



A Message from the Provost

In the last *Student Newsletter* we talked about the importance of obtaining accreditation. Our quest for accreditation through the DETC is on track. If you can gain access to a computer, click on www.detc.org for a better understanding of accreditation and, in particular, the quality of the DETC organization.

One of the cornerstones of a successful school is the satisfaction of its students. The DETC is very interested in any data that quantifies that satisfaction. NationsUniversity is very interested as well. We are dedicated to making the university the best it can be! We had tremendous response to the survey that was taken in June. Students receiving any level of academic award between January 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008 were selected to participate in the survey. Thank you.

You told us...

- Your primary reason for enrolling in NU was preparation for volunteer theological ministry.
- 90% of you rated the quality of material for each course as being in the excellent range.
- 83% indicated the NU staff was helpful and friendly.
- 91% said yes to the question of whether your goals were achieved.
- 100% said you would recommend these studies to a friend.
- Also, 100% said you were satisfied with your studies at NU.

Some individual comments were:

- "It's a very blessed study. God bless you."
- "NationsUniversity teaches good stuff. I have learned a great deal. It's very challenging. I love NationsUniversity."
- "I would like to thank everyone at NationsUniversity for helping me reach my dream."
- "I just appreciate you for equipping me with spiritual nourishment and having given a solid foundation whereas I am able to study and know the Word and will continue to study further to be able to help others."
- "I thank God for this ministry. Finance is the major barrier for many who want to pursue theological studies. NU has made it possible for everyone."

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey and for your helpful and encouraging remarks. We also take your concerns and suggestions seriously. Plans are being made to conduct more surveys on various other areas and topics.



David Vester, Provost

Current Enrollment

* Statistics as of July 31, 2008

Total Students: 3,197

Male - 2,675

Female - 522

Undergraduate - 2,614

Graduate - 583

Internet Students - 1,297 = 43%

E-Mail Students - 573 = 19%

Postal Students - 1,280 = 38%

Total Countries: 124

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A Student's Story

Lazarus Munetsi, *South Africa*

Lazarus Munetsi entered NU in 2004 as a graduate student. He holds Advanced Diplomas from the International Bible Institute and the Numbi Bible School. He completed his Master of Religious Studies in 2007 and is currently working on his Master of Ministry.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story. I live in the capital city of South Africa, Pretoria, in the Gauteng Province. The city has more than twenty churches, and the Gospel of Christ is preached every day. The tools most used here to spread the Gospel are the Gospel Chariot Missions and World Bible School. I have been a volunteer with Gospel Chariot Missions since 2001, and I help with the church in Soshanguve Block HH.

Until 2002, the church met in a local school, then a sister in the Lord offered a house for worship. The house can no longer



Lazarus Munetsi and his wife, Busisiwe.



Sunday morning worship in the tent.

one is comfortable. Yet even in these circumstances, we still worship God. Unfortunately, those who are weak in faith cannot endure such things. We pray that God will give us that which we need to build a building that will accommodate our growing congregation.

Soshanguve Block HH, where our church is located, is an area of poverty and a high unemployment rate. From our collections every month, we are able to help families who do not have food in their homes. We are able to assist about eleven families. The need is greater, and we pray that God will provide us with the means of helping more.

My only wish and prayer is to do God's work until the day of my death. In addition to my work with GCM and WBS, I am recruiting students to study with NationsUniversity. I register them through the Internet on the computer at the GCM office. I study with them individually and in study groups and try to help them be successful in their courses. I believe that soon, South Africa will have more students than any other place in the world.

All of the work I am doing is possible because God is on my side, and because I have my wife by my side as a wonderful helping hand. She is very supportive, even in the difficult times. Her name is Busisiwe, which in English means, "Blessed One."

accommodate us because our average attendance each first day of the week is 90-120. Once we outgrew the house, we purchased a tent to use as a house of worship, but this gives us many challenges as well. When the weather is cold, it is cold in the tent. When the weather is hot, it is hot in the tent. When it is raining, the challenge is beyond our control. Sometimes the tent is blown out by the wind and water is everywhere, and no

Chancellor's Message: *Korea, for Example*

Mac Lynn, Chancellor

Most of the month of May was spent in South Korea. I was invited to teach a diverse group of students who had been assembled from scattered parts of the country. The invitation to teach came from Bill Ramsey, a veteran of the Korean War. Bill served in the U.S. military, but when his assignment was over, he could not forget the Korean people.

