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## Accreditation Renewed!

### **NationsUniversity is pleased to announce the renewal of accreditation from DEAC!**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission, which accredited NationsUniversity initially in 2015, has renewed the institution's accreditation through June 2023.

Accreditation renewal is a great victory for NationsUniversity. The journey is a long difficult process. Let us give thanks to God that our mission to build authentic faith and train Christian leaders will continue.

DEAC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) as a recognized accrediting agency. The DEAC is the preeminent accrediting organization for distance education delivered worldwide that sets high standards for academic quality.

NationsUniversity was founded in 1996 by Richard Ady and Mac Lynn to serve the interests of those who were seeking advanced training in Scripture but who could not afford to come to America or to pay expensive tuition.

Since its founding, some 33,000 students have enrolled. Presently, the institution serves students in over 100 countries and 100 prisons in the U.S. All programs are in religious studies.

Thanks to all of you who had a part in this effort.

Blessings and Peace,

Mac Lynn  
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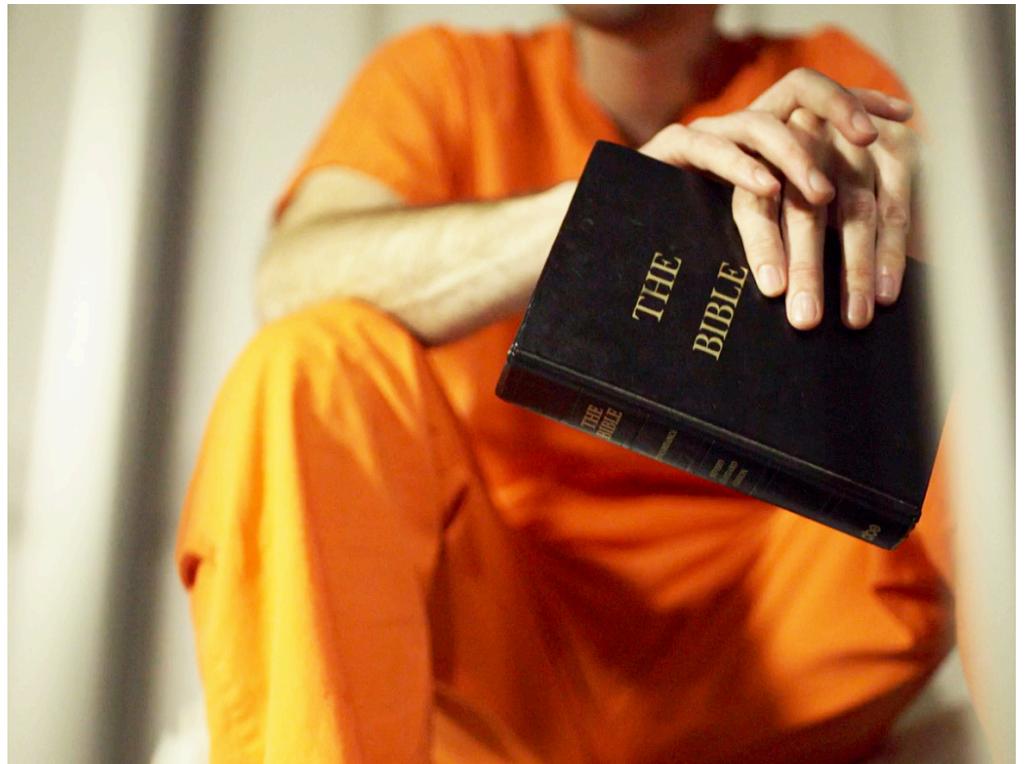
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## NationsU: Father & Son

My name is Robert, and I am incarcerated at Dillwyn Correctional Center in Dillwyn, VA. My sentence lasts four and a half more years, and in that time, I'd like to pursue a Master's degree in Theological Studies through your institution.

I have been a Christian since my childhood in the mid-'80s. I attended a private Christian school, but I never spent much time studying the Bible beyond class and Sunday School. My post-high school education included receiving a B.A. in 2002. Before incarceration, I was a middle school teacher.

My father, Jeff, introduced me to NU about eight years ago when he revealed that he was attaining a Master of Divinity at NU. At that time, I was intrigued by your operation but was not interested in attending since I needed an accredited program to qualify for my requirements as an educator. However, once you attained accreditation, I was excited for you all. That was a big step.

Since I was arrested in 2013, my father has encouraged me to join your program. He sent me the newsletter often.

In that time, I finally began to explore the awesomeness of God's Word. I am about to finish my fourth complete reading through the Bible. In addition, I listen to 2 hours of preaching each weekday.

