



**Dear Friends of Nazarene Education in Africa.**

EDUF thanks you very much for your attention to the mission of "strengthening ministerial education throughout Africa".

We have new instructions about 10% giving. Please see below:

Churches now receive 10% giving to EDUF by

**Step one:** donating to the approved project on the Nazarene.org website that is called [Closing the Clergy Gap Partnership](#) Project Serve Number 153841

**Step two:** If your church chooses to give that way, you will receive an emailed receipt from Global Treasurer's office. For us to keep track of donations to it, please forward to us at [ADMIN@eduf.org](mailto:ADMIN@eduf.org). We thank you in advance for doing this.

Other interesting projects are on the horizon as EDUF is communicating with several potential partners.

In the meantime, please read a bit about:

- Promising topics from our Zoom Fellowship Chat
- Connections - local, district and international
- Completions - the GO Team trip to Eswatini and items to SANU

Join us in celebrating creativity, connections and completions.

Margaret Scott, President of Education Development United Fellowship (EDUF)

**CREATIVE IDEAS:** Like many organizations, post-pandemic, EDUF meets virtually, via Zoom. The regular meetings of the trustees are every two months, starting in February. This year we started having "Fellowship Chats" in the months in between the regular meetings, so one chat was held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Those present were located far apart, as usual, Canada and Idaho, Massachusetts and Washington, with points in between. Like fellowship chats in church foyers, the meet-up includes introductions to people who are new to each other. There are prayers, but no agenda. This time the chat turned to brainstorming about vocational skills and small business start-ups that would enhance pastors' ability to be self-supporting. Since the chat, a few promising areas to research have surfaced that are in formation. Stand by for more info.

**CONNECTIONS:** One of six core activities of EDUF is "Connecting". Some connections are local like the EDUF trustees David Boblitt and Ken Walker meeting folks at District meetings in Southwest Indiana, like the compassionate ministries shaping up in New England or just doing business in Sandpoint, ID. Ken Walker reports:

*We did have 15 or 20 who would like to go to Africa. We will see how many finally sign up. I was pleased with a response... Especially with the District NMI president's support. Russ Fraser and his wife Carla, were our speakers for the convention. It was good to hear an update on FATEN [the French-speaking distance degree program].*

Each set of connections has future stories to be told. If you haven't yet made connection with us at EDUF visit our webpage at [eduf.org](http://eduf.org).

Another connection this month was surprising – communicating with the head of Nazarene Global Clergy Development, Dr. Klaus Arnold in relation to a ministerial education in French that crosses continents. If you speak French, please contact me and I'll share more at [Admin@eduf.org](mailto:Admin@eduf.org).

**COMPLETIONS:** Since last October, we have been following the activities of Marg Stahbaum who organizes the container shipment and GO Teams into Eswatini. The container started in Ontario, Canada, sponsored by NCM Canada, along with donations from several of you through EDUF. It arrived for unloading on July 16<sup>th</sup>. "Woohooo!!!!" Marg posted a few times from Eswatini. The team photos below "take us" to several sites.



July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Today, I got to deliver books and resources to Black Mbuluzi Primary school with NCM ESwatini. The truck was full as we left Manzini. Arriving at the school, I had lots of help unloading!!! This school had a small closet for a library. However, they had an empty classroom that will be converted into a new library with lots of space!!! If you want to help with the cost for shelving and painting the library, please pm me! ESwatini National Library Services will be on the ground helping to catalogue and prepare these donations for a GREAT library!!!



July 23<sup>rd</sup> Another day to deliver resources to a primary school. Endzigeni... the place where a missionary arrived at the turn of the 20th century to begin a holistic approach to ministry - teach, preach and heal in Eswatini. Today, we helped fulfil the "teach" part of that vision. Resources were delivered to a remote school. Children helped offload. Excitement was in the air as a basketball rolled out of the truck! The team visited the original site of the school, church and clinic. There also were the burial plots of Harmon Schmelzenbach and his wife, Lula. They changed the lives of many with their holistic approach to being a missionary and grew the Church of the Nazarene in southern Africa.



July 29<sup>th</sup> The GO team has wrapped up for this year! This was a time to celebrate great partnerships and friends that have become family. The NCM Eswatini office has been AMAZING to work with - so we celebrated their hard work in helping us at schools, container unloading, doing home visits with the Task Force and vision planning!!!

Today, Dr. Faith Mlota-Mngomezulu, Vice-Chancellor of SANU (Southern Africa Nazarene University) sent this brief message: "We received the consignment" you secured from Eastern Nazarene College. This will go a long way in assisting the university. We want to write an article about the donation to publish. Thank you so much!"

\*The "consignment" from ENC to the university consists of hundreds of pieces of scientific glassware, microscopes, textbooks and other classroom equipment.

The word "completions" fits in only one sense. It would be "continuations" in so very many other senses as ripples of love fan out across Eswatini from multiple levels of loving actions. To God be the glory!



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Here are a couple of things to consider as we end this month's newsletter:

How to connect with EDUF: [Join Us – 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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