

# EDU FOUNDATION

September 2014



## VISION

To raise the awareness of the various needs of education and to help educate people, especially in the developing countries of Africa.

## MISSION

To develop resources that will support education projects in various developing countries of Africa via scholarships, endowments and in other related ways.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of EDUF is to build resources via various kinds of projects and activities in order to support education in Africa by focusing on the areas of: Human Resources, Library Development, Communication, Work and Witness, Creative Academics, Financial Support, Prayer.

## “Presidents Notes”

By Ken Walker

Greetings EDUF Members and Friends! It has been a while since our last *EDUF Newsletter*. Our lives stay busy and we wonder just how they get that way.....especially those of us who are “retired”. I think this all happens because we do everything at a slower pace and therefore it takes longer to do the same thing. On the other hand, you would think, with all the technological advancements, that we could do everything faster and with less energy and effort. Or, is it just that life speeds up because of all the “instant” responses and expectations and we end up trying to do more. Well, I will leave that all up to you to figure out while I try to catch up with everything. Let me remind us of our beginning, need and structure in an effort to get back on track.

From the beginning of EDUF, we have had as our Motto: *“Developing Resources for Education in Africa”* Our intentions are that any resources we develop will be primarily focused toward the educational needs of Africa, but not the exclusions of others.....and is so stated in our Constitution. In 2005 Africa Region did a self-study of our educational systems in Africa. From this study, simply entitled: *“The Plan”*, Africa Region developed 11 initiatives that needed attention. Several of those initiatives had to do with *“leadership development”* which translates into various kinds of education and training. From these initiatives EDUF determined to emphasize 6 areas of support.....

## Presidents Notes cont...

Prayer, Creative Academics, Library Development, Human Resources, Work and Witness and Finances. We have shown this diagrammatically as a “star” or “hand”. Prayer is at the center of all we do and is shown as the pentagon center of the star with the other areas as the points of the star. Or, Prayer is the palm of the hand with the finances as the thumb which works with the other fingers to get the job done. It is difficult to see us doing any Library Development, WW, etc. without some financial support. This guided us to the need.

**NEED:** This is our continued task....to give our efforts and support to the education needs of Africa. The greatest need by far continues to be scholarships for students who otherwise without support cannot study. That need continues today some eight years later. Have you read the General Superintendents’ Report to the General Board this past February, 2014? Let me give you some statistics and quotes from that report given by our newly elected GS David Busic.

*“In 2013 the church reached its largest membership level in our history.....2.3 million members.....The narrowing gap in membership between USA/Canada and Africa is now a mere 2.3 percent....with the USA/Canada at 28.8 percent of the total and Africa at 26.5 percent of the total.”*

*“Rapidly changing cultural shifts, new economic realities, religious pluralism, and the shifting center of gravity for worldwide Christianity away from the West are only a few conditions we cannot ignore.....Indeed, these are the kinds of times in which technical, and perhaps even incremental changes, will not do....at least not entirely.....Adaptive change recognizes that we are in an entirely new situation, where little of our previous experience applies; it therefore asks us to address problems for which we don’t yet know the answers.”*

*There are major theological, organizational, and financial challenges on our denominational doorstep.....The task of educating pastors, internationalizing the church, and building mission infrastructure to accommodate a growing membership are ever-present realities that need ongoing attention. By the time the church reaches the year 2020 the church will have become a new version of itself in terms of leadership, membership, and perhaps culture. Memories and relationships linked to earlier days will be greatly diminished and in some cases completely gone.”*

*“This past year was a milestone in that there are now more organized churches in Eurasia than in any other region of the world, and at the current growth rate, Africa could also have more organized churches than USA/Canada by 2015. This is historic news for our denomination!”*

*“The USA/Canada region continues to be a strong supporter of the church’s global mission by providing 95.4 per cent of World Evangelism Fund giving. Giving from other regions is increasing. But until other regions become financially able to carry a larger part of that responsibility, it is especially important that we find ways to enhance the spiritual and financial strength of USA/Canada.” .....in order to support our worldwide church.*

*“Our schools (whether they are Bible colleges, liberal arts schools, nursing schools, seminaries, etc.) play a vital role in developing Nazarene theology, identity, socialization, and connectedness.....If we expect to have thinking, productive, faith-formed people in our pews, we must embrace and celebrate our Nazarene schools.”*



## Presidents Notes cont...

*“Globalization within the Church of the Nazarene has created a desperate need for leadership development....clergy and laity. In both jurisdictional assignments I have had in the past six months as a GS(David Busic), every field strategy coordinator I have spoken with has said that leadership development is the number one need.”*

Without a doubt, the greatest need we have is leadership development for the foreseeable future....and scholarship giving is the best way we can tangibly show our support, I believe. However, there are other ways....and we are doing that also by participating in WW, collecting and sending books to places that cannot work electronically yet and supporting travel scholarships for professors and teachers who can “go” to teach in other parts of the world. No one can doubt that the **need** is great.

### **Organization/Structure**

From the knowledge we had of the need we developed Education Development United Foundation (EDUF). We organized structurally by Chapters....by states geographically, such as Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Indiana, Northwest (Washington/Oregon/Idaho) and Pennsylvania. Just as we have combined three states to form one chapter in the Northwest, we could have a North Florida Chapter and a South Florida Chapter and the same in other states and areas. The primary consideration was the travel time necessary for members to get together. There is no actual rule as to how we do it. All of our members in the Indiana Chapter are in southern Indiana.

