



## Chancellor's Message

Mac Lynn

During 2008, significant progress has been made toward gaining national accreditation. First, we engaged David Vester to assist in identifying the agency, to become oriented as to the requirements, and to direct the required self-evaluation report.

The self-evaluation identified those areas that needed special attention before we are ready to make application for accreditation. We identified five areas that needed serious attention: general education, faculty and program directors, student services, the curriculum management system, and finances.

As for **general education**, "liberal arts" education in the U.S. requires university students to have exposure to a wide variety of disciplines, including mathematics, science, humanities, communication, social science, and English. We are required to create some additional courses to meet this requirement.

With regard to **faculty and program directors**, we must assign additional tasks to those we chose to be named as a standing faculty. Heretofore, faculty assisted in the development of courses without additional responsibilities. We had not named program directors, choosing rather to handle those responsibilities with the office staff.

With respect to **student services**, we are moving to be more pro-active with the students by putting into place means to communicate with them more directly and more frequently. Many of these services are being developed online, with increasing opportunity for the Internet students. At the same time, we are revising the specific content sent to students who cannot make regular use of the Internet. You will notice those changes in this Student Newsletter, which includes a student's worksheet with grades instead of a simple listing of grades. We are also encouraging all students, when possible, to make use of the Internet.

The **curriculum management system** is the database that handles student records. A new system is now in place. This new system will do a lot more than the old one and will enable us to get at the information we need to perform services required for accreditation.

Perhaps the most crucial element in the accreditation process is **finances**. Whereas most institutions of higher education receive government tax support or charge stiff tuition fees, NU has the benefit of neither. NU depends almost exclusively on people who will donate their services or who will contribute financially. We feel we are in a good position with respect to all five items, but we are not where we should be at the moment. The most challenging aspect is the financial, for the other four items depend to some degree on having adequate finances.

Our hope is to be able to file an application for accreditation early in 2009. That will be followed by an on-site visit by members of a team of experts. Their findings will determine whether or not to recommend the institution for accreditation at the agency's June 2009 meeting.

### Curriculum Management System allows students to view records online

One of the advantages of the new Curriculum Management System is all students are now able to access their records online anytime by following these steps: (1) Go to our website [www.nationsu.org](http://www.nationsu.org); (2) Click on "NU Courses" in the Quick Links box at the bottom left of the home page; (3) Log in with your username (student code) and password; (4) Click on the "Users report" link at the top left of the page just below the logo.

The first page that will come up will show all the required classes for the curriculum to which you are assigned and the grades for any class for which exams have been taken whether complete or incomplete. To see a record of your completed classes, click on "Transcript" at the right side of the page. The transcript page will also show the number of transfer credits awarded and your G.P.A.

Please note that if your credentials (highest academic diploma or school transcript) are on file with us, you will have been assigned an appropriate curriculum. If your credentials are not on file, you may not be assigned to a specific curriculum. In some instances, you may have been assigned to a certificate or diploma curriculum. The certificate and diploma can be awarded without these credentials, but not a degree. Credentials must be on file before a degree can be granted. If you have not sent your credentials, please do so at once. Mail to Student Services, P.O. Box 3342, Brentwood, TN 37024 or FAX to 615-309-5506 or scan as e-mail to [allysonf@nationsu.org](mailto:allysonf@nationsu.org). The e-mailed scan is preferred.



## Current Enrollment

\* Statistics as of December 1, 2008

**Total Students: 3,456**

Male - 2,799

Female - 657

Undergraduate - 2,834

Graduate - 622

Internet Students - 51%

E-Mail Students - 17%

Postal Students - 32%

**Total Countries: 130**

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# Provost's Ponderings

David Vester



Because of the Curriculum Management System being fully operational, NationsUniversity is enrolling more and more searching students. We praise God for the increase; however, we are very sensitive that the service we strive to provide our students is not diminished. We are taking very seriously how to manage growth. We never want to take our eye off the original intent and mission of NationsUniversity: to offer affordable, accessible higher education to build faith and to develop culturally rooted Christian leaders around the world.

Today we have over 3600 students in 130 countries studying the NU curriculum! God is doing amazing things in the lives of thousands of our students around the world. So many of you share your stories with us. Thank you. We look forward to reading the mail everyday to find out what you are doing. Your stories are heartwarming and inspirational!

Because we want to continue to offer the NU curriculum free of charge, we in turn share your stories with our donors. They like hearing them as much as we do. It brings into focus what struggles and triumphs you experience on your educational and spiritual journey. Hopefully, it will motivate them to give generously!

