



Greetings from snow-covered states in the USA!

The ice-covered scenery in the photo above happens to be in Boston, MA, with green glass from many places including Nairobi, Kenya. EDUF is happy to share news with you about *Nazarene Education in Africa – and Beyond* that we hope will **warm your hearts** in whatever location you find yourself. You'll read about

- Zoom meeting fellowship on Jan. 17th
- Scholarships awarded to Africa Nazarene leaders at four different Nazarene universities
- Ministerial education underwritten in a new country



AFRICAN LEADERS ON ZOOM. Several of the EDUF leaders and friends had a significant time of fellowship and learning with three key leaders in Africa: Rev. John Haines, Interim Regional Education Coordinator, Rev. Cosmos Mutowa, Field Strategy Coordinator of the newly organized South Central Field and Sister Dhariana Balbuena, Africa Regional Partnership Coordinator. All three shared perspectives regarding the responsibilities and challenges they face in the ministry roles they currently have. They shared graphic resources like these:

Partnerships
OUR PURPOSE

We seek **partnerships** rooted in solidarity and co-creation, highlighting local voices and leadership in addressing challenges and opportunities.

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Promote collaborations between the Church of the Nazarene in Africa and global partners based on shared values and sustainable

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KEY ELEMENTS

Locally-led:
Emphasizes the importance of African agency and ownership in driving regional initiatives.

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Global Solidarity:
We welcome partnerships with organizations and individuals from outside Africa based on respect, equity, and mutual learning principles.

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Intra-African Collaboration:
This initiative fosters partnerships between the CON in Africa and individuals across the continent, leveraging diverse strengths and expertise.

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Shared responsibility:
This approach focuses on partnerships that demonstrate genuine concern and understanding of African realities while adopting an interdependent approach.

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Rev. Mutowa spoke of the extreme importance of developing educational centers for the spiritual formation and training of church leaders in areas of deep need like Milange, Mozambique. He affirmed the planning of the team led by Dr. Ken Walker and Dave Boblitt going to build onto that center. Previous teams into Milange were led by Dr. Randy and Mrs. Robbie Craker, and by Dr. Dave Restricks.

Rev. John Haines writes: *Thank you again for all you have done in and for Africa. Thank you for partnering with us in strengthening the churches, ministers, and ministries in the Africa Region. I know many of your hearts in EDUF are tied to Africa, because of long-standing relationships with African areas and persons. I am glad that those ties are still strong. Continue to pray for all of our efforts, particularly in Education in Africa. The challenges facing us are significant, but God is bigger than those challenges, and the Lord is moving in encouraging ways across Africa. We long to see His Kingdom Come in Africa.*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO NAZARENE LEADERS FROM AFRICA AND FROM

Because generous donors have given to scholarships through EDUF, Africans who are leaders in our Nazarene institutions of higher learning on the Region are studying online at Trevecca NU, Northwest Nazarene University, Africa Nazarene University and ISTEEL, Evangelical Theological Institute in Angola. Nursing students and other medical students were awarded scholarships at Southern Africa Nazarene University.

And....drum roll please...donations were received that were designated specifically for pastors in a country we call “creative access”. We don’t publish the name of it, but the result is that dozens of pastors there will get trained to achieve one step up the academic ladder in their country. Can we hear an “Amen – hallelujah!”?

We trust this good news warms your heart – whatever the outside temperature may be. Please feel free to share it with your church family and friends.

Thank you for your faithful attention to the mission of EDUF to “increase access to ministerial education throughout Africa” (and sometimes beyond). To God be the glory for the way He speaks to us, warms our hearts and draws us into His mission to love the world.

In Christ, Margaret Scott, President of Education Development United Fellowship



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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