



## Lessons Learned

One of our recent graduate students, Lackson Banda of Zambia, shared some of his thoughts on faith and spirituality. Currently, he is leading a church in Pretoria, South Africa.

*"Greetings in the name of our Lord, I would like to share my appreciation for the training and spiritual journey I took with NationsUniversity. My spiritual life has drastically grown and improved. I can now help other ministers find their place in ministry. Currently my wife and I are planning to set up an institution to train people spiritually and theologically using the knowledge and material from the university."*



*"I don't regret my time of study with you NU. I pray to God that he should bless all the faculty and people behind the work you are doing. I had just came back from a trip where I went to share the gospel and I confessed to my wife that ever since my study with NU, my spiritual senses, faculties and capacities have been fully developed and assisted me in my work. The studies were challenging and very helpful to me in my work."*

*"This experience has been of great help to me spiritually and a new dimension of spirituality has been achieved in my life. The school has seriously impacted my life to the fullest. My life is reborn and my spiritual understanding taken to a new level."*

*"Against the backdrop laid in my capstone essay, the following are my conclusions;*

- 1. I have come to terms that my deepest longings can only be met in Christ.*
- 2. That my life is a living witness to the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
- 3. There is a great need for an attitude of service to others in my life.*
- 4. Humility is God's pattern of exalting his people.*
- 5. I can still live a Christian life in a hostile environment.*
- 6. A sense of responsibility has grown towards unbelievers.*
- 7. The need to live ethically, holy, exemplary and with a fear of God amidst unspiritual forces and secular people.*
- 8. How to live in the world and yet not become conformed to the pattern of this world.*
- 9. How to witness for Christ without being arrogant, judgmental, and selfish while practicing unconditional love towards unbelieving people.*
- 10. How to live for Christ and to walk in love towards all men.*

*"Further, I have been enlightened that, ethical principles are derived from the nature of God and not human moral correctness alone. All this knowledge I have gained throughout MRS program and NationsUniversity will be used to the glory of God and service of the body of Christ."*

*- Lackson Banda, Lusaka, Zambia*



Lackson's Church and Family



We are all studying in Russia because to study medicine here is quite affordable and we are getting a good education. All of us are from different countries and all wanted to be doctors. We managed to meet in this university and we are all Christians, young people who love God, that serve under a ministry called Jesus Embassy G12.

We have Campus ministry, of which I lead, and we have about 70 students that participate; 3 home cells in 3 hostels, and we have one common meeting on Saturdays. All these students registered and are all leaders in the campus ministry. Some in praise and worship, intercession, charity, ushering, preaching and teaching. We just want to learn the word of God in a deeper way and be able to run this ministry with spiritual understanding. We greatly appreciate all the help we get from you and your team.

God bless you

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### From Our Student Letters

*Hi. My name is Kabelo and I am from Botswana. I am interested in enrolling for your Bachelor Degree in Religious Studies.*

*I hold the following certificates:*

- Diploma in Practical Theology
- Advanced Diploma in Worship & Technical Arts
- Certificate Project Cycle management
- Certificate Monitoring and Evaluation
- Certificate Introduction to Safety and Health Management
- Certificate Introduction Occupational Safety and Health

*I have been in Ministry for about 8 years as a youth pastor and worship leader. Having this degree will be greatly helpful to me. It will give me the opportunity to get a job in the local schools and be able to support myself, my family and the ministry if I earn this degree. Please, send me information regarding how I can enroll as soon as possible (applications, fees and if I can study online).*

*Thank you*

#### —His response after being accepted—

*Wow! I didn't know there are no fees for international students, this is really a God given gift. I am going to start right on for my Bachelors Degree then I will do my Masters*

*Please resend me the documents I must sign to start and will do that and send them right back soon.*

*Wow, this is great news!*

*Thank you and God bless,  
Kabelo*



## Case In Point

For church-goers and readers of Christian publications, there seems to be no end to good works. From a human viewing, we take pride in the multiplicity of good works pursued by good-spirited believers. All of the while, we realize it is just not right to "take pride" in our own work. Furthermore, when we consider how little we do, how little we are willing to spend of our own money, the limits on where we are willing to go, and how we are the ones making the decision of what to spend our time on—we are humbled.