We are finishing up the last bit of material for the Self-Evaluation Study. Once the report is as complete as possible, we will formally apply for accreditation through the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). We hope that will make accreditation a reality sometime in 2009. Obtaining accreditation is an important milestone for the university as well as for the student. It is necessary in today's global marketplace.

May God continue to bless you and give you strength and perseverance in your studies. You are in our prayers daily.

## Enrollment

NationsUniversity's student population continues to grow. During 2008, the student count increased from 2,919 on January 1 to 3,456 on December 1. Below are some comparisons for December 1 for the last twelve years:

1996	23
1997	220
1998	459
1999	559
2000	509
2001	930
2002	1,324
2003	1,550
2004	2,408
2005	2,472
2006	2,434
2007	2,898
2008	3,456

## New Degree Plans

Beginning January 1, 2009, the degree plans for Associate and Bachelors level students change for *new* students. The changes will include some general education courses not presently required for a degree. However, the changes will **NOT** affect students enrolled prior to this date. You may elect the new plan if you wish, but you are not required to do so. The curriculum assigned to you will reflect the degree requirements in place when you first registered as an NU student.

## Board of Regents

NationsUniversity is an independent organization, governed by an 18-member Board of Regents. The Regents reside in the United States and include sixteen men and two women. They are drawn from six states: Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas. The Board meets generally twice annually. Several Regents have important functions regarding the daily operation of the institution, including the Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operations Officer, and the Chief Technical Officer. None receive compensation for their services.

# Statement of Faith

Mac Lynn, Chancellor

From time to time, we receive inquiries as to our creed or statement of faith. I know this is of interest to prospective students, who do not know the underlying assumptions of our courses. For those of you who have taken several courses, you have a good idea of what we are attempting to do.

When we are asked the question, we generally respond by saying we have no creed or statement of faith. By that, we mean we are not controlled by a religious organization that requires us to take a particular stand on a given issue. We are dedicated to the integrity of the Bible and its simple teachings. Our aim is to enable the student to engage in serious study of the Scriptures and be able to draw conclusions that are justified by the Scriptures themselves.

Throughout the twenty centuries of the practice of the Christian faith, a number of interpretations have sprung up around a variety of theological ideas. Many of these have become markers of one's faith as defined by one denomination or another. These interpretations are important to know, for they help us understand what people believe and why they believe what they do. But ultimately, we will be held responsible before God for what he says, and not what some human thinks.

Thanks for understanding our intent. Your acceptance of our humble efforts gives us opportunity to thank God for so many honest seekers, who want to know only God and his Son.

## The Chancellor's Travels

Many of you have been gracious in inviting me to be present at graduation ceremonies, seminars, and other occasions of merit. Your kindness is acknowledged with a great sense of humility. Indeed, I wish I could accept all your invitations. However, time and financial constraints make it impossible to accept most of them.

My wife and I have been taking three overseas courses per year, plus domestic trips. That is about all we can handle. This year, we have visited Malta, Tunisia, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates. Many of the trips we make are tied to some specific reason that will enhance the work of NationsUniversity. While we know that speaking for a graduation exercise will do much for exposure of the school, we are also looking at the larger world. There are contacts to be made, networking to be done, and plans to be laid.

## A Message To All Students

NationsUniversity is about getting to know God's word. God's word is about getting an individual into a relationship with Him. When one has a relationship with God he has the same dream God had from the very beginning. It is this dream that spurs one on to be a leader in the Kingdom. When one strives to be the best leader one can be, he encourages others to study God's word. By doing this more and more, people take hold of the dream God had from the very beginning. With NU being a university without walls and being free of charge, there is no excuse for one not to encourage others to study. As we go into the new year, **remember a great person is a person who makes a small person great.** Let's encourage and spur many more people onto knowing his word and becoming great leaders in the process.

***George Funk, Director  
Gospel Chariot Missions***

If you want to make a difference in the community you are living in take a tour through NationsUniversity. To all students of NationsUniversity in the southern region of Africa, visit the GCM office in your area to be assisted with your studies. We have full-time classes going on throughout the year in downtown Pretoria and Venda. If you cannot make it alone, come and attend classes and join the group of winners who study in these offices.



Six of the students who received their Certificate of Religious Studies awards from NU at the graduation ceremony hosted by Gospel Chariot Missions held on November 29, 2008 in Pretoria, South Africa.

This year we had 11 students who completed their certificate studies and participated in a graduation ceremony held on November 29th. Two managed to complete their certificate studies studying on a part-time basis while nine others attended daily classes.

