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Lynn Rhodes —

As a beloved member of African Christian College, you have taught over 50 courses — from math and computers to counselling, from ethics and theology to practicums. You've welcomed over 150 students from thirteen African countries to campus, introduced generous partners to support the ministry, counselled many, travelled the continent recruiting students and equipping churches, and served in various roles including Dean of Students.

Your faithful response to serve in Eswatini by using your lifetime of experience, knowledge, and skills in ministry, counselling, leadership, and theology stands as an example for others to follow in their search to serve the Kingdom.

This book represents only a slight glimpse of nine years worth of appreciation, memories, and impact you have made on others through your love, dedication, and sacrifice. **Thank you.**



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One of the things about knowing you in this stage of life is that you have somewhat reinvented yourself multiple times. And one of the joys of getting to know you in this latest version is that you have introduced us to people from your earlier interactions with the world. And they always comment how much they love you, the blessing you have been, and how surprised they are that you're teaching in Africa.

This version of Lynn that we know and love at African Christian College is one of sacrifice, insight, care, integrity, service, and love — for God and others. I'm thankful for the blessing of getting to work alongside you and getting to know you. Rachael, the girls, and I are blessed to have been your neighbor these past nine years.

Thank you for the many ways you served and helped make African Christian College what it is today — in front of the classroom and behind the scenes. You are a blessing.



Brad Carter
President



Words cannot fully express our heartfelt gratitude, Mr Lynn, only God can totally thank you. You have been our friend, grandpa, lecturer, and a spiritual Man of God who modelled to us what it means to be an authentic Christian through your life, love, and lectures.

One of the courses I will remember you for is Spiritual Formation, this course really changed me for the kingdom of God. Your dedication, commitment and love for the work of God has adequately penned in the pages of our hearts an everlastingly memory, nobody can erase what you have done for us.

We are what we are, serving in the ministry of God because of you. We will always love you, and may God richly bless you, Mr Lynn.



***Bongani
Mkhaliphi***
Eswatini
Class of 2017

Mr Lynn Rhodes,

Thank you for all your resources and sacrifices you made. We are so glad to be impacted by your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding which you inherited from the Lord. You made sure that our inner being is moulded and shaped into Jesus' likeness through the life you displayed before us. You also helped us through our problems (offering free counselling).

You are kind hearted and you challenged me in one if not two courses: Spiritual Formation and Ethics. However, I will never forget the multiple-choice tests and exams. I will always treasure the moments I had while at ACC. Oh finally, I still have the laptop and may God richly bless you abundantly.



Goodenough

Magwaza

Eswatini

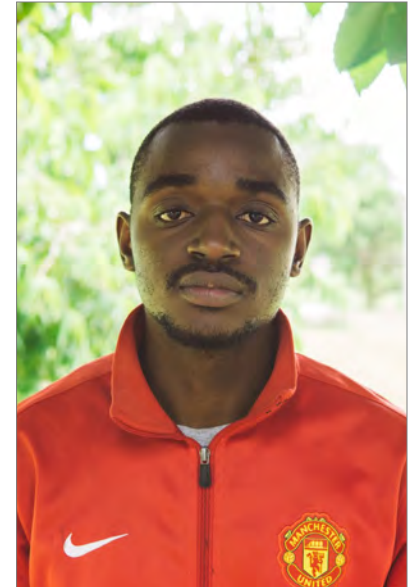
Class of 2017

Mr Lynn Rhodes,

The greatest teacher I ever had during my time at ACC. Allow me to appreciate you for the energy and time you sacrificed to share with us your wisdom and knowledge. You were a great help for me personally to understand a lot about how we live as people in this world, psychologically and biblically. You took us through each stage with major understanding of what it means to be a Christian in this age and time. You were not just a teacher to me, but a counsellor and a mentor too.

You didn't choose who to help and who not to, in and out of class, you were a guardian many could wish for. Words may not fully show our gratitude for the things you did for us, instead we ask God to help us thank you in any way he can, we ask him to bless you through your endeavours and help us to always remember what a great teacher we had at ACC.

Once again and forever we thank you, Mr Rhodes. We wish you well in your next adventures. Thank you, sir! May the good Lord bless you, stay blessed, stay safe.



***Clide
Gwinya***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2017*

Hi Brother Lynn,

I and Hellen appreciate so much all you did for us.

Besides being our lecturer, you also became a father to us. You visited us in Kenya and ate with us ugali and fish in our house. You preached in our church and did a leadership seminar with our church members. You have worked hard to empower and equip us for ministry. Besides, you helped us get laptops which we using up to now.

May God reward you and keep you healthy.

Thank you!

Our daughters, Christine & Selinah, send greetings.



Harun & Hellen

Igadwa

Kenya

Class of 2013

Peace be with you, sir!

Your coming to ACC has been a huge blessing for me and other who went through your teachings. I have held you in high esteem. I remember coming to you for counselling when I had struggles within myself and family, you happily helped and ever since you have constantly checked on me, as if that's not enough while home (Zambia) I invited you to come and teach, you honoured my invitation and you came this far because of your love for God's creation.

