



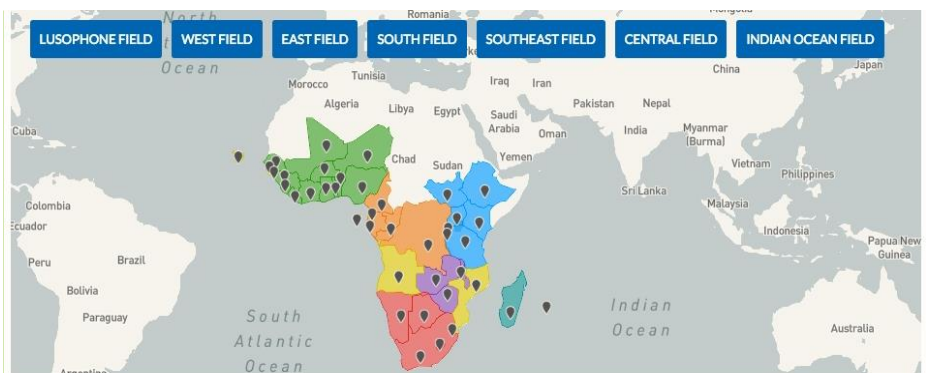
## PRA YING FOR THE SEVEN FIELDS IN AFRICA

### What are “F.E.C.’s”

- F.E.C.’s are Field Education Coordinators work alongside the Field Strategy Coordinators at the field level.

### What do F.E.C.’s do?

- F.E.C.’s strive to improve the quality of the training of ministers in their geographical area by attending to key items like faculty development, curriculum implementation and delivery.
- They also encourage the improvement of physical facilities used as educational centers that maybe church buildings, district centers or campus institutions.



Carrying out the mission of sharing the good news of Christ and making Christ-like disciples in the nations, the Africa Region of the Church of the Nazarene has seven “fields”. EDUF (Education Development United Foundation) encourages prayer for their leaders and is introducing in this newsletter four of the seven Field Education Coordinators (FECs).

Dr. Gabriel Benjamin says of them: “Our team of ARFEC’s (Africa Region Field Education Coordinators) are some of our most *plugged in* and *switched on leaders* in education on the continent”!

In this newsletter we focus attention on four fields: “East”, “South”, “Southeast” and “Central”. News from them in on page two.

From Dr. Gabriel Benjamin, the Africa Regional Education Coordinator

“Thank you EDUF, for your deep covenant connection with Africa Region. Your interest and investment in many of us personally and institutionally has us as a group of education coordinators exactly where God has invited us to be. Thanks for connecting in prayer with us.”

# MEET FOUR AFRICAN FEC'S

MORE OF THEIR PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS ON EDUF FaceBook PAGE

## EAST FIELD FEC ELIJAH

**KINGORI** (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda)

Rev. Kingori is a Principal at Africa Nazarene University. He and his wife have three daughters, Gladwel, Faith and Grace.

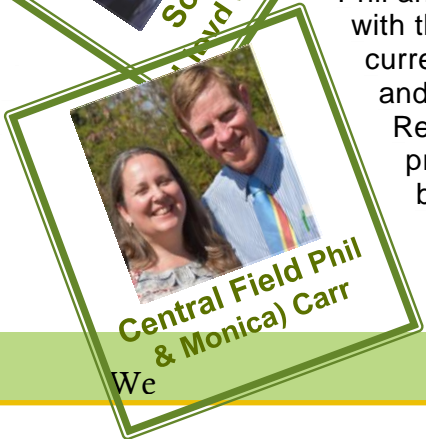
Rev. Kingori says, "Evangelism is becoming more effective since we started promoting intentional discipleship at all levels."

## SOUTH FIELD FEC LLOYD

**SOLOMONS** (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland)

Rev. Solomons lives in Johannesburg, South Africa, his wife is Tiffany. They have one (handsome) year-old son.

From NTC-SA (Nazarene Theological College, South Africa) he says, "God has been faithful to NTC-SA and we are so thankful and privileged to serve in His kingdom. Our top prayer request for ability to meet the rigorous standards for government



## SOUTHEAST FIELD FEC GARY

**SIDLE** (Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

Rev. Sidle and Penney are Global missionaries of the Church of the Nazarene, currently living in Lusaka, Zambia. They have three adult children, who now live in the USA and a newborn granddaughter!

Rev. Sidle requests prayer for the team of

leaders at the college in Lilongwe, Malawi. He says, "The Malawi gov't has given approval for re-opening, so they are bringing back the classes to compete the term that was stopped last March. They will bring back everyone for a full term in January that means they are off track on student completing classes for graduation.

## CENTRAL FIELD FEC PHILLIP CARR

(Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of the Congo, and Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Phil and Monica Carr are global missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene and are currently serving on the Africa Central Field and living in Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). They are praying for true transformation in this beautiful nation and across the Central Field. His top prayer request is "training for teachers".

