

Kabiito named the winner!



David Kabiito of Uganda is the winner of the *Name the Newsletter* competition with his submission of *The Voice of Nations*.

He lives in Western Uganda and has served as minister for the Fort Portal Church of Christ for the past 14 years. He works alongside American missionaries, Jeff and Cheryl Cash, training and teaching the local population. Their ministry has grown rapidly over the years as they seek to share the love of Jesus with those in Fort Portal. Currently, they work with approximately 40 congregations in the region.

David and his wife, Resty, have five daughters and one grandchild.

He writes, "My life has changed greatly since I accepted the Lord and was baptized by Jeff in 1997. As a Christian, I have seen God working in my life, and I want to share his love daily with my friends.

"I believe God has a purpose for each one of us as we serve him. My message to my fellow students is to meditate on God's word day and night."

A message from the Lynns

A new president and a Student Services director are welcomed additions to NU. The president, Dr. Alan Cooper, is now the chief executive officer. In that role he will spend his time securing the institution financially and developing its public credibility.



Mac and Marty Lynn in Iran

Alan and his wife, Lisa, bring experience, wisdom, and deep interest in the mission of NationsUniversity. Alan's doctoral dissertation addressed the subject of worship in the modern church. Lisa's experience in online teaching will make her valuable to us as we enhance the educational process.

The Director of Student Services, Dr. Martell Souder, also brings experience and wisdom. She is dedicated to the ideals of the school and has strong feelings for the students around the globe. Coming from a missionary family and a background in education, Martell is sensitive to the aspirations of the NU students.

So, what impact will the changes have on Mac and Marty Lynn? We will certainly continue our work with the school and have a strong interest in both academics and student services. We are here every day as usual. We are simply moving aside to allow younger and more qualified people to come onboard.

NU is served by a wide variety of people who live around the world. A small staff of salaried and non-salaried personnel work out of the Board of Regents office in Tennessee, U.S.A. Additional staff members include Anastasia, Beverly, David, Hank, Joe, Joye, Judy, Melanie, Michael, and several other ladies. The seventeen regents reside in six different states. Many others are contributing toward accreditation, IT work, course development, course reviews, grading student papers, student advising, language translation, and special projects are scattered across the U.S. and throughout several other countries. Then, there are the contributors--those who receive pleasure out of being able to underwrite the students' education. We are a team! We love what we do because we love you.

Mac and Mary Lynn

NU: Education and a heart for missions

What a blessing to be a part of NationsUniversity! When I first talked with Mac and Marty Lynn about working at NU, they were interested in my educational credentials, but their first priority was that I have a heart for missions. This opportunity of service brings

my life back to a work that is dear to my heart.

Over 20 years ago, my mother, Mrs. Martin Johnson, ended her service in Ghana as a nurse for African Christian Hospitals. In 1992, my brother and I traveled with her to visit Kumasi and Accra. My experiences there left a strong desire in my heart to serve God in some way that reached beyond the borders of my home country.

NationsU gives me that opportunity, and I am able to touch more lives than I ever imagined. It is a privilege to join the faithful Christians who work and volunteer at this institution. I believe God's unexpected plans for my life and His timing placed me in this new position to serve Him, and He deserves the praise.

Since coming to NU in January, I have been impressed with the sincere hearts and dedicated lives of students who seek to study scripture, often in difficult circumstances. Each student's needs are unique, and I am challenged daily to provide advice and guidance that will match each student's situation. As a retired public school educator, I welcome these new opportunities to teach students who thirst for more knowledge of God's message to mankind.

As Director of Student Services, I discovered we have outstanding advisors who are advocates for their students. We constantly seek to provide just the right guidance and encouragement that ensures student success. Your advisor is the first contact to make when you confront a problem. Two additional places to consult on our website are the Frequently Asked Questions and your User Report.