Knowing you for at least 8 years has been fulfilling and up to date I have enjoyed your warm reception. I look up to you as a teacher, coach, mentor, elder, father, and above all God's own. To date you haven't given up on me, you keep checking on me and offering the best counsel to me. With all this I can confidently say GLORY BE TO GOD. Stay blessed, Lynn Rhodes. Love you, bunches.



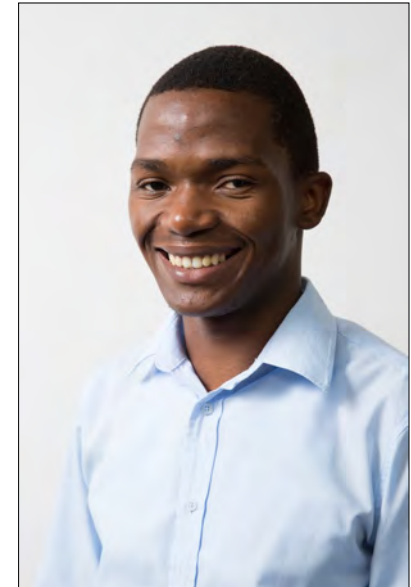
Daniel

Mabele

Zambia

Class of 2013

It is a great honour for me to appreciate your service at African Christian College. As your student and I guess a workmate later on, you have taught me a lot. The works you did speak for themselves when we consider the many students who sat for your lectures and the work, they are doing in their respective home countries. I can't forget that I owned a computer for the first time because of your efforts. Your wisdom in planning and helping those who are struggling is unmatched. I will never forget the trip we took to Limpopo, South Africa for the Young Adults Seminar (though you spent almost one third of the journey sleeping). I learnt a lot in working with you regarding student practicum, I am not sure if you are leaving that task with me. Your wisdom will be missed not only in class but in meetings and in church. I wish you all the best as you retire from teaching. May God shower you with abundant blessings for the services you have rendered in his Kingdom.



***Ndumiso
Dlamini***
Eswatini
Class of 2014

Brother Lynn Rhodes,

Your stay in Africa was not in vain. God sent you here for a special mission. You were a father, brother, mentor, and great lecturer to all students at ACC. Julia, my boys, and I benefited a lot from you, socially and spiritually. You were our mentor, role model, and spiritual leader.

At Fairview church, you were the great leader. The gap you are leaving will be difficult to cover. You were able to keep the faith, regardless of all cultural challenges. We have learnt a lot.

Thank you, our brother, mentor, and leader. We admired and learnt a lot from your leadership styles. We are missing you a lot. Hoping to meet you again either here on earth or in the glory land with Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Be blessed our brother, mentor, lecturer, and friend.



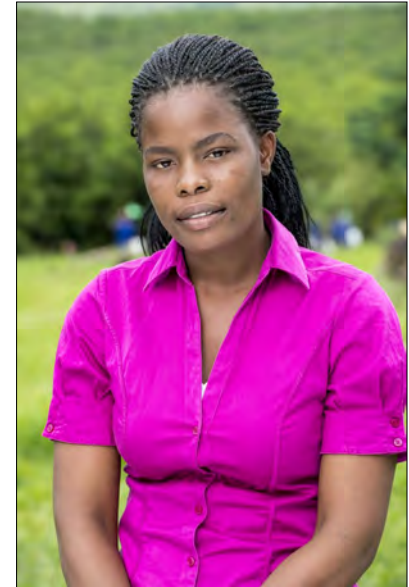
***Timothy
& Julia
Rinopisa***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2018
& 2019*

Mr Lynn Rhodes, you are irreplaceable!! “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Although the scripture affirms that God allows everything to happen for our own good and for his purpose, I’m saddened to hear that you will be no longer actively part of our family of African Christian College (ACC).

Our family is losing Lynn the counsellor, the inspirer, and the photographer. As a counsellor, you opened your door for me for therapies; therapies that I didn’t get to pay a single coin for yet I got healed because of them. There were those times when I was at my low and filled with “what ifs”, but you encouraged me to take one step at a time, leaving the rest in God’s control. We also prayed together, spirit-uplifting prayers. You made our ceremonies — Valentines, cultural days, dinners, graduations — memorable through your photograph at no cost; you could always announce, “Your photos are now ready, get them at the reception”. Who is there to stand in your shoes?

You have inspired me to prioritize helping someone as soon as possible, for you were always ready to talk to me even if I found you busy with your own stuff. You also inspire me to be responsible for my words and hold others responsible for their own words and plans.

Mr Lynn, may our God bless you and your family abundantly because of your sacrificial service in his kingdom. May the sunshine warm your face and God’s peace be with you always. Our family of African Christian College is going to miss you and your services greatly.



