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NU Graduate and Family Are Heading to Brazil for a Five-year Mission Trip

Troy and Lauren Gibbins have been married for thirteen years and are the parents of four children. Troy began life in the small town of Ettalong, Australia. His parents took him to church faithfully and taught him about Jesus. But after five moves in seven years for his family, church became less of a priority for Troy and as a teen he dedicated his time to friends and parties.

Troy met a man from Harding University who was in Sydney with a mission team, and was amazed by his deep relationship with God. He enrolled in Harding where he spent several years building and deepening his relationship with Christ as he earned a Bachelor in Business Administration. He would later complete his Masters of Theological Studies from NationsUniversity. After college, Troy relocated to Louisiana for a job and it was there he met Lauren.

Troy informed us one day after church he shared with Lauren that they could take the gospel to unreached people. There was an opportunity to do this in Brazil. We decided to seek God's affirmation through continual prayer and by investigating any and every mission opportunity that came before us. We have had the honor of serving as ambassadors of Christ in San Antonio, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Mexico, and Brazil.

We have prayed continually in the years since then for God's direction for our family. We have explored opportunities, places, and ways to serve that might help guide our passion. At the same time, we have been making efforts to equip ourselves to share the gospel.



The Troy and Laura Gibbins family

I began taking courses and worked to attain my Masters in Theological Studies, Lauren has attended leadership training workshops and conferences in order to equip her to rally women together within the church through discipling.

The last few years we have been on an incredible journey as God has been building our team to help build His kingdom in Sao Luis. Having been accepted as the 43rd team to work with Great Cities Missions in South America, we will be devoted to preparation throughout 2017 for our move to Sao Luis in January 2018 to begin the work He has set before us.

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Tell Us Your Story!

Recently we put out a call for NationsU students and alumni to tell us their story. Some of the respondents made videos and you can now watch them on the NationsUniversity YouTube channel. Many chose to write to the University and express their sentiments and we look forward to sharing those stories in future editions of the Voice of Nations. Remember, we are always looking for good stories and great videos so keep sending them in. Contact Director of Communications Jon-Roy Sloan, at info@nationsu.edu to learn more!



Kevin Ringo, Georgia

Current Enrollment

Current through 2/1/17

Total Students: 1,951

Male - 1,654
Female - 297
Undergraduate - 1,614
Graduate - 337

Total Countries: 117

Top Ten Countries

United States	723
South Africa	262
Nigeria	132
Kenya	106
Ethiopia	80
Ghana	60
Zambia	36
Cameroon	32
Zimbabwe	32
Haiti	24

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By God's grace and mighty power, we have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News."

A footnote to this article: Two staff members of NationsUniversity have been missionaries to Brazil. Registrar Mary Virginia Mabery and her husband Matthew spent eight years as missionaries in Sao Luis. Director of Student Advising, Gail Heiderich and her husband Jerry also spent thirty years as missionaries in the Sao Luis area.

Top: Worshippers in Church, Sao Luis, Brazil. Bottom: A scenic view of Sao Luis from the church the Gibbins will be working from.



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Student in the Middle East Tells Why He Chose NationsUniversity

Taking my studies at the NationsUniversity is one of the wisest decisions I have made regarding my academic development and career growth. Choosing the right institution to accomplish the goal of quality education has been difficult. It is attributed to the mushrooming of academic institutions both local and international. However, equipped with the right information, with vivid goals and objectives one can make the right decision. Successful for growth in the knowledge of the Christian doctrine and its foundation is NationsUniversity.



One of the reasons for choosing NationsU is the extent of its programs. Gaining information and enhancing knowledge of Christian foundations and values is central for anyone pursuing such studies. The programs in the University are detailed, intensive, highly engaging, and provide much information to the student. Critical thinking is enhanced as the student is trained in critical evaluation of current matters. This helps relate the content gained with the reality of the Word today in a realistic manner. The methods of evaluation ensure that each student gains adequate knowledge on relevant subjects.

Another reason for choosing NationsU is the convenience that comes with the online courses. As all the students know, the courses are self-paced which allows a student to determine a convenient time to finish a course. Such a convenient program helps with easier management of the academics and other engagements.

