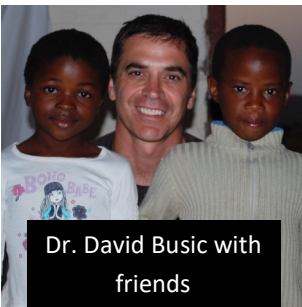


The Swaziland/Eswatini Partnership Compilation Report and Timeline 2007-2021

Bethany First Church of the Nazarene
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Background of The Swaziland/Eswatini Partnership

In 2007, Dr. David Busic, Senior Pastor of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene (BFC) and Dr. Loren Gresham, President of Southern Nazarene University (SNU) felt led to be involved in the global AIDS pandemic. Kendra Thomson, at the time on staff at SNU, had returned from a trip to Swaziland with a passionate desire to make a difference and shared her heart with both men. Rev. Larry Bollinger of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries had also recently come back from Swaziland on a review of that country's needs with Dr. Gary Morsch of Heart to Heart International. It was Bollinger's and Morsch's hope to reengage the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland, the birthplace of Nazarene missions in Africa, and expressed that hope to Dr. Busic.



Dr. Busic and Dr. Gresham made a trip to Swaziland in November 2007 to ask if a nation wanted to partner with a church and a university. They were joined by Rev. Bob Miller from BFC and Dr. David Alexander from SNU in this assessment. They were graciously received by government and church leaders and returned home with a calling to reach out to Swaziland, a nation with the highest rate of HIV and TB in the world. Dr. Busic and Dr. Gresham called this *The Swaziland Partnership*.

From this visionary beginning in 2007, doors of opportunity and service have been provided for many to minister in Swaziland. Rev. Will and Karis Stemen volunteered in 2008 to move to Swaziland for a year of service. Barbi Moore was hired in January 2009 as the Director of Global Outreach to provide full-time leadership for the Partnership. She invited talented leaders in every aspect of ministry to join her on a Swazi Leadership Council. Barbi has also had three gifted administrative assistants over the years since 2008: Pat Burton, Becca Mathis, and Kellen Escoc. Ann Loper, BFC's NMI President, was involved from the very beginning and gave her leadership and encouragement. In 2012, Dr. Rick Harvey came to BFC as Lead Pastor and quickly became a strong visionary leader for the Swaziland/Eswatini Partnership.



BFC has been blessed with incredible people who have volunteered a year or more of their lives to live in Swaziland and represent BFC and the Partnership in Swaziland. They have provided coordination for GO Teams and leadership on many ongoing projects. BFC is grateful for their service knowing that strong relationships have been built with their sacrificial time and efforts. We call them our **Partnership OnSite Coordinators**.

- Rev. Will and Karis Stemen – July 2008-March 2009
- Brent and Rev. Michaele LaVigne – May 2009-June 2010
- Andy and Amy Curry – June 2010-July 2011
- Evan and Rev. Andrea Mosshart – August 2011-August 2012
- Dustin and Amanda Hogan - July 2012-July 2013
- Seth and Kaylee Carley - July 2013-July 2014
- Rev. Dale and Emmalyn German - July 2014-July 2015
- Rev. Ron and Sara Willard - July 2015-July 2017



- Jess Jenkinson - July-November 2017
- Doug and Margaret Eaton - January 2018 to the present

Throughout the years a cooperative effort was established between the Eswatini Church of the Nazarene, Eswatini Nazarene Health Institutions, NCM Africa, Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, Southern Nazarene University, Montrose (CA) Church, Living Word (TX) Church of the Nazarene, Canada Central District of the Nazarene, Carpenter (TX) Church of the Nazarene, Dean McGee Eye Institute from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine (DMEI), and Rev. John and Karen Porter, South Africa Nazarene University volunteers.

This is a summary of what has been accomplished with the Partnership under the leadership of regional directors Dr. Filimao Chambo and Dr. Dany Gomis, the Swazi National Board and our South Field Strategic Coordinators from 2008 to 2021, Rev. Collin Elliott, Dr. Musa Kunene, and currently, Rev. Solomon Ndlovu.

