



# NATIONSUNIVERSITY®

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*Building faith and training Christian leaders around the world through affordable, accessible higher education utilizing distance learning.*

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## 2014 Endowment Challenge

With 2013 firmly behind us, we are facing the new year 2014 with great optimism. There is reason to believe that faith will be generated in more students and that more students will be equipped to develop faith in others. The multiplying effect continues. Thanks to you, our partners in spiritual instruction, God is being glorified around the world. You do not realize the yields of your partnership.

As the new year began, Bob and Sandy Brackett presented NU with an new challenge. The Bracketts have been partners for several years and believe strongly in the mission of NationsUniversity®. Because they want to see the institution achieve a greater level of financial stability, they have put before us a proposal that is both realistic and will require diligence to achieve. During 2014, the Brackett's have pledged a gift of \$150,000 if NU can raise \$125,000 above its regular needs for endowment.

With this Appeal Letter, we are announcing the 2014 campaign to raise \$125,000 for a living endowment that will ensure the continuance of the school. Several activities are being planned for the year.

The first phase of the campaign is being announced here. Each phase is built around the 80th birthday of co-founder Mac Lynn. Mac will continue to serve as long as health permits, but we need to plan for his successor. Mac is the chief academic officer and is responsible for the ongoing teaching program.

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## ...the Challenge

Eighteen years ago, NU was incorporated and began to function as a distance education institution. More than 29,000 students have benefited from the programs offered. Thousands more have visited the website since the program became automated in the latter part of 2008.

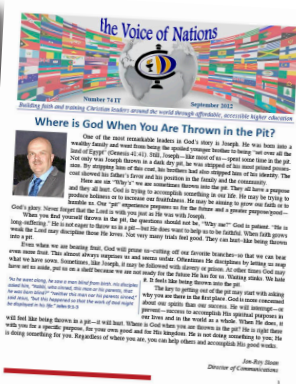
After spending a lifetime in higher education, Mac Lynn's dream at retirement was to package everything he knew and give it away. NU has been the vehicle for giving away that body of knowledge which continues to grow and improve.

NationsUniversity is the culmination of Mac's ministry, being a work of love without salary. To assure continuity, a concerted effort is being made during 2014 to build the institution's endowment fund to the point it can perpetually support his successor. We are informing churches with a working e-mail address and asking them to participate in this campaign. Former students are being encouraged to participate as well. Those who have benefited from the church directory *Churches of Christ in the USA* are also being solicited. A special page will be set up on our website to make it easy for those who wish to give without having to write a check and pay postage.

**Currently, 3,000 students are studying scripture and learning more about God. These represent 140 Christian and non-Christian groups. About 800 of these are incarcerated. Some are Muslim and reside in lands where studying the Bible is restricted.**



Jon-Roy Sloan  
Director of Communications



## NationsUniversity: not your ordinary school

WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA  
How do you give church leaders in other countries college-level training without the cost and risk of bringing them to the U.S.? You take courses to them.

This was the solution hit upon in 1995 by Richard Ady, Portland, Ore., and Mac Lynn, Nashville, Tenn., as they pondered the problem of higher education for national church leaders.

Out of their deliberations came NationsUniversity, a "school without walls supporting the international community of church leaders."



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Their idea was to make available advanced study in all parts of the world.

"Without having to leave home church leaders will be able to grow where they have been planted, accessing the needed resources to enhance their ministry," they proposed.

"Geographic and economic barriers to learning can be eliminated through distance learning technology," they asserted.

Today NationsUniversity is a success with more than 1,000 students from more than 45 nations. Leading in numbers of students are Ghana, 196; Romania, 104 and Nigeria, 76.

Lynn was recently elected president by the university's board, following Ady, who was named president emeritus. Appointed to the board in its semi-annual meeting in October

were Ernie Clevenger, Jeff McCormack, Phil Roe and Gary Waller, who joined board member Ken Dye, Nashville.

In addition to these members are Glover Shipp, Edmond, Okla., vice president for research; Ben Powell, Franklin, Tenn., vice president for administration; Allen Thyssen, Houston, vice president for planning and development; and Darrell Frazier, West Monroe, La., chief financial officer.

The university also has more than 100 professors who donate their time to creating and grading courses, and visiting students to give them personal encouragement and in-depth studies. Every course is designed by scholars in that particular discipline. All of these scholars have (or are candidates for) a doctorate.

NationsUniversity is registered in the State of Louisiana as a non-profit educational institution. In addition, it is seeking accreditation with a government-recognized association of non-traditional colleges and universities. "This takes time," noted Lynn, "but we are pursuing it in order to officially legitimize our degrees." Both undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered in Bible and Bible-related fields.

In addition to these university-level courses, NationsUniversity provides enhancement programs, lectures and research studies on a wide variety of subjects. These are available to church leaders, governments, schools and businesses as support to the church's mission around the world. — GS

For more information contact Mac Lynn at

## Mac Lynn

~ preacher for 62 years—served churches in Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, New York, Arkansas, Oregon and Tennessee

~ will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in April.

~ it is appropriate to ask our brothers and sisters all across this nation to contribute to the endowment fund on his birthday.

Columbia Christian College - 9 years  
Harding School of Theology - 14 years  
Lipscomb University - 12 years  
NationsUniversity - 18 years

Church Statistician - 20 years (compiled information for the Church Directory)



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