The third reason is the quality of information provided in the courses. Courses are content focused. They are also objective in that they do not discredit other beliefs but are objective on Christian beliefs. They are unique in that they enhance a fuller understanding of Christianity. They also assist in unraveling the myths built around Christian beliefs and the development of a good standing based on knowledge gained is also profound. They are critical in the development of ministerial identity and leadership skills for enhancing personal and career growth.

Best of all, NationsUniversity is affordable and provides the student with all the materials they deem important for development. The programs expose the students to applying their knowledge to events in the world today and demonstrates that the programs are relevant to current events.

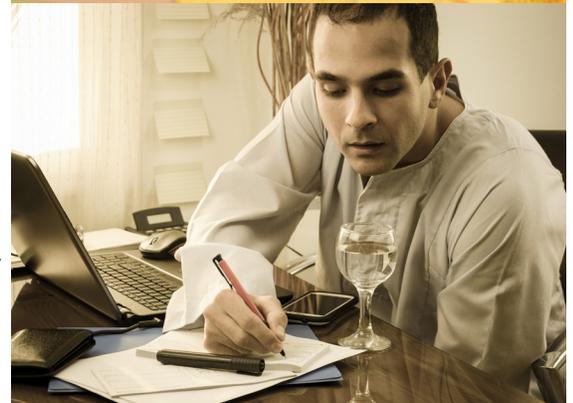
*Yasir A.
NU Student*

Egyptian Student's Revolutionary Break

This course has made a revolutionary break into my understanding to approach spirituality and divine affairs. In my experience, like so many, I took it for granted, handed down to me by the way I was brought up. I haven't dared question any of the mysteries of spirituality or the sacred issues related to God. I learnt that to explore the spiritual realm will definitely rely on and be helped by being rational. As the mind gets fed and developed by depending on the five senses of the body, similarly the spirit flourishes by the continuous work of the soul (the emotions, mind and will).

Having had my worldview grown and polished by this course, I feel strongly that it would act as a dynamic force in my life, giving me a real meaning of God's plan and resolution for this world. My spiritual worldview is not daydreaming, but is a stimulating drive for godly and truthful thinking. It also offers me self-confidence and faith for the future. In the heart of life's trials and struggles, my worldview assists to steady my life, helping as an anchor to bind us to God's faithfulness and devotion.

My spiritual worldview has enlightened my understanding of history. I could see history (which I love to call: His-story) now as a significant linear sequence of incidents, which lead to the completion of God's aims for all humans. Human history will peak when it started, here on our earth. This fact is characteristic of Christian philosophy, for Christianity relies mainly on history at its core. God has worked authoritatively in history, revealing Himself in particular actions and events. Furthermore God will act to fetch history to its divine purpose and intentional conclusion.



Exciting Success At NationsUniversity Annual Dinner

On Saturday April 8, NationsUniversity held a fundraising dinner at the Brentwood Country Club in Brentwood, Tennessee. There were 142 guests in attendance to listen to Steve Diggs, Mac Lynn, and others tell the story of NU and its mission.

Ernie Clevenger, NationsUniversity Board Chairman, opened the event with a prayer and Chancellor Mac Lynn welcomed the guests. Mary Virginia Mabery, the NationsUniversity Registrar, handed out some awards to our table hosts that were very helpful in organizing the night's dinner.

A key feature of every dinner are the student videos. The students featured this year were Kevin Ringo (US), Claudius Brown (Jamaica), Stephen Muguro (Kenya), and Marc Simon (US). Kevin Ringo and his wife drove in from Atlanta, Georgia to attend the dinner and our Partners were able to meet and talk with them.

Gayle Crowe was honored by the University with the Distinguished Christian Service Award for his lifetime devotion to spreading the gospel and tireless service in making disciples.

Our keynote speaker was Steve Diggs. He worked with NationsUniversity in its early days and even traveled to Russia and Egypt back in the nineties on the school's behalf. Steve brought energy and new ideas to our fundraising effort and NationsUniversity benefited greatly from his skills and expertise. For that the University extends a big—**Thank You!**

This year's fundraising dinner was a resounding success and we want to thank everyone who made this success possible. We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to bless our efforts to offer affordable and accessible education, all to His glory!



*Above: Steve Diggs addresses the guests at the NU annual dinner.
Below: NU Partners and guests gather for the dinner at the Brentwood Country Club. Their generosity made it a very successful night.*



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