Timeline of Ministry

From July 2008 to July 2019, over 800 people joined a GO Team for Eswatini. These teams have included people from BFC, SNU, Montrose Church, Living Word Church, Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Eastern Nazarene College, Lenexa (KS) Central Church of the Nazarene, Central District of Canada, Dean McGee Eye Institute, and individuals from Arizona, Ohio, Oregon, Missouri, Texas, and Washington, D.C. A total of 40 teams have served; an additional three teams scheduled to serve in 2020 were cancelled due to Covid.

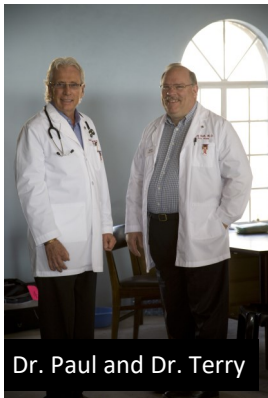
2007

- November - Exploratory trip by Dr. David Busic, Dr. Loren Gresham, Dr. David Alexander, and Rev. Bob Miller

2008

- March - BFC assessment trip with Rev. Lewis McClain, Dr. Paul Rothwell, Scott Dedmon, and Barbi Moore.

- May – A delegation of about a dozen church, school and hospital leaders from Swaziland invited by Dr. James Cople visited the US with stops in Washington DC, Kansas City, and Oklahoma City.



- July - First GO Team from BFC and SNU completed a new nurses’ quarters at Sitsatsaweni clinic; a community clinic was conducted at Sitsatsaweni Church of the Nazarene by Dr. Paul Rothwell and Dr. Terry Hall; a solar powered water system was installed at Sitsatsaweni Primary School which was suffering from extreme drought. From the very first, **Dr. Paul Rothwell and Dr. Terry Hall** have led our medical efforts in Swaziland.

- October - The 1st Swazi 5K took place at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) as a fundraiser for Swaziland.

2009

- March - GO Team from BFC assessed needs at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital (RFM) and prepared for a joint recording of Swazi and BFC musicians later called “Hallelujah Swaziland.” **The Ndubazi Church of the Nazarene was completed.**

- May/June - GO Team from Lenexa Central Church of the Nazarene painted the Endzengeni Clinic and renovated a temporary place for nurses’ housing.

- July/August - Team from BFC and Central Canadian District renovated the Bhalekane Medical Clinic and painted the Bhalekane Nazarene Church. Marg Stahlbaum, a librarian from Canada, was on this team and saw the needs of Nazarene schools without libraries.

- **Pediatric Standard Treatment Book** – Dr. Terry Hall gave leadership to a pocket-sized treatment book to help standardize care for children in Swaziland. Dr. Hall donated 3,000 hours on this book and recruited health care professionals from BFC and Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital to write and edit portions of this guide. All physicians donated their time for this effort.

- **BFC sent two 40' containers** full of medical and dental equipment and supplies. The first container shipped in August 2009 and arrived in Manzini in October 2009.

- Rev. Harlan Moore and Hal Swinhart came to Swaziland to record and video over two hundred musicians. They returned to BFC and recorded adults and children for a project that was entitled, **“Hallelujah Swaziland.”** The recording and concert premiered at BFC in November 2009 with live singers from BFC and friends from Swaziland joining the songs via video. CD’s were available that day to support the work in Swaziland. A delegation from Swaziland was presented with half of the 100th anniversary offering with a large check in the amount of \$125,000 to help finish churches in Swaziland.



- September - 2nd annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2010

- March - GO Team from BFC led counseling training, worked at Gigi’s Place (a resource for street children), and established a community garden at Nkiliji under the leadership of the HIV/AIDS Task Force to provide food and microfinance for those involved in the garden.

- May - GO Teams from Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) and SNU. A Canadian Team with Marg Stahlbaum shipped a container of 12,000 books and sent a team to set up libraries in Nazarene schools.

