

# Genesis Conference of the Northeast Region

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Dear Pastor,

A unique opportunity to participate in enabling mission in Burundi, Africa has arisen. A \$25,000 matching gift challenge has been established for Hope Africa University Medical and Nursing School to help finish the new clinical teaching center. Some in your congregation may be interested in participating in this initiative.

Hope Africa University is a ground breaking, innovative Free Methodist University in Burundi, Africa. The new medical and nursing school requires an onsite teaching site. The new teaching site under construction is designed to provide outpatient clinics, operating rooms, delivery rooms and wards for short-term illness (pediatrics and adults) and recovery from operations. To date, \$250,000 has already been raised to build this building. The exteriors and much of the interiors of the 2 buildings have been completed with these funds. Additionally, almost \$500,000 of equipment has been acquired and is now in storage at the University until the building is finished. It is hoped that the buildings can be finished and the clinic functional by this fall. Students are ready to take clinical rotations.

Unfortunately, the project has run out of funds. Approximately \$100,000 more is needed to finish the project. One friend of Hope Africa from our conference has stepped out in faith to offer a matching gift of \$25,000 if an additional \$25,000 can be raised by churches and individuals in Genesis Conference by September 1. Gifts would be matched dollar for dollar. The total raised, up to \$50,000, plus some money being sought elsewhere, should allow the unit to open in September.

Our conference has already been involved in this school through Roberts Wesleyan College, Darlene and Wayne McGown, Norman and Nancy Wetterau and others who have given and taught there. Money given is multiplied in other ways. It helps our Free Methodist church in Burundi, a church of 100,000 members that has come out of civil war build vitally needed leaders. It helps in educating students and helps supply future doctors and nurses in a nation that has few. This Christian medical facility will also provide health care to thousands who live near the university, many of whom are poor.

Can we help? Are there some in your congregations looking for a project of significance in the medical field? Here is a chance for your church to become involved in an exciting work that God is doing. For more information contact Dr. Norman Wetterau at [normwetterau@aol.com](mailto:normwetterau@aol.com) (or (585)468-2528). Contributions can be sent to Friends of Hope Africa University 6715 Oak Lake Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46214 or to the conference office which will forward them.

Blessings in Christ,

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