Following the War, Korea was a waste land. Half of the capital, Seoul, was destroyed. The people were destitute. Their land had been ravaged. They were still a divided country—North and South. Natural resources were meager. Bill could not forget the images on a thousand faces. They may have all looked alike to the casual observer. But not to Bill. They were individuals in need. The greatest need in Bill's eyes was spiritual nourishment. Bill returned to Korea and, for seventeen years, taught the gospel. He also encouraged fellow American Christians to go for brief visits to teach. For over half a century, Bill has now been going about his work in a quiet, unassuming, and persistent manner. I was just one of many invited to participate in his vision and strategy.



Mac and Marty enjoying the beauty of Korea

Teaching trips do more for the teacher than for the students. The assignment touched me in many ways. I will name two. First, I did not know what to expect. I had live memories from the Korean War, although I had not participated. I had heard of their famous kimchi. But, oh was I surprised! I found a country that is, in some ways, advanced beyond the United States. American public schools are about to purchase what the Koreans have already discarded. The entire country is wireless. Use of electronic billboards is prevalent. South Korea ranks first in the world in several industries. The infrastructure is in good order. Their bullet train, road system, bridges, apartments, automobiles, and tall buildings are amazing.

The most extraordinary effect the trip had on me was in the religious arena. I noted that about 35 percent of the people are now Christian, while adherents to Buddhism has dropped to half that number. Red and white crosses are everywhere! I was told that South Korea had 100 churches with memberships that topped 20,000. The largest church (Full Gospel) has 700,000 members; the second largest, a Presbyterian church, has 120,000. The big church has services all day long, in which a building said to seat 30,000 is comfortably filled seven times. Additionally, others gather in smaller numbers across the landscape and participate through an electronic link. The church also makes use of cell groups, which require 43,000 group leaders.

Korea is the most Christianized nation in Asia. Why? Only God knows the answer to that question. But here are some observations. Although non-Koreans introduced the gospel to the Korean peninsula, the Koreans themselves have assumed the responsibility for taking it to their own people. The gospel ceased being a foreign entry run by foreign missionaries a long time ago. Some foreign missionaries remain, but the key to phenomenal growth seems to be somehow associated with native people, who have taken charge of their own work, and who dared to dream beyond the imagination of the foreign missionaries.

Now, in our day, one can hardly imagine the potential of electronic media. In countries like South Korea, electronic media can be used to train a new generation of leaders and encourage the growth of the plant already growing. In countries hostile to Christianity, electronic media can plant seed that will later grow though the forces of evil resist it. And that is what makes the work of NationsUniversity exciting. We truly wish to be used of God in the gathering of men and women into his kingdom wherever they may be found.

Graduates Since the Last Newsletter

Certificate in Religious Studies

Duncan B.C.W. Godnwe, *Malawi*

Jermaine James, *United States*

Thomas Jimu, *Zimbabwe*

Mwanza William, *Zambia*

Daniel J. Pero, *United States*

Kim McGill, *United States*

Asehinde Jimoh Folorunsho, *Nigeria*

Associate in Religious Studies

Asehinde Jimoh Folorunsho, *Nigeria*

Endzinaw Tefera, *Ethiopia*

Roberto Berdaja Rubio, Jr., *United States*

Ajiboye Bayode Alfred, *Nigeria*

Alphonse Kalundu, *South Africa*

Samuel Christian Onye, *Nigeria*

Diploma in Religious Studies

William H. Mehrhoff, *United States*

Agir Gabriel Aondoaseer, *Nigeria*

Martin Richard Gough, *United Kingdom*

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Robert Little, *United States*

James Lynch, *United States*

William D. Mehrhoff, *United States*

Master of Religious Studies

Albert Douglas Ofori, *Ghana*

National Bible Institute

Edward George Graham, *Jamaica*

B.B.A., University of Technology Jamaica

Gold Chukwuemeka, *Greece*

Hellenic Republic Technological Educational
Institute of Chalkida

Master of Ministry

James Cheche Mindo, *United States*

University of London