Lucy Ajambo

Uganda

Class of 2019



Your personal life is a true testimony of Christ likeness! With your perseverance and endurance, you have imparted in young African Christian leaders' knowledge and wisdom which is turning this world into a place of hope and peace. You are my father, mentor and hero, all these 8 years; you have given me inspiration, motivation, and wisdom to seek first the Kingdom of God. It is you who told me not to wait for money to start ministering unto God, but depend on the Lord through prayers. I was very encouraged when you accepted my invitation to come visit and help me do ministry in Uganda; your visit was yet another mentoring opportunity to me. And because of your encouragement, I have managed to plant 5 churches that have also planted other 10 churches; started a Bible training school, and 2 primary schools. Your outstanding wisdom, humility, and effort towards bringing out the best in me (us) are immeasurable. God bless you with good health and all your wishes.

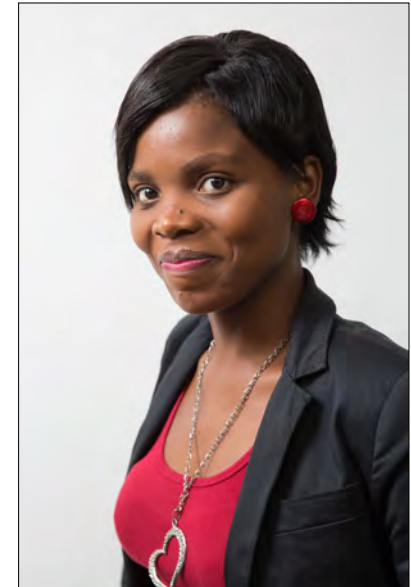


***Duncan
Ojiambo***
*Uganda
Class of 2012*

I could never have enough of your wisdom, love, support, mentorship, and knowledge. You believed in me when I did not believe in myself. You trusted me even in situations I thought were beyond my capability. You continually showed me that I am far better than I thought I was, and I do not take any of that for granted.

I remember that the first time I had you in class it was tough because I just could not hear your accent, but then you turned to be one of my favourite lecturers because your lecturers were full of wisdom and knowledge. Each time I was broken, I could break to you (even when you were in the States), and after talking to you, I would feel better.

If I wrote a book, it still wouldn't be enough to explain what you did to impact my life. You will never be replaceable, Mr Lynn. Thank you for all you have done for me.



***Ncobile
Simelane***
*Eswatini
Class of 2017*

My wife and I are expressing unceasing love and commitment you have upon us, as our lecturer at ACC. You have moulded our lives holistically and we are who we are because of you. You have yielded more fruits being a lecturer at ACC — so you have left a long-lasting legacy.

May God bless you as you mentor more in God's kingdom. Remember this saying, "Old is Gold."

Yours in Christ.



Willy & Loice Cheruiyot

Kenya

Class of 2013 & 2014

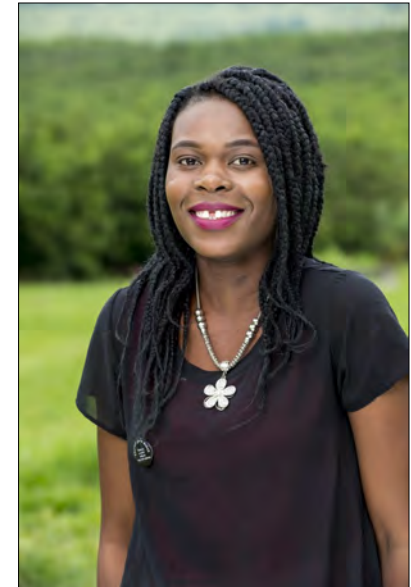


It gives me a great pleasure to say that we must recognize, respect, and appreciate all the valuable skills and knowledge our dear teacher, Mr Lynn, imparted onto us, the future leaders, and to thank him for all his efforts and hard work.

Of course, I know how painful it is to say goodbye to someone who is less a teacher but more of a father. However, I am expressing my sincerest gratitude to you for all your uncommon contributions to realising the educational programmes and development of the school.

Job well done, Mr Lynn, we will miss you.

The backbone of a good school is not made from fancy classrooms and large campuses. It is made from the excellent education imparted by teachers like you.



***Rutendo
Maphosa***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2019*

Brother Lynn,

You made my future life bright, you corrected my mistakes; you encouraged me with your words full of hope. I learned a lot from you!

And as if that's not enough, you also left an everlasting touch in people's hearts, when you came and taught Bible to the different church leaders here in Uganda ... they still talk about you up to now. You are indeed an excellent teacher.

Thumbs up 👍 for you.

You are always my Hero and a Legend.

I will never forget you.

Nkulunkulu akubusise.

God bless you.



Isaac

Kasakya

Uganda

Class of 2013

This year has been my sixth year of knowing you, Mr Lynn Rhodes. Words are not good enough to express my gratitude and appreciation over the years you have been at ACC.

I learned quite a handful of important life skills: to be a person of character, integrity, as well as ways to relate and interact with others. You have taught me through the way you lived at ACC, as well as with the communities around Africa.

Your time and sacrifice for Africa as well as for individuals like me is just a lesson on its own.

Your legacy will live on.



