

Why I Have Chosen NationsUniversity®:

And What I Hope to Accomplish

Why have I chosen NationsUniversity? Because, if anyone is ready to be a true Christian leader NU is the place to receive training. The course material first broke me down, then it gathered me up and remolded, rebuilt, impacted me. Quickly it accelerated my life's purpose—to affect my generation. NU has trained me to take charge and greatly enlarge my knowledge.

I came to understand why I was led by God to join NU. At first, I thought to acquire a degree which would enable me to seek a job and be paid enough money to take care of my needs. But now such ambition is over. Now I am leading a small group of Christians, teaching them the word of God. During one of the courses in the B.R.S. Program, I encountered God. This encounter changed my aspirations and I began to seek other people—teaching them what I learned from NU. Soon the numbers began to grow and today we are looking for a good place to gather as more people are expected to join.

I hope to have many people who will attend the lectures I offer and train them to go back to the interior villages to retrain and raise leaders who will teach the villagers Christ's way of life. Today, I have trained thirty-six leaders who are helping to divide the groups into sub-sections. This is done to enable everyone to be closer to the teacher so he can ask and receive answers to any questions raised. The sub-sections are in the form of a home cell. I hope also to raise a good church from this ongoing training as more people join us.

Joy and gratitude now fill my heart. Thank you Jesus for leading me to NationsUniversity. I also want to thank Marty, who with love, guided me with her rod of correction in her mouth whenever I went astray. I will never forget the extra miles you took for me to complete English 1. May the good Lord bless your for your unequalled kindness.

I also want to thank Liz D, my advisor, who stood by me in the early days of these studies. I am greatly impacted by her encouragement, suggestions, newsletters, and counsel. I can't thank her enough. Only God can reward your good works towards me, God bless you.

Not to forget my English lecturer, Professor Alice, who squeezed out of my fingers with her careful and thorough English correction rod. Her rod of correction has not only upgraded me (though I am not perfect, yet) but has made me stand tall in the crowd of English students. I cannot thank you enough and only God can reward you for me.

Lastly, thanks to the Chancellor for allowing yourself to be used by God to give, particularly me, a chance to acquire a degree which I never dreamed about. Oh, what an opportunity: not only the degree certificate but the calling I received from God during the program to work in his vineyard and enabled me to have a personal walk with God. Thank you, sir.

To all the staff and student community at NU whom God has used to touch my life. I may not have been able to thank you enough, but I pray that Almighty God the Father and His beloved son Jesus, together with the Holy Spirit bless you, cause His face to shine upon you, and on the last day we all will meet at the feet of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

*Simeon Philip Akpan,
Nigeria*

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I was born and raised up in a very orthodox Upper Cast Hindu family. My father was very strict, controlling and abusive. Years ago, I was a member of a Hindu Radical organization and an enemy of Christ. I hated the Lord, his word and his people 100%. I was burning Bibles distributed by Gideons on campus and abused the followers.

However, I was very successful in my studies but always felt lonely and depressed. I had no inner peace and no peace with people around me. Yet, I was very sincere in the religious duties and rituals but they did not give me any real joy and peace.

What changed? I was studying for a Master's in Computer Science in Sweden. I was fasting for His leading after my studies. One day, He revealed his plans by giving me a very rare and precious sign. After 3 days of fasting prayers, at morning 4am at a church – God showed me his leading through the US Dime with the writing on it – IN GOD WE TRUST. He arranged everything for me in and I was baptized.

Now I am a slave of Christ living the Christ centered life. The Lord is my ultimate friend, companion, purpose and meaning of life. I have faced and am willing to face any persecutions for his kingdom with joy, being a live testimony of Christ. Daily I am witnessing Christ among non-Christians (Hindus and Muslims) and sharing his never ending love and merciful deeds while completing my degree at NU.

God gave me a burden for India and it's one billion non-Christian souls including my own parents and relatives. I can't afford letting them still live in the dark and ignoring the –ONLY TRUE & REAL CREATOR. I want to be a live testimony for his Glory and Kingdom even at the expense of my own life. Please pray for India!!

Ravi Mandadi,
India

From Our Student Letters

Dear Sir,

God's blessings from Cameroon, especially from the congregation I worship with in Buea and above all from my family.

Please, I cannot explain in words what appreciation I have for the opportunity to study the word of God at NU and what I have achieved. In Cameroon, most of us are behind you people, especially concerning the quality of materials you provide for training.

I assure you that my life and my perception of the scriptures will never be the same again.

May Almighty Father provide your mission with all the necessary efforts towards the success of this great and wonderful task.

Christopher Omam

Christopher is 67 years old, has already earned a C.R.S. in 2012 and is working toward earning a B.R.S.

He has been with NU since 2009 and has endured power failures, job changes, and writes frequently to NU sharing his experiences.



From the Chancellor

Life is always about pressing on. When you are low, there is someone ready to encourage you. When you feel like giving up, there is a new opportunity. One should not quit until necessary. Die with your boots on, they say.

In biblical times, the apostle Paul wrote his strongest supporting statements while suffering in a Roman prison for preaching the Good News of Christ. In our surroundings at NationsUniversity, we have Jackie Cullum who, I believe, has never seen anything negative in her life. She can find the rainbow in every rain cloud. We need to surround ourselves with people like Paul and Jackie. They can make your day! They have made many of mine.