One of my goals is to give students the tools they need to equip them in their studies. The recently added Student Tutorial found on the login page on our website provides specific suggestions for studying and taking notes. We plan to add a Writing Guide soon as well. This writing guide will support students in both Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, especially in courses that require essays.

With the recent addition of portfolios and written activities, we realize that some students may be challenged to complete these new assignments. However, we believe there is great value in writing; student portfolios provide evidence of learning in their writing. During my teaching years, I found an important statement that I kept on my classroom wall: "Writing is the inking of our thinking." Writing provides the opportunity to synthesize thoughts and apply new knowledge.

NationsUniversity seeks to provide rigor and relevance in our courses. You should be challenged in your courses to think deeply about complex ideas, concepts, and information. A multiple-choice exam can measure your progress in thinking, but writing an essay requires you to explain your thinking in another way.

I remind you of Paul's words to Timothy, "Make every effort to give yourself to God as the kind of person he will accept. Be a worker who is not ashamed and who uses the true teaching in the right way." 2 Timothy 2:15

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Director of Student Services

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Greetings to the students of NationsUniversity

On March 1st, 2011, I formally began my term as the new president of NationsUniversity. It is my honor to come alongside the diverse student body of this revolutionary institution.

For the last twenty-five years, God allowed me to serve Him in the areas of worship, missions and Christian education through various points in the United States, missions around the world and into cyber space. I am pleased to now bring that experience to this endeavor. We all know NationsUniversity exists to glorify God. Through assisting in your educational pursuits, we at NU hope you will also bring Him glory.

Our student body reflects God's world, showcasing His planned variety from many different nations and backgrounds. As students, your hopes, dreams and experiences uniquely shape each of you. Your experiences also equip you in common unity through your desire to learn. This provides opportunity to serve Him and the ability to glorify God with your lives. Every class and assignment you experience with NationsUniversity hones that gifting, ultimately pointing to the God of all creation. Study well. Open yourselves to the blessing of God in this season of your lives, and watch as God prepares you for tasks only you can accomplish.

The faculty and staff of NationsUniversity stand behind you, chosen because of their excellent academic training and experience, but also because they are faithful Christians. They have not stopped praying for you, even before you knew of NU, and will continue to do so as you progress through your course of study. Engage them and each other in the forums. Join the NU community, even as I am joining you now. Our faculty and staff are here to help you succeed, both in faith and in your educational goals.

May the Lord bless you with success!

Alan D. Cooper
President



Graduates since the last newsletter

Certificate in Religious Studies

Lucy Del Carmen Pernet Arroyo, Colombia
Sylvester Brown, United States
Robert Bennett White, United States
Mark King, United States
Bobby L. Sanders, United States
Guy Shanks, United States
Cordelia Riley, United States
Taiwo Okesokun, Nigeria
Bobby Ray Pennington, United States
John Muema Mutisya, Kenya
Nndanduleni Edward Tshivhenga, South Africa
Kopano Samuel Matuka, South Africa
Wiseman Mnyemezeli Mbatha, South Africa
Rofhiwa Tshivhase, South Africa
Lebohlang Lesson Masihlelo, South Africa
Ntsokolo James Matete, South Africa
Phaswa April Sekwakweng, South Africa
Rinopisa Amos Chiwinya, Zimbabwe
Richard Mahugu Kiama, Kenya
Mukhetwa Nemaungani, South Africa

Associate in Religious Studies

Pierre Richard Saint Bon, Haiti
Ronel Odatte, Haiti
James LaPointe, United States
Alonzo Samuel, Jr., United States
Charles Barlow, United States
Andrew Phillip Nichols, United States

Diploma in Religious Studies

Beruk Tesfaye G/Hiwot, Ethiopia
Benny Sain, United States

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Pierre Richard Saint Bon, Haiti
Clint Taylor, United States
Samuel Arikpo Ikpi, Nigeria
Bryan Andrew Watson, United States
Bradley Lynn Adams, United States
Steven Higginbotham, United States
Breens Robinson Gichaba, Kenya