The exposition of the Bible and deep dives into apologetics and doctrine have opened my eyes to how big the scholarship of the Word really is. I would like to continue my Biblical studies with NationsUniversity, especially as my future plans include a ministry in Africa someday.

Thank you for providing this opportunity. My father will help with my books and with communication. Take care, and God bless!

*Robert, Prison Student*

### Tell Your Story

**NationsUniversity® wants to know what is inspiring you to complete your degree?**

**Encourage others by telling your story. Write to the *The Voice of Nations*, at [info@nationsu.edu](mailto:info@nationsu.edu).**

***How are you changing your world?***

# Through Smoke and Fire

## A Traveling NU Student Loses Almost Everything but the Clothes on Her Back

Imagine you are an itinerant missionary, traveling the world, sharing the Gospel, and one day you lose everything, to terrible fire, except the clothes on your back. That terrible scenario describes what happened to Emily Butterfield, a NationsUniversity student traveling in Ireland. The following is from her Facebook page and is used with her permission.

July 19, 2019

*The B&B [Bed and Breakfast] I had been staying at in Ireland lit on fire today, and everything burned down, besides the stone walls. I've lost everything but the clothes on my back, my phone, and a water bottle. Passport, gone. Debit and credit cards gone. Clothes, gone. Everything.*

*Today has been unbelievable, and I'm still trying to wrap my head around it. I'm so thankful no one was hurt! Crazy things like this happen sometimes, and I know we'll all move on and be okay, but for now, we're all in a bit of a shock and trying to figure out our next steps.*

Update: July 25, 2019

*It has almost been a week since the fire. My GoFundMe [account] was fully funded in TWO DAYS! I couldn't believe it! I have been blown away by the amount of support and love and encouragement that has come in. People have really come out of the woodwork to show their support and let me know that they're there for me.*

*Now I'm slowly working on getting things back. We've had some clothing and toiletry donations that will tide us over. The B&B has some Gypsy Wagons they're putting us up in for now and are getting us food. I have an appointment to apply for a new passport at the embassy on August 1. So, little by little, I'm getting my life back in order.*

*Thank you, everyone, for your kindness and your generosity. ♥*

*Lots of love,  
Emily*



# NationsUniversity: 2020 Celebrations

## NU turns twenty-five!

Next year will be an extraordinary year for NationsUniversity. The institution turns twenty-five years old, and a spectacular celebration is in order!

I need your help to do this. I am looking for students who are willing to pay it forward by making a video about their NationsU experience.

This is your story! You get to promote yourself, and by extension, you are promoting the University. You can use a smartphone to do this. Get a friend or family member to help you!

Do not worry about quality or editing your video. I will take care of that. Just avoid windy places or areas with too much background noise. Speak slowly, clearly, and most of all, enthusiastically!

You may submit your videos online at,

[nationsu.edu/nu-videos/](https://nationsu.edu/nu-videos/)

*I look forward to hearing your story!*

*JonRoy Sloan*

*Director of Communications*



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## Chaplain's Corner

*Allen Thyssen, NationsUniversity Chaplain*

Are you struggling to have effective Bible study? How do you judge the effectiveness of your personal Bible study? Well, I can think of several ways to go about determining this. For example, you might measure how many verses you have memorized. Can you more adequately explain the story of Jesus? What does the Bible say about (you name it). What steps to salvation are laid out in the book of Acts?

It seems to me that the most robust metric for measuring the effectiveness of a personal study of the scriptures is the extent to which that study causes us to change for the better. Think of what Bible study you did last week. Now, how is your life different today because of that study? Are you more loving? Has your

relationship with God, your family, and the world around you been impacted? If not, why not?

A preacher friend of mine commented this weekend that he knows Christians who have studied the Bible for decades but who are still “mean as can be.” I do not want to be described in that manner. Do you?

This may be stretching it a bit, but the Apostle Paul could have been thinking along these lines when he wrote I Corinthians 13. “Now faith, hope and love these three; but the greatest of these is love.” It seems that faith comes from love more than vice versa. In short, love (a relationship) trumps faith.

How does one love God? You find the answer in “Love your neighbor.” It may be the only necessary thing. One may spend a lifetime learning the

content and nuances of the Bible, but if the person is not transformed into a new creation (Galatians 6:14-18) and from the tyranny of sin in daily behavior, it amounts to little.

Yes, it is essential that we learn the content and instructions of the Bible. But it is more important to change from our old man to the new creature. How are you doing?

*Blessings and peace,*  
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