***Tendekai
Kudakwashe***

Mashaire

*Zimbabwe
Class of 2017*

Dear Sir Lynn,

Let me say *Ebenezer* to you! Thank you so much for being a darling lecturer to me and everyone who was taught by you in eight great years of your stay here in Africa. Thank you! 🙌

You did everything you could to help slow learners like me to be responsible and productive members in our communities. May you kindly know that your efforts were (are) not in vain. Despite the challenges, you sailed and persevered just to make sure you sent seasoned vessels in the fields. Thanks! 🙌

You helped me inside and outside classes just to make sure I know what I'm doing, which is amazing. Thank you for being such a passionate, loving, and caring lecturer. You will remain in my heart forever, and I love you :). Long live dearest Lynn and many more blessings from above. Thanks!



***Lovemore
Sianyama***
*Zambia
Class of 2019*

Lynn Rhodes

You made the Counsellor in
me and you have been a

perfect Role model

I am proud of you

Wishing you a nice

Retirement

God bless you

Charity Kanyoza

Malawi



*Charity
Kanyoza
Malawi
Class of 2017*

This message is dedicated to Mr Lynn Rhodes.

He is a great man who never ceases to achieve his duties.

He made me responsible to my decisions and taught me the sense of life. He was more than a lecturer; He is a person to learn from especially if you want to be self-transformed.

I wish him a long life. Tell him that he is a person of great value that will never be forgotten. I wish to imitate him.



***Salomon
Ntibaharire***
*Burundi
Class of 2015*

Lynn Rhodes,

I am grateful to God Almighty for having brought you to ACC and more so to my life. Being in your counselling class has not only helped me in my field of profession but my spiritual life.

I use every word and skill you taught me in every lesson. I hear your voice every time I am addressing the audience. Your words are useful every day and relevant each day.

I wish to meet one day; and welcome you to Kenya.

May the good Lord guide and protect you forever.

I love and miss your laughter ... kudos.



Joan
Cheptorus
Kenya
Class of 2012

Mr. Lynn Rhodes!

You are the gift to ACC and my life, in your Prophets class, you made me feel as if I was at ancient times, your words are still fresh in my mind and whenever I'm addressing my class (Form Three); they feel good about me.

Please, all this is because of your toils.

Be blessed so much and stay safe.



Hillary

Cheptot

Mittat

Kenya

Class of 2012

Babe Lynn,

By your exemplary life, love, and dedication to your work, you have touched and impacted many lives in Africa and around the globe.

Thanks for the footprints of Jesus' life you have imprinted in our lives. You have always been there for the students at ACC.

What you have been will always be cherished by us.



***Andreas &
Agnes
Adontsi***

*Lesotho
Class of 2016*

I appreciate your hard work, my lecturer Lynn.

Since 2013 up to 2015, I did not see you as a teacher, but as my parent. I will never forget your counselling teachings.

As you retire, may God continue to bless the works of your hands.

Mr Lynn, I love you very much.

All blessings from the Lord flow upon you.



Gloriose
Nizigiyimana
Burundi
Class of 2015

You made an impact in my life, firstly as a lecturer when you first taught me in 2012, and secondly as a mentor and co-worker beginning in 2014.

I have seen you working tirelessly in teaching and counselling. You set a great example of what Christianity is all about — that it is not mere words, but deeds corresponding to what we preach. I witnessed you compassionately assisting the needy and encouraging Christians, especially at Fairview Church of Christ, to be each other's keeper.

During the dark times that I had my fair share of hurdles in life, you were there as my confidant and counsellor. You have helped me get through those difficult times and encouraged me to face each new day as it comes confidently.

I owe part of my success to you. Words cannot fully explain the way you have changed my life. Thank you for sacrificing the eight years and your resources to come and make a difference in each person's life in Eswatini. I wish we could have eight more years with you. May God bless and keep you safe.



***Tsitsi
Nherera***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2013*

Thank you very much for the eight years you spent at African Christian College. You have truly been a blessing at ACC.

I don't know how I could ever thank you for all that you did. You were always there to guide us. You taught me the best life lessons, and you kept patience when I lost it. I am really blessed to have you to guide me, support me, and teach me.

Your strength inspires us. Your kindness motivates us. Your care encourages me. I would not be who I am right now without your presence at African Christian College.

We will always be grateful to you for your support and kindness. Thank you, Lynn Rhodes, God bless you.



Admire

Matata

Zimbabwe

Class of 2018

“Not only was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true.

The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails — given by one Shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wears the body.

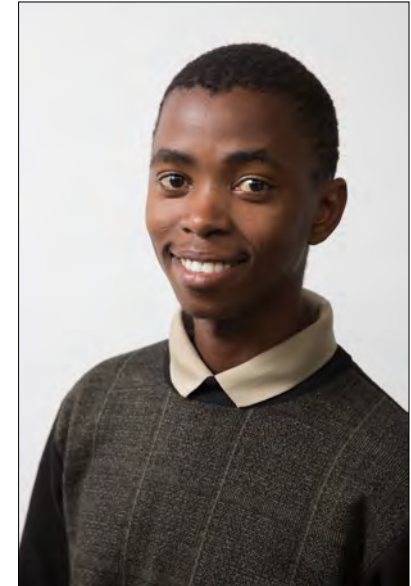
Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil” (Eccl. 12:9-14).