Taking my prompting for this article from Paul and Jackie, I want to encourage you, our partners. There is plenty in the world to discourage the Christian. Discouraging notes come from the secular and religious realm. The secular ridicules the sacred, for it interferes with its pleasure-seeking mentality. The religious contradicts the Christian with counterfeit messages and undeliverable promises. Governments attempt to punish other governments for inhuman actions that their own code of ethics permits. They try to force a style of governance which they themselves find impossible to follow.

We live in a world where might supposedly makes right. Consequently, everyone seems to be concerned about honor but constantly dishonors the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Christian understands the road to God is paved

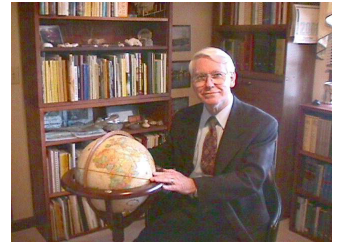
with suffering and disappointment. Satan wills it so and acts to make it so.

But the driving force for righteousness is what the apostle Paul preached. This righteousness comes from God and comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:22). NU is but an instrument to declare that righteousness to the world. Through its service, the word of righteousness is reaching where diplomatic edicts and threats of war can never reach. It is reaching the heart. Who knows how many of those being reached will pick up where Paul and Jackie leave off.

NU is focused on bringing unbelievers to faith and training Christian leaders throughout the world. Whether these are in prison or free, they have opportunity to share their faith and do so to the glory of God.

We appreciate your partnership in this effort. It provides an opportunity for you to go to hidden places of the world through virtual means. The opportunities in today's world are phenomenal. How could we think of giving up even for one moment? Your encouragement makes us that much more determined.

*Mac Lynn
Chancellor*



Graduates Since the Last Newsletter



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Matching Challenge!

Our reach around the world continues to grow. We need now more than ever your help in serving our students.

Our fans on Facebook continue to grow and I expect we will surpass 4,000 fans before September is over. Currently, our fan demographics look like this:

1. Egypt - 1,476 fans
2. Ethiopia - 637 fans
3. Vietnam - 284 fans
4. Republic of Georgia - 214 fans
5. Indonesia - 211 fans
6. United States - 174 fans
7. Philippines - 104 fans
8. Kenya - 101 fans
9. Ghana - 73 fans
10. Cameroon - 67 fans

Those are some amazing numbers. Just as amazing—Arabic is second to English as the preferred language of our fans. Other noteworthy countries are Bulgaria, Nigeria and Turkey. The number one city is Cairo, Egypt. Moreover, 43% of our fans are males aged 18-24 years old.

More Egyptian students are enrolling with NU. We don't know if this is a result of our exposure on Facebook or not, but it is encouraging. **Please, help us meet our matching challenge of \$50,000 by September 30th** so that we may continue to meet the growing demands.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Jon-Roy Sloan
Director of Communications*



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Student Quotes

*We thank God for
the work you have
done on our behalf
as the truth is made
known through NU.*

– Munetsi Lazarus
South Africa

*Please, pray that God
will give me greater
understanding and the
zeal to go through the
programme successfully.*

– Nneka Nwosu
Netherlands Antilles

*The study materials of
NU are fascinating to
me and I have really
improved a lot in terms
of my relation with the
Lord and the application
of biblical scriptures...*

– Samuel Mtaula
Mozambique



Character of Kenya

Greetings! I would like to thank God who has brought me thus far and made me accomplish my studies through NationsUniversity and it has not been in vain. Prior to my admission, I had little influence on education policy in our Country. Today I am glad that I was able to be a transformational and competent leader who is well equipped in serving God and humanity.

Because of what I learned, I have been more competent while working with education officers, parents, teachers and schools by articulating character/religious based solutions in dealing with issues that are affecting the school's moral and academic climate negatively.

I am glad to report to you that for the past 3 years, I have worked with high schools in implementing Character and Creativity Initiative: a program that builds integrity and creativity in high school youth and positions them for success in life, higher education, career growth and community development.



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Moulding character reduces vices: Report

Study reveals
nurturing
creativity in school
children reduces
social problems

By LONAH KIBET

A pilot study conducted in six secondary schools in Nairobi County has revealed that

nurturing character and creativity not only improves academic performance but also culture.

There was also an indication of reduced social problems such as violence, bullying and substance abuse in the schools.

The results in an evaluation report titled "Character and Creativity Initiative (CCI) in Changing Secondary School Culture in Kenya" showed a significant improvement in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary

Education examination for the last three years of CCI intervention.

"The performance of pilot schools has been increasing since 2009, recording an average mean grade of 6.38 in that year, 6.42 in 2010 and 6.58 last year," the report read in part. It added: "This represents active investment in developing successful relationships between students and teachers, as well as achieving success in school activities." The report was compiled

Just recently, this program has been evaluated by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis and the results shows that pilot schools improved their overall culture and academic performance as compared with the other schools. The results were released on August, 13, 2013 by the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology.

I have included some newspaper clippings that reported on this.

*Thank You,
Peter King'ori*

**Peter is a graduate of NU and earned the M.R.S. 2012 and is now an advisor in Africa with NU.*