- June - GO Team from Lenexa Central Church of the Nazarene built a Nurse’s duplex in Endzingeni.

- The **Cola-Cola Foundation in Africa** donated funding to NCM to provide **53 solar-powered water systems** throughout Swaziland. The solar system at Sitsatsawani was an example of a changed community because of water.



- July/August - GO Team from BFC was our **largest-ever team with 65 people**, a great number of youth attending from BFC. This team renovated the Embulekini Church of the Nazarene, sang, danced, and reached out to youth at meetings and school assemblies with Rev. Chris Pollock, Youth Pastor at BFC. There were also significant meetings with Bill Dillard and Southern Africa Nazarene University

on the **idea of a farm at the School of Theology for scholarships for men and women preparing for ministry.**

- October - **The Bulembu Church of the Nazarene was completed.**

- BFC contributed toward a nurses’ house in Shewula in partnership with Dr. Jim and Colleen Copple

- October 15-November 6 - Sunni Mercer and Eric and Bridget Pipkin produced **The Measure of My Strength**, an art exhibit and accompanying book that provided awareness of the needs of women and children in Swaziland, hosted by the IAO Gallery in Oklahoma City. A grant was provided to SNU from the Kirkpatrick Foundation for the creation of the book and art exhibit. Several hundred people from the community attended this three-week exhibit.

· September - 3rd annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2011

· March - GO Team from BFC. They were joined by an **exploratory team from Dean McGee Eye Institute**. Since then DMEI has sent annual teams to Swaziland, providing opportunities for international ophthalmologic fellowships in partnership with Dr. Jonathan Pons, one of only two ophthalmologists in Swaziland, and the Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki. Dr. Bradley Farris from DMEI led the teams. This GO Team also built Tambankhulu Church of the Nazarene, and hosted a retreat for Nazarene District Superintendents.



Dr. Bradley Farris from DMEI

· May - GO Teams from ENC, SNU, and Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. **The Swazi Hope Dinner** was also held in the BFC Atrium in May. This dinner raised funds and pledges for the new Child Development Centre in Ntondozi, Swaziland. Doug and Margaret Eaton led a committee of volunteers to organize the dinner and silent auction for 400 guests.

· August - GO Team from BFC - **“Swazi Nazarene Pastoral Couples and Single Pastor’s Conference on AIDS”** with speakers Dr. David Busic, Dr. Louie Bustle, Dr. Filimao Chambo, Dr. James Copple, Dr. Nkosingiphile Kunene, and Rev. Cosmos Mutowa. **The first Child Development Centre was established at Ntondozi** with Rev. Glory Dlamini as the pastor and was sponsored by individuals at BFC.

· September - 4th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2012

· BFC shipped a second container with supplies for the Gerald Gasset Memorial Dental Clinic with dental equipment and thousands of dollars’ worth of disposables from Patterson Dental Company in Oklahoma City. to help establish this dental clinic and dedicate it on July 2012.



· March - GO Team from BFC and team from Dean McGee Eye Institute – Work at Manna Farms with aquaponics and installation of apiary; water well dug at Ntondozi Child Development Center, Mobile X-Ray donation from Dr. JD Crooks and installation at The Luke Commission. **Sicagweni Church of the Nazarene completed.**

· May - GO Teams from ENC and SNU

· July - GO Team from BFC dedicates the **Gerald Gasset Memorial Dental Clinic** at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital as the first public dental clinic in Swaziland.



Gerald Gasset Memorial Dental Clinic

· August - GO Team from Canada; Marg Stahlbaum sends another container shipment of books and supplies for Nazarene schools and a team to train teachers on a library system.



Rev. Harlan Moore and Swazi

· September - 5th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2013

· March - GO Team from BFC; **“AIDS Awareness Music Festivals”** on every district led by Rev. Harlan Moore with AIDS Testing from The Luke Commission or PSI; **“Living with Hope”** booklets regarding HIV in siSwati given away at all Music Festivals.