Let Africa arise and shine in the knowledge and wisdom of God's word. Without knowledge and wisdom of God's word, we are heading to moral decay. The leaders of the world have come to realize that moral regeneration can be achieved through Christ. NationsUniversity is giving us the opportunity to gain more knowledge. God bless you as you take a journey to study His word.

***Lazarus Munetsi  
Gospel Chariot Missions***

# Graduates Since the Last Newsletter

## Certificate in Religious Studies

Maryam Akbari, *United Kingdom*  
Gabriel Norbert, *Tanzania*  
Phillip Speckter, *United States*  
Travis Shane Hollon, *United States*  
Ali Peyravikeya, *United States*  
Stanley Laurence, *United States*  
Mark Cook, *United States*  
Jacob D. Smith, *United States*  
Lisa Myers, *United States*  
Daniel Ukaufu Uzoma, *Equatorial Guinea*  
Edwin Keshish Abnous, *United States*  
Manuel Quaresma, *Canada*  
Christian Amachi C. Nwachukwu, *Nigeria*  
Darlington Maxwell Besa, *Botswana*  
Bertho S. All, *Indonesia*  
Ondoa Etoundi Victor Parfait, *Cameroon*  
Christopher Credle, *United States*  
Pascal Nsengiyumva, *Tanzania*

## Associate in Religious Studies

Ajiboye Bayode Alfred, *Nigeria*  
Alphonse Kalundu, *South Africa*  
Samuel Christian Onye, *Nigeria*  
Ira W. Redding, *United States*  
Robert Bridgers, *United States*  
Robert A. Hupp, *United States*  
Restin Dane Burk, *United States*  
Tabitha Manga, *Cameroon*  
Temesegen Zegeye, *South Africa*  
John Oguguo Anuna, *Cote D'Ivoire*  
Fitzgerald Daniel Onyekaba, *Egypt*  
Douglas R. O'Neal, *United States*  
Alan J. McDonald, *United States*  
James Sylvester Emeka, *Nigeria*  
Sheila Moses DeNard, *United States*  
Joel Musyoka Kimuyu, *Kenya*  
James Gurl, *United Kingdom*  
Fred Meyer, *United States*  
Glenn Robey, *United States*

## Diploma in Religious Studies

Joseph Muthee Mwangi, *Kenya*  
Peter Nyamari, *Kenya*  
Brosius D. Gnininte, *Liberia*  
James M. Lowery, Jr., *United States*  
John Oguguo Anuno, *Cote D'Ivoire*  
Johnny B. Ford, *United States*  
Godsave Ole Megiroo, *Tanzania*  
Wiley Toler, *United States*

## Bachelor of Religious Studies

John Oguguo Anuna, *Cote D'Ivoire*  
Joel A. Williams, *United States*  
Samuel Christian Onye, *Nigeria*  
Temesgen Zegeye, *South Africa*  
James Gurl, *United Kingdom*  
John Ogola Omondi, *Kenya*  
Martin Bulimo, *Kenya*  
Joseph Muthee Mwangi, *Kenya*  
John Macharia Ndungu, *Kenya*  
Ingemar L. Weger-Woods, Sr., *United States*  
Mulugeta Chala, *Ethiopia*  
Thaddeus Mwanguma, *Nigeria*  
Joel Musyoka Kimuyu, *Kenya*

## Master of Religious Studies

Joseph Gachoka Muthuma, *Kenya*  
B.R.S., NationsUniversity  
Michael D. Flemons, *United States*  
M.S.W., University of Arkansas  
Robert P. Teel, *United States*  
B.R.S., NationsUniversity  
Allan Tabada Arreza, *South Korea*  
B.S.E.C.E., Central College of the Philippines  
Johnny Chong Vun Nyen, *Malaysia*  
Masters in Law, Capitol University

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B.S., University of Calabar

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B.A., Universidad Nacional Autonoma De Honduras

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B.Th., La Fundacion San Agustin de Canterbury

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B.A., University of Punjab

Habtamu Kedir Umer, *Ethiopia*  
B.A., Evangelical Theological Seminary

Richard Carlton Conner, *United States*  
B.G.S., University of Houston-Downtown

## Master of Ministry

Precious Moneyman-King, *Liberia*  
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B.A., Amherst Theological Seminary

Robert Clark, *United States*  
B.A., Word of Prophecy Bible College

Augustine Aziembemhin Edozor, *Nigeria*  
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Zedekiah Matata Orera, *South Africa*  
B.Th., University of South Africa

Edward George Graham, *Jamaica*  
B.B.A., University of Technology Jamaica

Mercy Ndukong Berinyiu, *Cameroon*  
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