

2026 EDUF Trustees in Africa and Intro to "October-for-Africa"

Three trips to Africa in the summer of 2026 were led by trustees of EDUF. There is a lot of good will and good work done on these trips but perhaps the greatest value of the trips is the building of authentic personal connections with our brothers-and-sisters in Africa. One trustee who is there now just shared: "I said it once and I'll say it again: "There is NOTHING like worship in Africa."

The photos below from teams' visits demonstrate acts of intentional recognition and relationship. Eswatini on the left, South Africa on the right.





Written words extending thanks to teams are also valuable. Trustee Marg Strahbaum led a team from Canada to eSwatini from June 28 to July 12. Manzini Nazarene Practising School wrote to them. The District Superintendent of Malawi South texted a thank you to a member of the Malawi team:



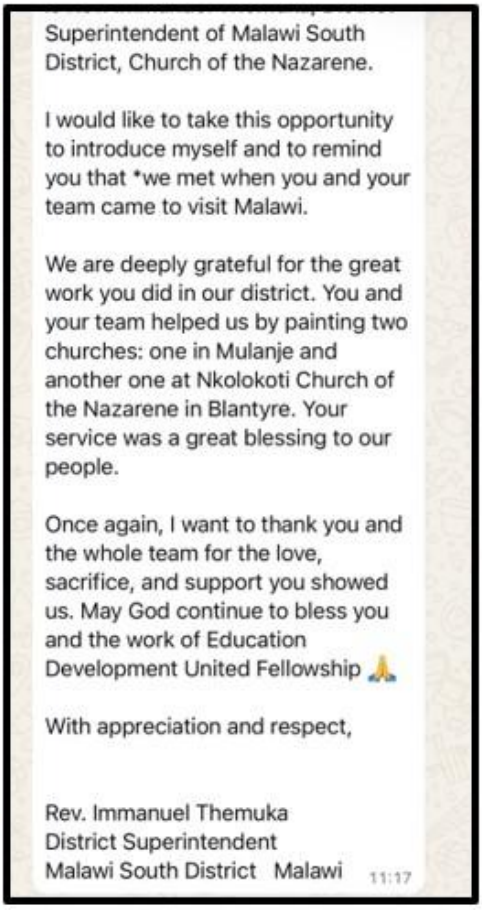
MANZINI NAZARENE PRACTISING SCHOOL

Thank You

The whole of Manzini Nazarene Practising School Staff and Pupils warmly **Appreciate** such a kind gesture and all these valuable **Parcels** we received from you Marg and the entire Canadian Team.

Thank you for the partnership you have with our school. We are looking Foward and we ambrace all the empowerment you are planning for our School, may the Gracious Lord protect and keep you until we meet you on your next visit.

God Bless You!



Superintendent of Malawi South District, Church of the Nazarene.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to remind you that *we met when you and your team came to visit Malawi.

We are deeply grateful for the great work you did in our district. You and your team helped us by painting two churches: one in Mulanje and another one at Nkolokoti Church of the Nazarene in Blantyre. Your service was a great blessing to our people.

Once again, I want to thank you and the whole team for the love, sacrifice, and support you showed us. May God continue to bless you and the work of Education Development United Fellowship 🙏

With appreciation and respect,

Rev. Immanuel Themuka
District Superintendent
Malawi South District Malawi

11:17

WALKER-BOBLITT TEAM IN MALAWI: Dr. Ken Walker reports their mission trip was successful even though it didn't get to Mozambique. When the 22 people reached the Mozambique border, they were unable to cross due to requirements requiring additional documentation for large groups. The team adjusted and ministered in Malawi. They repainted two churches, conducted meetings and distributed donated items including dresses and trousers to children. He says there was a family-like quality about the team.

The team had cordial meetings with several Nazarene leaders - Rev. Albino Banda, Mozambique country leader, Rev. Benjamin Baera, DS in Milange, Mozambique, Rev. Halisone Nafitala, President of Seminario Nazareno em Mocambique in Maputo, Rev. Joe Lilema, President of NTC-Central Africa and completed the intended roof project in Milange at-a-distance by supplying the money for local workers to finish it.

Co-Team leader, David Boblitt noted that while the team faced some challenges including getting stuck in Kruger Park, everyone's spirits were renewed, two young women expressed interest in missions, and one pastor expressed renewed interest in returning and potential future trips. Spiritual gains like these are priceless. We thank everyone for supporting the team in prayer and in giving funds for it and giving time for them to be away from home.

FROM NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT TO SOUTH AFRICA. The Project Team from New England District is co-led by Rev. Lisa Morrison and Jeff Hitchcock, Jr. They also are EDUF trustees. You don't have to lead a team or even go to Africa to be on our EDUF team. One of our most active trustees has never been to Africa but she is wholly dedicated to the mission of EDUF to "Resource Ministerial Education Throughout Africa".



New England District NMI Team currently in South Africa

"Project Teams" is one of six core activities of EDUF. The other five activities are these: **Prayer** (underlying all), **Connection, Creative Academics, Library Development**, and **Funding Resources.** Most of the funds raised by EDUF go to scholarships to African leaders advancing academically to better serve their churches, districts, fields and the Africa Region itself. The scholarship committee of EDUF receives applications that require approval of the applicant's ministry supervisors and of the Regional Education Coordinator, Rev. John Haines before they are considered.

Regarding **Funding Resources,** EDUF promotes in October each year several top projects for our followers to pray over and donate to. Below you'll find the names of the 2026 projects. A few details about them are pending so those details will be sent to you by the end of the month.

"OCTOBER FOR AFRICA" 2026

1. **TRANSLATING INTO FRENCH** a Wesleyan textbook for French-speaking pastors-in-training that has been selected by a global task force of Nazarene educators.
2. **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LEADERS** ALREADY VETTED for online programs at Northwest Nazarene University.
3. **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT** ON CAMPUSES
4. **EXTENDING TO MESO-AMERICA** NAZARENE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Details about each of them will be sent to you in another newsletter and also posted on our website by the end of the month. Stay tuned.

Core Activities

The purpose of EDUF is to come alongside African leaders to fortify ministerial training throughout Africa by way of our Core Activities.



Prayer

Prayer underlies all that EDUF does. Join with us in praying for the institutions of ministerial training across Africa. Visit them on the interactive map below.

Interactive Map



Connection

Connections are essential. EDUF officers communicate regularly with educational leaders in Africa to stay informed about their current needs and happenings and also with strategic partners in the States. EDUF gives regular updates to all those who follow our page on Facebook, who receive our newsletters and who sign up as members.



Creative Academics

Many leaders of EDUF served in Africa, working side by side with their African counterparts.

Read more...



Funding Resources

EDUF leaders recognize that we have been blessed. We long to share with those who have a greater need.

Read more and donate...



Library Development

The future of higher education across Africa depends on an intentional development of digital libraries.

Read More...



Project Teams

EDUF has been involved with teams of volunteers that have gone to Africa to work on construction projects, library projects, teaching seminars.

Read More...

In the meantime, if you are very interested in any of the projects and want to help us determine details for it, please email us at Admin@eduf.org. And check out some other photos below from the team in Malawi.



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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