· May - GO Team from SNU

· July - GO Team from BFC; **Jill Petty Memorial projects at Zakhele Community Center and new classrooms and teacher's quarters at Mhlaba Nazarene Primary School.**

· A new kitchen building was provided at Mhlaba Nazarene Primary School as a memorial for Dr. Dudley and Joan Powers.

· September - 6th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.



2014

· May - GO Team from SNU

· July - GO Team from BFC; installation of computer and digital scanner at Dental Clinic; Celebrate Recovery introduced by Ellyn Marsh and Dr. Delilah Joiner; meeting with Southern Africa Nazarene University with introduction of **Family and Life Foundations**; **Dr. Terry Hall begins training on an "AIDS-Free Swaziland in One Generation.**

· **The second Child Development Centre was established at Nduma** with sponsorship from BFC and Montrose Church of the Nazarene and led by Siphon and Rev. Virginia Mahlalela.

· June - **Southern Nazarene University provided a 10-day business seminar** in Swaziland in partnership with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). Dr. Tom Herskowitz, chair of the School of Business at SNU, led this effort in partnership with Southern Africa Nazarene University.

· September - 7th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2015

· March - GO Team from BFC and **first team from Montrose Church**; District Superintendents' Retreat; team from Dean McGee Eye Institute; construction at Siteki English Church of the Nazarene begins.

· May - GO Team from SNU

· July - GO Team from BFC with ministry at Waiting Hearts Hut to expectant mothers with renovation of building space; **An AIDS-Free Swaziland in One Generation** – Dr. Terry Hall in partnership with Mary Magagula and Evelyn Shongwe of the HIV/AIDS Task Force initiated training for pastors, nurses, and care supporters through the Task Force of how Swaziland could be AIDS free in their generation.

· September - 8th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2016

· May - GO Team from SNU

· July - BFC GO Team provided work and painting at the Penn Memorial Nazarene Church; Michelle Turners, artist, provides murals at Penn Memorial and Siteki Clinic; AIDS Training from Dr. Terry Hall.

· September - 9th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.

2017

· May - GO Team from SNU

· June - GO Team from Montrose – Soweto Church of the Nazarene is under construction.





Brady VanZant and students

· July - BFC GO Team with a **first visit from Living Word Church** with lead pastor, Rev. Larry Morris. This team included a Day of Encouragement for pastors on the Central District, a DS Retreat, and a VBS and sports day for students at Kalenga Nazarene Primary School with 400 students and at Matsetsa Nazarene High School with 500 students. These sports day were led by Brady VanZant and university students from SNU and Trevecca.

· September - 10th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland.



The Eatons with friends

2018

· May - GO Team from SNU; completed Katunja Church
 · June - GO Team from Montrose Church; **Soweto Church of the Nazarene, Matjeni Church, Lubilweni Church, and Lebovu Church were completed and dedicated**; water system at Nhlanguyavuka installed for church and school; Manna Farm Water Well installed



Margaret with dental team

· July - BFC GO Team provided blood pressure cuffs donated by Welch Allyn through Heart to Heart International to ENHI; training was provided to Nazarene nurses from every clinic on the use of these BP cuffs; a VBS and sport's camp was held at Manyeveni Primary School with the renovation of a teacher's home and painting two classrooms.

· **New orphanages** were established in Nduma and Shewula and a church in Nduma from the generous giving of Rev. John and Karen Porter.

· Pharmaceuticals donated from Heart to Heart International for the rural clinics.

· September - 11th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland; a simultaneous Eswatini 5K was held in Manzini, led by Doug and Margaret Eaton and a local coordinating committee.

2019

· May - GO Team from SNU; Mkhweni Church water harvesting system

· June - GO Team from Montrose Church; **Emcozni Church Construction, Khiza Church Parsonage, Nyetane Church completion, Luhwawhweni Church completion, and Nhlambeni South Pre-School and South Church Floor**

· July - Manyeveni Nurses' Duplex was built, sponsored by Jon and Sondra Mitts.

