a trustee in 2024.

February 7, EDUF treasurer Lauralee Nothstine, Mishawaka, Indiana, persisted until she figured out how to complete the online payment to Isaac's Shipping Company so that the load cleared customs to move on to delivery to Preston Church of the Nazarene in Cambridge, Ontario. Lauralee and Tom served as career missionaries in Eswatini and Madagascar.



February 8 The shipment cleared customs at the border!

EDUF thanks the many friends who prayed for the shipment to clear customs. It did - in spite of political tensions at the US-Canada border!

Then on Valentine's Day...February 14, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Marg Stahlbaum, Leader of Go Teams and "Books in Hands", Canada Central, NYI reported:

I received a call in the morning of February 14, 2025 from Orbit (customs agency) that the shipment from EDUF was going to be delivered between 11:00-12:00 to the Cambridge Preston Church of the Nazarene. There was a minor hiccup though! Cambridge received about 40 cm (15") of snow on Thursday and the parking lot hadn't been plowed. The road plows added about another 60 cm (23") at the entrance from the road as well!

Orbit then called and said that they'd come on Tuesday, Feb 18th instead. But then a few minutes later I received an email saying that drivers were on their way as they had another delivery in a nearby city. Our pastor was in flight from Guatemala but was able to give me the snow plow company number. I called and asked if they could do a rescheduling favor and do the lot for 11:00. I was told they would do their best and would try to be there no later than 2:00. However, when I arrived at 11:10, the entrance and lot were fully plowed! I only needed to shovel the sidewalk and staircase into the church.



At approximately 11:45, two men from Orbit arrived and were very courteous. I had called in two friends to help unload but the Orbit employees insisted that they do the carrying up and down the stairs to where the boxes were going to be stored. Nick was the lead from Orbit. He was friendly and thorough, showing us how to mark off the packing list as they brought in the items.

By 1:30, Orbit had completed the off-loading of the items. All of the boxes looked in good condition with no visible damage to anything. Nick left me a damage reporting sheet for when we off-load in Eswatini in case there was any damage not visible from the outside. I'll take that with me when I go.

Thank you, EDUF, once again, for investing in SANU and the current and future students and professors. What a blessing this will be to them.



EDUF thanks our secretary, Dr. Sharon Bull, for connecting us to her friend, Marg. We thank Marg for her heroic efforts amidst the snow pile-up on delivery day!

We join her in prayer for these items:

- 1) sufficient recovery from a health condition that will allow her to attend the upcoming Nazarene Youth International Leaders' Conference in Utah
- 2) continued organization of the container due to arrive at Marg's church on March 22nd for loading, then to be picked up on March 24th to ship to Southern Africa for delivery in Eswatini
- 3) wisdom as she pulls together all the details for the "Go-Team" traveling in July from Canada to Eswatini (hopefully after the arrival of the container so the team can help to distribute the contents to SANU and to Nazarene private school libraries).

EDUF thanks many friends that donated time and money to make this shipment happen! I trust you are encouraged by these reports of love in action, love to Africa, love to our Lord and Savior.

In Him,
Margaret

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