Thank You!
Mr. Lynn Rhodes.

Transformative Tidings that Echo

Bright K. Himakampa – Class:2015

Lynn is one of the most important people I have ever met.
He inspired me to change for the better, to discover the
real me and fulfil God's purpose about my life.
I thank God for meeting him.



Calvin
Mavuso
Eswatini
Class of 2018

You were not only a lecturer at ACC ... you were a lot of things:

a blessing,

a spiritual father,

a mentor, and

a role model.

Thank you for listening to us when we needed someone to talk.

Sail well, Mr Lynn, we will always remember your good works and the knowledge you imparted in us during our stay together.



Modester

Mekerese

Zimbabwe

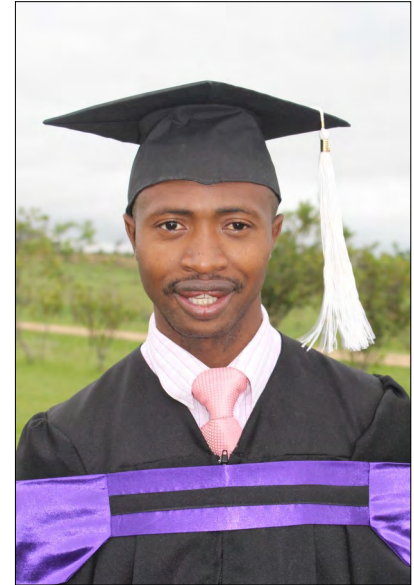
Class of 2019

Hello Lynn,

It has been a great blessing from our God that you have positively impacted my life in this manner.

I am proud to say I am who I am because of your extravagant love.

May God bless you 🙏

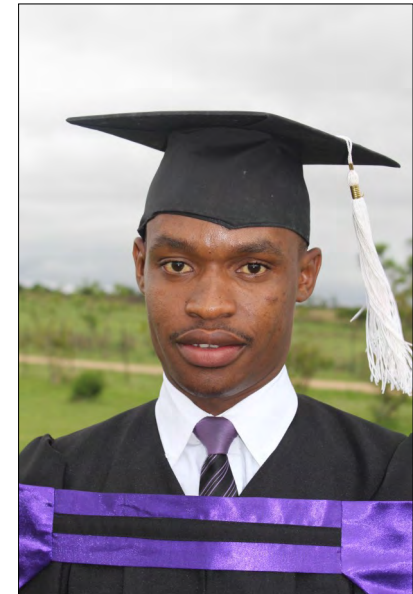


***Molefi
Mosiuoa***
*Lesotho
Class of 2013*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It has been eight years since we first met at ACC and this being your last year serving in Africa I would like to say a big thanks, brother Lynn Rhodes. You have built a strong and healthy relationship with us because you did not choose to be like a grave that is always taking but never giving back. Through your generous contribution you supported our education, through your generous contribution you supported essential supplies to classrooms, I still enjoy the service of the laptop you gave us when I was a student at the college, as if that was not enough you commissioned us with love in our various areas of assignments, you have continued to support our ministries all for the glory of God, you have not built taller fences but larger tables to keep our kitchen running in the mission field.

May our all-sufficient God bless you with more than enough in this life and life to come. Africa will miss you. May the Lord bless you and protect you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look with favour on you and give you peace. Shalom!



***Victor Elisha
Odhiambo***

*Kenya
Class of 2013*

The best news I have heard today, 23 July, 2020 is that you are finally leaving ACC Lynn, because if you had done so earlier, I would not have had the opportunity of meeting one of the best lecturers I have ever had. To me you were not just a lecturer: you were a mentor, a confidante, and a personal counsellor (to mention just a few).

Thank you so much, Lynn, for being there for me. For encouraging me when I would have given up. To us students you were more than a lecturer. You had personal caring interests in your students' wellbeing. We learnt a lot from you, not just academic stuff, but even for our personal lives and how to make it in our communities. Eish, you were so particular about our families and communities 😊.

We learnt a lot from you, Lynn, and a big thank you for that. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Don't work too hard. I am sure you will have a great time colouring your hair green, red, and blue 🎨🎨🎨. Will not forget that one and really, Lynn, you test us on that? Honestly? 🎨🎨. Thank you, Lynn, for such a great sense of humour. Stay blessed, Lynn. I wish the best in everything you are planning to do.



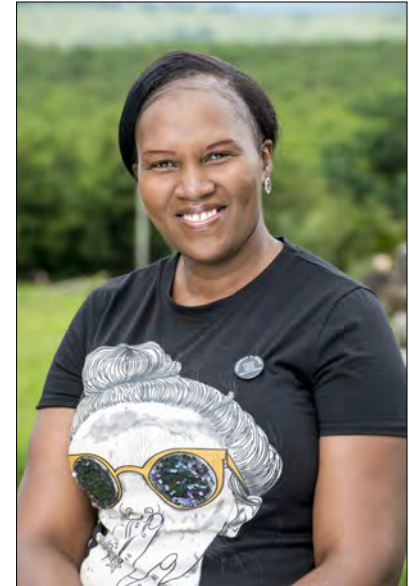
***Stella
Feremenga***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2019*

I just want to pass my gratitude to you, sir, for all you have been to us.