· July - BFC GO Team worked with Rev. Sibongile Hlandze to finish and furnish her parsonage at **Mkhulweni Church of the Nazarene**; a mobile clinic was provided to the community around Mkhulweni; 342 chairs were donated at **Nhlanguyavuka Primary School; at Nhlanguyavuka Church of the Nazarene,**

the team painted the church and were there for the dedication in memory of Roy Franklin. Melissa Dockum and Bongwiwe Mdluli led a worship and dance ministry with ladies participating from the Lozitha Church of the Nazarene.

· Also included in 2019 was the match of a grant from Sonseekers Sunday School Class at BFC, led by Kep and Mary Ann Keoppel to help finish 5 churches:

- **Njaliba Church of the Nazarene — north district**



Barbi Moore with 2019 GO Team

- Ntoabmbloshana Church of the Nazarene—central district
- Mgwenya Church of the Nazarene — south district
- Mthombe Church of the Nazarene — south district
- Mkhweni Pre-School construction—Living Word



The Eatons with Sabelo Dlamini and family

· September - 12th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland; 2nd annual Eswatini 5K in Manzini.

· With the permission of the Swazi National Board, the Partnership hired an **OnSite Coordinator Assistant Sabelo Dlamini**.

2020

· May - GO Team from SNU was canceled due to Covid

· June - GO Team from Montrose Church was canceled due to Covid

· July - A BFC and Living Word team was prepared to go and dedicate the **preschool at Mkhweni** funded by Living Word, but the team was canceled due to Covid. This preschool will be dedicated to Lois Goin and Dottie Newman, mother of Dr. Keith Newman.



Bongiwe hosting dinner at Haven of Hope

· **Haven of Hope** was built and dedicated in 2020, a home for abused women. This home will hold up to 24 women and their children. Haven of Hope is supervised by Nazarene Compassion Ministries in Eswatini under **ministry director Bongiwe Mdluli**.

· The **operating theatre at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital (RFM)** was completely renovated due to the generosity of the



Renovated operating theatre at RFM

Butterfield Foundation. New operating tables and lamps were also provided.

· New windows were donated to Lozitha Church of the Nazarene

· September - 13th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland (all virtual due to Covid). **Reassigned Legacy: Artists Create for Haven of Hope** occurred on September 24 at the Oklahoma History Center with all proceeds going to Haven of Hope, a home for abused women. Due to Covid most of the guests joined online. Doug and Margaret Eaton were the chairs of this event.

2021

· Living Word Church of the Nazarene provided funding for the **Fosini Church of the Nazarene for a new preschool**.

· In partnership with Heart to Heart International and BD Corporation, building started on a new **Nurses' Duplex at the Malandzela clinic**.

· September - 14th annual Swazi 5K at SNU to support Swaziland (in-person and virtual).

· November - **Doug and Margaret Eaton** returned to Eswatini for the first time since the Covid pandemic began for a visit to meet with Swazi leaders, joined by our **South Field Strategy Coordinator, Rev. Solomon Ndlovu and Rev. Ronald Miller**.



Eatons with Eswatini and regional leaders

Three vehicles were purchased for the partnership due to the generosity of Brad Johnson and Streets of Africa.

The Eswatini Partnership has matured into a support system that has come alongside the Eswatini Church and national Nazarene institutions. It has been a mutually beneficial relationship between the Eswatini Nazarenes and the Partnership which has included many North American churches, foundations, and individuals who have given money and participated with their time and talent. We estimate that \$1.4 million has been invested in direct equipment, materials and labor and monthly support of NCM-E projects. This does not count the numerous dinners, lunches and gifts paid for by the Partnership while the GO teams were in the country. In addition to the direct benefits to Nazarenes, the transportation, lodging, and tourist companies in Eswatini have experienced another approximately \$300,000 worth of business. To date, well over E25 million has been invested in the Eswatini Nazarene mission to “make Christlike disciples in the Nations”.

The Partnership is committed to help the Eswatini Church achieve her vision!

Report submitted by Dr. Barbi Moore, Director of Global Outreach, Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, and all OnSite Coordinators from 2008 to the present.

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