We have also received as part of EDUF the “*Christian Literature for Africa*” organization that had been started some 10 years before EDUF. We felt that our mutual interest in books/library development, etc warranted our working together when possible. EDUF has support financially the sending of books to Africa by CLA. As so, they are another chapter of EDUF.....the CLA Chapter.....which happens to be in northern Indiana.

Our goal has been to organize a new chapter every year. We are talking and praying with a couple of other people in New England, Illinois and Kentucky about starting other chapters. You may have friends in other states that may want to get involved in this kind of ministry. Talk with us.

### **Key Leaders (Chapter Managing Partners)**

The success of the chapter will depend on the initiative, leadership and interest of the Managing Partner. The EDUF constitution and by-laws guide us but the initiative and drive of the Managing Partner will determine the participation of the members in the creation of resources and support for education in Africa through EDUF. We are grateful to all those who serve as MPs and we pray for you regularly.

Let’s continue to work together by staying involved in some way to provide for the educational needs in Africa..... by praying, going, exchanging ideas, organizing projects, etc.....that all “lend a hand” in some way or another.

Sincerely,  
Peter Ken Walker, President  
EDUF



## Prayer Requests

### **NBCEA – Elijah King’ori, Principal**

- Human resources: A librarian and an administrator for college.
- Funds for development training manuals and support for teachers.

### **NTC – Matt Marshall, Academic Dean and Chaplain**

- That the Holy Spirit would bring a great revival to the hearts of students and faculty.
- That this revival would then spread to all the districts and churches in the countries of Africa South Field.
- For Principal Cathy Lebeso as she provides leadership for the college during a time of transition.
- For the young men and women of Africa South Field that are called to ministry and are considering how to answer that call.
- For growth of current programs and an increased diversity of available programs in our on-campus format.
- For the renovation of existing classrooms and facilities.
- Also the construction of new classrooms is needed before the new programs can be approved.

### **SMN -**

- Installation of the new principal, Rev. Adolfo Tembe -- that he continue to grow in wisdom and understanding - that God bless his leadership (September)
- Board of Trust meeting (November)
- Revival on the campus

### **SANU**

- Collen Magaula's trip to the US for the ICOSAC meetings and the installation of Carla Sunberg at ANU
- The upcoming graduation (October) and Board of Governor's meetings (November)
- Revival for the students and faculty
- New programs and programs in development

### **ITN/NTI**

- Upcoming Board meeting (November)
- Wisdom in preparing the Course of Study for renewal
- The co-directors / wisdom and perseverance
- ALSO -- Africa West Field is facing the Ebola virus AND Madagascar has a locust invasion

### **ANU**

- Upcoming Board of Trust meetings (November)
- Pray for the new programs that have been developed
- Pray for revival on the campus and for understanding on the part of the students concerning holiness

### **CLI**

- Phil Rodebush, the director, is engaged. Please pray that his transition into married life is smooth and his wife will accept life in Ethiopia
- Parts of the areas covered by the CLI are creative access - enough said

### **NTCCA**

- Wisdom for the leadership of the school as they are transitioning
- Pray for a God-given enthusiasm concerning the school to grow in the supporting districts

### **SNCV**

- Praise for the recent graduation (4 graduates) and the fact that next year they may have as many as 20.
- The continued development of library resources and faculty development



## Prayer Requests cont...

From Dr Jonas Siteo, Academic Dean

- For the installation ceremony of Rev Adolfo Tembe at SNM;
- For the students of final year of SNM that will graduate this year, for the Lord to lead their ministry;
- For the Rev. Sueia who is transitioning to a new ministry, so that the Lord will continue to direct his steps hereafter;
- For the construction of a kitchen for children in our children's school;
- For the financial aid to the region we can help our students to pay their debts;
- For the construction of two homes for lodging that help the MFIs to have bottomed; (Not sure what MFIs are)
- For the health of all the servants of the Lord around the world who have past difficult situations;
- For the development of IBNAL in Moçambique;
- For the new students who will enter the Seminario next year, 2015;
- by purchasing machines from area locksmith to empower our students to have a profession that will help in the ministry;
- For the purchase of computers for Informatics; (information technology?)
- For the expansion of our library

## Indiana Chapter

By David Boblitt

We are looking for local work projects to raise funds for education in Africa.

Also, The Odon Church of the Nazarene will be a collection point for books in South West Indiana District (SWID) area. The books will be sent to Christian Literature for Africa, (CLA).

For more info contact David Boblitt

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## Christian Literature for Africa (CLA)

By Bob Hebits

Be a Book Collector.... You can help reach Africans for Christ by collecting Bibles and Christian books for CLA to send. Send boxes to the CLA P.O. Box address in Fort Wayne, or take them to one of our Book Collection Locations, listed below. If you have collected 50 or more boxes, call 260-486-2393 begin to make arrangements for pick up. A donation of \$10 a box is requested to help pay for shipping to Africa.

INDIANA— Fort Wayne  
CLA Ministry Center- M-F 9-4  
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