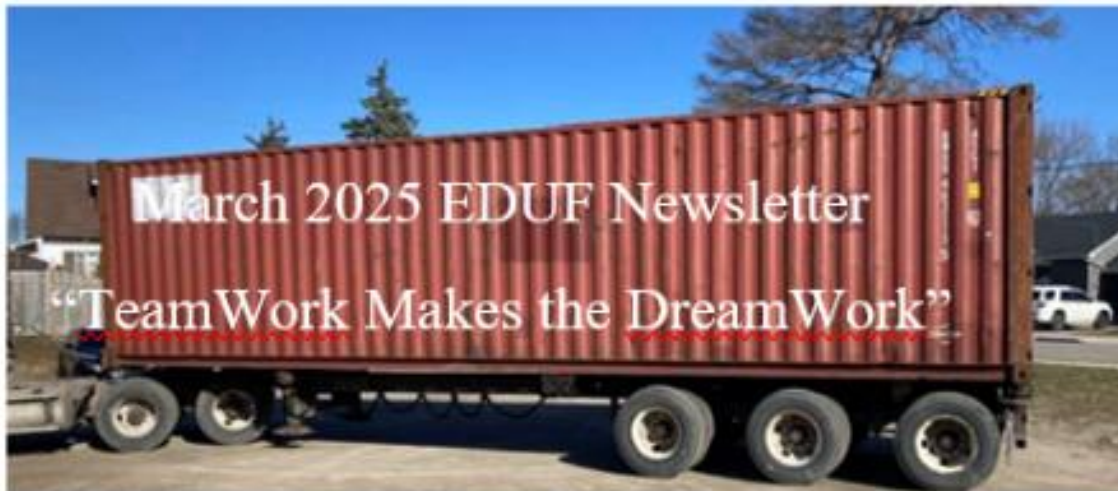


2025 March Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!



Dear Friends of Education in Africa,

Many readers of this newsletter have been following the dream of getting valuable items from the campus of Eastern Nazarene College to Nazarene schools in Africa since the campus auction in October. The next steps in this giant project are in play. The "strongman" in the pivotal location of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada is a lovely Nazarene lady, Marg Strahbaum. The container arrived at her church last weekend. Volunteers loaded it up then. Here is news from her:

We had an update this week that the container is leaving on Monday rather than the following Monday, so this week has been hectic... this is hard to do when you work as well as this full-time stuff with the container!!! LOL I still have 60 boxes in my house to take to load at the church (two blocks away).

I don't have shipment dates yet.... tentatively the railyard is to open April 10. We are hoping it goes on a train before April 20th. If it does, the tentative date of arriving in Manzini is July 9. I won't know what date it will arrive until I actually get confirmation that it's on a ship. Our team departs Toronto July 1, returning to Toronto July 20.

I think it's obvious that prayer requests include Marg, her health, her family, her church and the team in formation, plus prayer for the people making decisions about the shipment, the shippers and safety on the sea.

More details and photos below.

Thank you for praying and for reading further,

Margaret Scott



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ENC-to-Canada-to-SANU Shipment: Besides the hours of physical help gathering and packing from volunteers at both ends of this shipment, several donors gave towards shipping costs. The most recent donor was Nazarene Compassionate Ministries – Global. We praise God for this.

Another branch of this undertaking is a trip that Dr. Sharon Bull will be leading. It will be a team of six (or seven) to Melanesia Nazarene Bible College in PNG to train the library staff on OPALS library system and work at processing the ENC books and others too. Team members joining Sharon are: Amy Hwang - former ENC librarian, Ruth & Randy Kinnersley, Ethel Bull, Michael Lund (Australia), and Noreen del Rosario (Philippines). The team leaves March 31 and will be back on April 24.

The shipment has arrived in Lae! Thanks be to God! Now we are praying it through customs!



CLOSING THE CLERGY GAP: EDUF PARTNERSHIP

Another long-dreamed wish for the founders of EDUF is for our donor churches to receive 10% giving credit. It has been approved and is on the Nazarene.org website. Yay!!! The project is called "Closing the Clergy Gap: EDUF Partnership". It was designed by the office of Dr. Gabriel Benjiman, with our input, too. Most of you readers will be familiar with the term "clergy gap". Details of the size of the gap are in the description of the project. Here is what it says online:

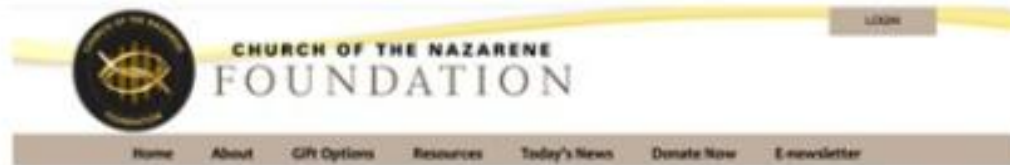
One in four Christians in the world lives in Africa! The Church of the Nazarene in Africa enjoys an exploding growth of believers, yet the rapid increase in the number of churches has far exceeded the theological training of church leaders. This project addresses the critical issue called the "Clergy Gap." Africa has about 8,500 local Nazarene churches and about 1,800 ordained clergy, making 4.7 churches for the care of every ordained elder or 6,700 churches without a trained leader. See the gap?

In order to duly prepare 6,700 additional men and women for ordination, the Spirit-led faculty members at nine Nazarene institutions in Africa are key. Many of them need more education themselves so the goal of this project is to scholarship 67 faculty members over the next three years. If each of these faculty members trains up 100 for ordination (that's a lot), and a year of study costs \$1200, the total dollar goal for three years is $\$3600 \times 67 = \$241,200$. A church-sized portion might be one year's study for one faculty member = \$1200. A district might take on three year's study for \$3600.

Together we can bridge this gap! The dollars donated to this project strengthen the Church by better equipping a large number of her leaders.

The full name of EDUF is Education Development United Fellowship. In covenant partnership with the office of the Africa Region Director of Clergy Development, the mission of EDUF is to fortify ministerial education throughout Africa. EDUF is one partner in the 5-way partnership of this project: YOU, the Africa Region, the institutions that train, the pastors who learn & EDUF.

Click here for the 'Closing the Clergy Gap' website: <https://give.nazarene.org/donate/153841>



One last bit of significant teamwork. Our Nazarene Church Foundation helps EDUF to watch these funds. Many of YOU have given to EDUF for scholarships. Today we moved EDUF funds to four different "under-funded" endowments toward students at ANU, NTCCA and the Horn of Africa. You, NCF and EDUF did this! Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.

We give God the glory for the dreams and the teams and we thank you for responding to Him.

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

Via the 'donate' button on our website

Via Tithe.ly

Via PayPal

- Mailing a check payable to EDUF to our Treasurer:
Lauralee Nothstine, 2412 Wildflower Cove Dr, Mishawaka, IN 46545