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Ajiboye Bayode Alfred, Nigeria
Waliya Yohanna Joseph, Nigeria
Nguyen Hoang Vu, Vietnam
John H. Anderson, United States
Paul Fontenot, United States

Master of Religious Studies

Nathan Alred, United States
B.Th., Trinity College of the Bible
Alemayehu Teshale Wondimu, Ethiopia
B.Th., International Institute of Church Mgmt.
Tesfaye Hebebo Kelbore, Ethiopia
B.Th., Mekane Jesus Seminary
Moses Liyayi Mukonjelo, Kenya
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Gollo Huka Liben, Ethiopia
M.A., University of Reading
Wudneh Almaz, Ethiopia
B.A., Addis Ababa University
John Mwangi, Kenya
B.A., Christian Life International Bible College
Fanuel Esiello Omuyoma, Kenya
B.Th., Pentecostal Bible College
Alireza Mahjouri Sabet
B.A., Islamic Azad University
Goferie Shato Adisho, Ethiopia
B.Th., Mekane Yesus Seminary
Master of Ministry
Dove Giles, United States
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Master of Divinity
Joseph J. Honto, Zambia
M.R.S., NationsUniversity
William A. Hromada, Jr., United States
M.R.S., NationsUniversity

A student shares his experience

Submitted by a U.S. student and edited slightly for length.

NationsUniversity has great courses and is such a great resource providing an excellent education. I was talking to a friend recently about NU in light of an interesting experience I have had over the last couple semesters at a traditional university. Four of my courses were graduate courses that counted toward my undergraduate degree in the Department of Communications. In each case, the course work, load, and challenge were identical

whether one was a graduate student or one was an undergraduate. The reasoning was that these courses would prepare us for graduate level work.

I explained to my friend that I find the courses for the NationsUniversity M.Div. to be more challenging and thorough than my secular graduate level courses. In fact, I also spoke with a friend who is getting her master's degree in Social Work. When we compared the amount of reading and testing, NU is more challenging. The only

advantage she has is the number of hours spent in class discussion. But considering the subjects she says are discussed and how much time that is wasted by other students, we agreed her interactions in class aren't all that helpful.

I wanted to share these thoughts and ask you to pass along my gratitude to Dr. Mac and the team at NU. I'm honored to be a part of the student body and look forward to finding more ways to promote the mission and vision of NationsUniversity.

Current Enrollment

Current through 2/28/2011

Total Students: 4,823

Male - 3919

Female - 904

Undergraduate - 4,174

Graduate - 649

Total Countries: 141

Top Ten Countries:

United States	1,652
South Africa	340
Ethiopia	283
Nigeria	236
Iran	216
Kenya	204
Egypt	192
Cameroon	115
Malawi	102
Ghana	84

News for incarcerated students

I receive a lot of letters from prison students that start out something like this: "I'm not sure who to write about this . . ."

Contacting me for what you need is, by far, the best method for communication with the university. After reading your mail, I then send your request via e-mail to the person who can best fill your request. I am your contact person with NU for most of your needs.

Due to our increasing enrollment, I will be sending grade updates on a quarterly basis. About two weeks after you receive your newsletter, grade reports will be sent to every incarcerated student who has completed an exam since the last newsletter. If your proctor or relative has access to the Internet, you may ask him/her to check our website for your latest grades.

I will do my best to answer your letters to me, but you are sending about 20 letters per day. If you have requested materials, those will be sent to you from Student Services, but you may not receive a letter from me. I am sure a lot of you have noticed that I am sending postcards when answering your questions. From this point forward, I will answer your questions on postcards if possible.

One question some of you are asking pertains to assignments to be submitted along with your exams. Let me assure you that you are not responsible for written assignments if they are not in your syllabus. These were added in January, so if you received your syllabus last fall, follow the syllabus of your course as written.

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Director of Prison Enrollment

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