But be not discouraged. As long as the heart is in the right place, God is able to bless our labors for his glory. After all, he does his work through us, although his word will not fail without us. Otherwise, it could be said that God depends upon us to fulfill his promises and intentions. How all this works, nobody knows. We only know that as Christians, we have acknowledged that our lives are not our own. They belong to God. They are given into his service.

So, how do we approach our work? Certainly not with pride. Not out of duty. Not for show. But quietly, without trumpeters leading our little parade.

We are expected to use the talents God gave us and not try to remake ourselves into something we can never become. Where does God want us? Does he not want us in a place where we can be faithful? It is not a matter of physical location. It is a matter of heart. There is no virtue in saying I spent a chunk of my life half way around the world if I was unprepared and unsuited for the assignment. And yet, to those who can be of benefit in a location other than their birthplace, more power to them.

What about the kind of work? As you may have observed, "mission" work is a broad subject and can be defined in numerous ways. Who can distinguish between what is "preliminary" (feeding the hungry, teaching to read) from what is "actual" (evangelism) mission work? We really do not need one kind, we need all kinds. Jesus' remark in Matthew 25 indicates that the servant of Christ will be everywhere doing good and showing the love of Christ.

At NationsUniversity, we have chosen one little piece of turf for using our talents—teaching. Since 1995, NU has conducted short seminars and offered a variety of formal course in religious studies to interested parties around the world. As technologies have moved forward, we too have adapted to the changes. Over the past several years, we have strengthened the degree programs and worked toward accreditation. Accreditation functions to make our work more credible in terms of what the degrees represent in quality. That effort continues.

As new technologies emerge and a new sense of responsibility for teaching hits the nation's leading educational institutions, NU is preparing to move into the MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in a significant way. These courses will be open to all and not require credentials. They are non-credit and, at this time, free. The MOOCs arrangement allows us to reach more people, use a wider variety of learning methods, offer shorter courses that prick personal interest, and steer students into a worldview that has Jesus Christ at its core. We invite our Partners to sense the same passion.

*Mac Lynn*

## Graduates

### Since the Last Newsletter

Marion G. Westerman, United States  
Edward Burns, United States  
London DeJuan Tibbs, United States

### Associate of Religious Studies

Getahun Mulugeta, Ethiopia  
Randy Keith Jones, United States  
Joseph Hondo Siedlik, United States  
Rick Weigel, United States  
Tyrone H. Johnson, United States

### Diploma of Religious Studies

Tyrone H. Johnson, United States

### Bachelor of Religious Studies

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Beruk Tesfaye G'Hiwot, Ethiopia  
Akpobome D. Akposdiete, Nigeria  
Emmanuel Ogbemi, Nigeria  
Zwiakonda D. Malambe, South Africa

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Sifiso Mkhwanazi, South Africa  
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## Matching Challenge Campaign Begins!

The task of building faith and training Christian leaders around the world goes on. The way people gather information, discover new things, and learn is so different from previous years. Mobile technologies are bringing together interactive resource tools and network connections making it possible for people all over the world to study the Word of God in an online community of believers.

Through the generosity of a faithful supporter, NU has received a matching challenge grant of \$50,000. Your gift must be receipted by September 30, 2013, in order for us to receive this award. As you have always been in the past, I am sure you will continue to be generous in giving to this ministry which ultimately touches thousands who are seeking.

As the world becomes more hostile to Christianity and less open to traditional mission work, it becomes apparent that creative use of newer technologies deserves consideration. NU reaches both the believer and the unbeliever bringing good news to the unbeliever and encouragement and increased insight to the believer. This also expands the opportunity for teaching and introducing more people the Word of God.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Jon-Roy Sloan  
Director of Communications*



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## Student Quote

*Accredited or non-accredited, NationsU is giving me the skills to be a more faithful steward (1 Cor 4:2) in my ambition to spread the gospel. There are too many preachers with no theological training or knowledge who are leading others on the wrong path.*

*Your students have shown a fear, respect and love of God in their quest in spending time to increase their understanding, that they may be better equipped in taking on the great commission received from Christ in Matthew 28.*

*So whether accredited or not, I think I can voice the sentiments of all the other students in saying "Thank you" to all the staff at NationsU and to those who supply the funding that makes it possible.*

*— Willem Els  
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe*



## Sri Lanka Gospel Meeting

One of our students, Suba Sinnaiya of Sri Lanka, shared photos from a recent Gospel meeting in April 2013.