You were a man of integrity, full of love, patience, and understanding.

Embracing all cultures without favouritism or discrimination, you showed humility. You were always ready to listen and give advice to us. You also loved our kids.

We love you, sir.



***Zitsile
Kunene***
*Eswatini
Class of 2019*

There is always a time to say goodbye, just like Ronaldo said goodbye to his team Manchester United, the same way Ferguson and Beckham did. Yes, there is a time to say goodbye. Just like Mandela said goodbye after being a President for five years. As Jesus said goodbye to his disciples in John 17, and as Paul also did the same to the elders of Ephesians church in the book of Acts.

Thanks Brother Lynn for encouraging and teaching us the right way to live with God and with everyone. Thanks for holding our hands as children of the same family when we were together at ACC.

Your name will always be remembered and may the Almighty God keep and protect you, Brother Rhodes.



***Watipatsa
Gomanjira***
*Malawi
Class of 2017*

Lynn Rhodes' service to ACC and the church in Africa is equalled to none. The love of a father, discipline of a mentor, and dedication to his work is a great lesson to us all. We will always love and cherish the time we have spent at his feet, where he coached and mentored us academically to enable us to be morally upright Christians and contributing members of the community will remain a blessing to us.

We will forever be grateful and indebted to Brother Lynn for the work he has done in our proud institution.



***Thokozani
Mhlanga***

*Eswatini
Class of 2018*

Dear Lynn,

I am always happy for you. You are such a great counsellor, a teacher, a mentor, a confidant, and good-hearted person I have ever had. I have learnt your exemplary leadership, care, and love to many.

I truly miss you, man of God. You have impacted my life greatly through your prayers and material support. Without you, I wouldn't be where I am today. You have a special place in my heart, brother.

My family loves you so much and we pray God to give you many more years as you continue serving him.



Stephen

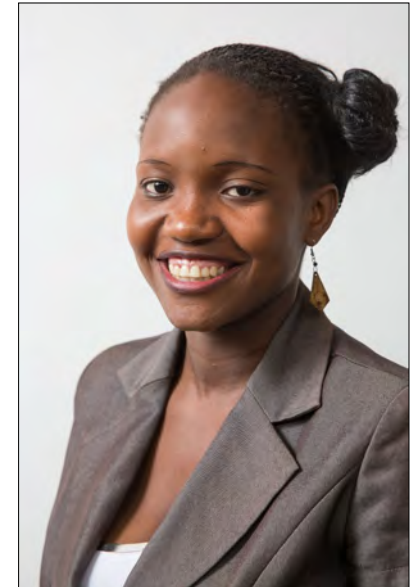
Misiko

Kenya

Class of 2012

It has been a blessing to have you in our lives as well as in the campus. We shared a lot of things in class and outside the class. I remember you telling me how a counsellor should be, how a family should look like, and I benefit a lot from you ... but the only thing I know is we will meet again.

You always make me laugh with your fun gestures, I will miss you, Mr Lynn, and I was planning to come and clean your house once again, but anyway I will come to America! *kkkk*



***Modester
Mutepfa***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2019*

My most treasured moments at ACC cannot be complete without those humorous classroom episodes with you.

Wishing you more happy moments in your new journey!

Your contribution in my life will always be appreciated.



Tawanda

Mukoyi

Zimbabwe

Class of 2019

Lynn Rhodes has been instrumental in shaping my spiritual well-being. All the courses he taught me helped me to be a man I am. I wasn't a good husband to my wife, neither was I a good father to my children ... but after the Marriage and Family course, Pastoral Counselling, and Abnormal Psychology, my behaviour changed positively. I am proud to inform you that I have reconditioned the way I see life, marriage, and family because of what I learned from Lynn.

I am helping a lot of couples to honour their marriages by conducting some marriage seminars — all I'm teaching is what I learned from Lynn. I became a great husband and father through Lynn. I am so grateful that I was your student, thank you for the nine years that you have spent at ACC.

We appreciate you and your service.



***Tawanda
Mwadiya***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2016*

My hero, Mr Lynn Rhodes, knowing and meeting you at African Christian College was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me. It is an honour to send you this note.

You are a selfless man of God, a man of honour and honesty. Integrity is the air you breathe. Keep on being an instrument in God's hands ready to glow and go when He bids you to do His will. As a teacher you will always have products because you are leaving a family you impacted in Africa. You taught us and now we are teaching our communities to observe the things you taught us in Counselling, System Theory, Abnormal Psychology — that is wonderful indeed.

May the good Lord abundantly bless you. I will meet in the USA anytime when the COVID-19 subsides. May the good Lord bless you for the sacrifices you made to come and teach us those good values. May the Lord illuminate your way all the time!



