

African Student Endowed Scholarship Fund



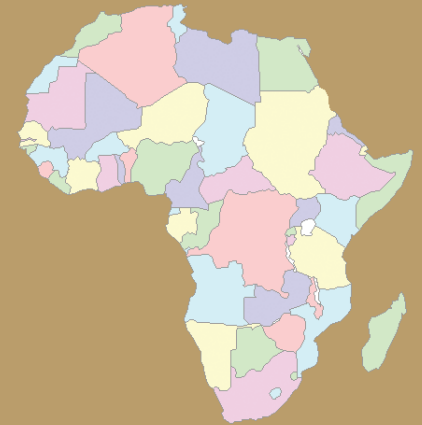
Denver Seminary is building a transformational global community in partnership with the church to equip leaders for the 21st century to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely for a lifetime.

Africa's tumultuous history and current civil unrest have led to a high population of AIDS, political and economic instability, and areas of extreme poverty. As a result, most of our African students arrive with few material possessions, often only the suitcase in their hand, exhausted from days of travel to attend Denver Seminary. Thanks to financial support from churches and other ministries, their room and board are often covered, while we try to provide them the maximum amount of scholarship assistance. Often, we don't have enough aid to match the financial need of these young leaders who desire to attend.

As we moved to the new campus, one of our current students was touched by the whole-hearted commitment and yet absolute poverty of a few of our African students. She was blessed with the opportunity to help provide furnishings for the apartments of the African students. Through that experience God began to work in her heart, realizing that her material wealth was given to her both to enjoy and to share. Not long after learning this passion, Denver Seminary invited her and her husband to consider establishing an African Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. To date, others have joined them by supporting this new fund, and churches, alumni and friends are encouraged to do so as well.

Today, Denver Seminary has approximately 900 students, six of whom are African students. To enable more African students to attend, gifts to endowed scholarship funds like this one are vital for equipping African church leaders. If you would like to give to the African Student Endowed Scholarship Fund or learn more about endowment giving opportunities through current gifts or through your estate, please contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu.

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Dr. Laurent Mbanda, a native of Africa and a Denver Seminary graduate, is currently serving as the African Director for Compassion International. He now resides in Rwanda where he is helping relieve children from poverty and enabling them to grow into responsible, Christian adults. Dr. Mbanda, at a speech given to the United Nations that addressed the needs in Rwanda, stated the following:

“Repentance in biblical terms means a change of heart.

Rwandans need a change of heart in order not to rehabilitate their evildoing or to build on invisible walls that should be demolished.

In Christ, the issues of ethnicity are demolished.

Jesus is the basis of unity for all believers.”