### YOU can MAKE a big difference!

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### YOU can CONNECT with us!

Join an EDUF "hub" or chapter: in a a virtual that focuses on core activities or a geographic area:

- Engaged pray-ers
- Creative academics
- Developing libraries
- Funding mission
- Project teams

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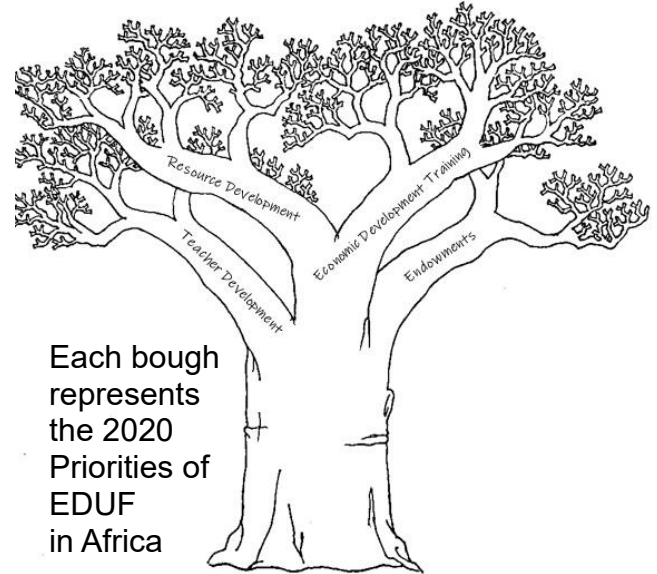
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# 2020 PRIORITIES IN AFRICA

## Dr. Gabe Benjamin

- T- Teacher Development** - I am working to see some of our current faculty members across all our schools acquire higher education - Masters and PhD's in their fields. It is a challenge but it is possible. Allow me to explain. Some of Students have studied in our US institutions. For the cost of a single Masters of Divinity at NNU, for example, we could develop 5 Masters graduates in Africa through world renown Academic Houses like SATS (South Africa Theological Seminary), UNISA (Uni South Africa), UJ (Uni of Johannesburg), UP (Uni Pretoria), etc. Global Partners who have sponsored African Students to study in the USA should be made aware of this. Their money could go a long way for the future of African Scholarships.
- R- Resource Development** - It is good to see libraries being aided here, such as the one at NTC South Africa. This will go a long way to resource English language schools. I would like to see a fully functional, well-stocked Wesleyan Online French repository. This will hold great value as we are currently working to develop the French B.Th. with a double major emphasis. It would also be wonderful to develop a similarly strong Portuguese repository/online Library. (This dream may have roots in the next two years but may take longer to materialize.)
- E- Economic Development Training-** The global pandemic revealed that beneath the veneer of Nazarene Educational Systems in Africa, our clergy development models on all seven fields are in need of efficient systems development. "Survival mindsets" stunt future development. Our educational systems must break these mindsets! We need to create vocational training and entrepreneurial development courses that are well accredited, well marketed and very relevant for clergy. Most of our school leaders/teachers/clergy lead from a passion to see the Church of the Nazarene thriving in Africa but upon retirement they personally have very little to live on. Social entrepreneurial development as part of the clergy lifelong learning is what I have shared with many as an idea. If we could raise up experts and expertise to partner with us to give short courses of high impact to develop our clergy to think critically and economically, we may break "*dependency thinking*" for the new generations of Nazarenes. Sadly, many Nazarene students returning from Urban based Universities don't remain in our denomination. This is economic self-sabotage for us. The reasons for the exodus are varied and most have to do with how Nazarene clergy leadership is perceived.
- E- Endowments- Rethinking Purpose: for Strategic Communication and for Trainings Identified Above**



**Teacher Training**  
**Resource Development**  
**Economic Development**  
**Training**  
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## *A Love Letter to the Bushveld.*

I remember how you look,  
I can see you in my mind's eye,  
the dips and rolls of your hills and valleys.  
A certain bend in the river or view of a distant kopje.  
I close my eyes and I see you....  
I am back again.

I remember how you smell.  
The rich earthy aroma of summer, the woodsmoke  
scent of winter.  
Sweet grass at dawn and the potato bush at dusk.  
I breathe deeply and inhale...  
I am back again.

I remember how you sound.  
The insects, rustling of grass – and the birds.  
Oh, the birds!  
Even after years, their names come unbidden  
to my lips when I hear their familiar calls.  
I conjure their song up in my mind...  
I am back again.

I remember how I feel. When I am there.  
And as I sit in front of my canvas, miles away,  
trying to capture you in paint.  
Where others see a picture, I see a love letter.  
For a few precious hours,  
I was back again.

*by Beth Restrick, 2019*



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