***Hanna Tabo
Mukwenda***

*Zambia
Class of 2013*

Hello Mr Lynn,

I've known you since 2013 when I came to ACC as a first-year, and I remember during our orientation we played a game and one of the questions asked was who is the oldest person on campus and it was you 😊. From then, you taught me a lot, hence you contributed to the person I am today. I really appreciate that! Not only me but you have also impacted so many souls that came to ACC. Thanks a bunch sir, your 9 years has changed so many lives.

I hope God will bless you with a couple of more years as you continue doing his will. I hope you will also look into selling your work as a photographer 😊. You will always have a place in my heart. Love ♥, Lucetta.

Take care. God bless you. 🙏



Lucetta

Dlamini

Eswatini

Class of 2015

May God richly bless you for the work you do.

Your commitment to God's work impacted me positively to work for Him who created us. You are a good counsellor. Your legacy has gone a long way in shaping lives for now and in the future to come.

When I go on Facebook, I think about what it will change reading your messages? Thanks for the good posts.

Thank you.



***Dennis C
Chintelelwe***
*Zambia
Class of 2015*

I have no words to describe the outstanding love Lynn portrayed to me, my family, and Africa at large.

Through him I was transformed to a better self. He challenged me academically and also uplifted me in prayer, the word of God, and his personal life. I could not believe such outpouring of love and affection for African peoples.

I pray that God's blessing be upon him always.

I am so grateful, sir.



Muziwababa

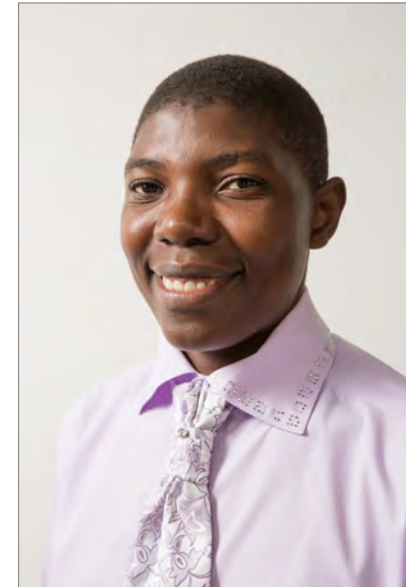
Sithole

Zimbabwe

Class of 2019

Joy from my heart to yours. When I first met you at African Christian College in 2012, I wondered what calibre of person you were. With time as I took counselling lessons with you, I developed trust in the person I discovered in you. More specifically, the conversations we held outside the class. They were very impactful. On the one hand, I hated you for too much classwork you assigned because of my divided attention, but I loved you for the social concern you had for me. hand. You pushed me to think of a better and brighter future through the lenses of education. That as well increased the space within my heart that I created for you in my heart as someone I found trustworthy.

Your living faith got me on the move to reach out to others despite my extrovert personality. How you demonstrated your faith encouraged me to embrace a selfless attitude. I did not see any form of bitterness, pride, or arrogance in you except for the evident fruits of the spirit that spoke on your behalf. From that moment, I knew I had found a brother in the Lord. Some refer to their teachers as 'professor . . . ' yet, I called you brother for the life lessons you taught me.



***Justice
Nherera***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2012*

I objected to your position when you were hesitant to take the leadership role as an elder at Fairview church. You were not offended, but you considered prayerfully 'your student's opinion.' I was delighted to learn that such a compromise was God centered. You are a one-in-a-billion person whose character evolves around bettering others' lives, especially mine. I could not have been where I am today, were it not for your significant influence and the spiritual, financial, material, moral, and social support you freely and willingly extended to me.

Even though I found out in this way that we might not meet any time soon, probably in this life, it was the most challenging discovery that I am still on the path coping. Nevertheless, it was a great joy to have gotten the opportunity to learn and work with you both at ACC and Fairview church. Words cannot express how grateful I am for sharing life within a time frame God permitted.

If we do not meet in this life, I hope to meet with you again, hopefully in life eternal. May God continue to use you and bless you. Your joyful son in the faith.

Justice Nherera
continued

I would like to appreciate all your hard work that has given us a fruitful result. I would like to thank you for your services at African Christian College from the year 2012 till 2020. I am so grateful that I have met you as my lecturer, and I value your contribution to bringing us , the class of 2020, this far. It was a wonderful opportunity to have you. There are so many things that you taught us that I cannot mention one by one, including the knowledge you have imparted. Your dedication to work and your desire to see African students achieving better results is also greatly appreciated. Thank you once again, I truly enjoyed your lectures and gained valuable insights that will help me to build my career and I will continue using the extremely helpful knowledge you have given us in all courses you taught us. I am grateful that you took your special time to steer us in the right direction.

May our good Lord continue to bless you and guide you.



**Angeles
Evans**
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2020*

Thanks for all your service to ACC. For the most part we have admired your work from a distance, but we have also enjoyed being in your classes on occasion when we have been on campus. We are aware of the great blessing you have been to our students, faculty, staff, and President. You will be missed.

We pray that you are staying safe from the virus during this strange time in our country. The virus has reminded me of how tenuous all of life is and how dear we hold it. We are blessed to have a faith in Christ and look forward to better things in the future.

Brad says you are retiring but I suspect in your case that means you are moving on to projects closer to home. Sally and I wish you the very best and hope to see you in Abilene at some point in the near future.

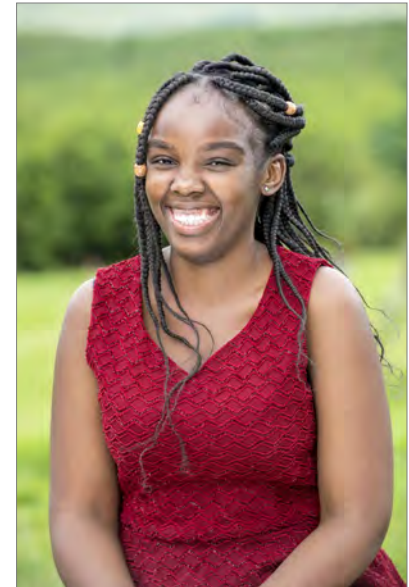
Blessing and peace!



***David
Stewart***
*New Mexico
Trustee*

I really appreciate the time that I got to know you at ACC, the time you took to listen to our issues and give wise counsel without any judgment. I am really sad I couldn't give a proper goodbye, and was really hoping to see you again but I guess this is how we will do it.

Thank you so so much for all you have done for us, till we meet again. You are loved and greatly missed.



Tibusiso

Mamba

Eswatini

Accounts Secretary

Brother Lynn Rhodes,

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and appreciate you for sharing part of your retirement life with us in Eswatini. You could have stayed in the US and enjoyed your retirement, but you preferred to come to us here. You did not only remain at ACC as a instructor, but you came all out and became a blessing to the churches not only in Eswatini but in Africa.

In Eswatini you have worked with churches and their leaders and became part of them. You even went out of your way and tried to help church leaders to establish themselves by helping them with funds to start business. You didn't have to do that, but out your love and passion for the work of the kingdom, love compelled you.

You have been a living example how to be a leader in heart and deed and a leader to emulate. May the Lord Almighty continue to bless you with more good years to come. Be blessed.



***Bheki
Mamba***
*Eswatini
Evangelism
Coordinator*

Thank you for your endless patience, motivation and persistence. You helped me become a strong woman, I discovered myself and my worth. I have learnt a lot from you in a short period of time; I wish I had more.

I wish you all the best. The world needs people like you. Your support and encouragement during the difficult and good times were inseparable. We will share all the good memories of you here.

We will miss you.



***Zandile
Lushaba***
*Eswatini
Class of 2020*

Given an opportunity to express my gratitude to you, the list is endless. Just the highlights: I have known you for a very short period of time, but you have inspired and helped me for a lifetime.

It is hard to believe that I can no longer see you in person for a chance of laughter and a goodbye. We shared a lot together for the short time we have been together, you helped me recover from a lot of pressures. Amongst those whom I count heroes, you are in, sir.

I just wish you a lifetime full of grace. If ever you are tempted to feel like you are not missed or loved, I assure you that I miss you and I hate separating with you without saying goodbye.

Enjoy the remainder of your life as you take a rest. You have done a lot for us. May God remember you in all of your walks through life.



***Mlungisi
Moyo***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2020*

We thank God for your good job, Brother Lynn. We appreciate your commitment to support ACC.

May the Lord Almighty bless you in everything you will be doing. May God remember you when counting those chosen one's in his glory in heaven.

I have learnt a lot in your time at ACC, be blessed Lynn and stay safe in this time of corona pandemic.

Blessing, Babe Lynn!!!!!!!!!!!!



Amina

Asali

Malawi

Class of 2021

I would like to say thank you for a great work you did at ACC. God will reward you for a good work you did in participating in his mission. Like Moses, I can say you also responded to the call of God by taking your time in the process of impacting knowledge in Africa as a whole.

Once again, I say thank you. May God be with you always. I benefited a lot from what you taught me. I believe that I will be also a model in teaching people God's way, for as Christians, we are called to participate in God's mission.

Long live Mr Lynn Rhodes. I hope will see each other on this planet, Earth. If not, I believe that the paradise of our Lord Jesus Christ will make us to meet again.

May God be with you as you continue in faith. May God bless you.



***Lazarus
Libongo***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2020*

It has been a delightful and of course, a prodigious opportunity to have Mr. Lynn Rhodes as my lecturer since 2018 when I joined African Christian College. He taught us American stories and riddles in class. He encouraged us to go out and fight for what is right in our communities. Most importantly, he taught us to live until we die. This philosophy amalgamates the purpose of God for humanity and the purpose of humanity for being here on earth. I will miss Mr Rhodes' smiling face; I will miss his jokes, and I will miss his great teaching techniques to thwart students from sleeping.

Thank you, Mr. Lynn, for all that you have done to me, my class, and ACC as a whole. I will never forget you and be blessed wherever you will be.



McClintock

AcSmhour

Malawi

Class of 2020

To a father, a friend, a mentor, and a counsellor: Lynn Rhodes

You have been a blessing in my life. Your time and encouragement means a lot to me.

Knowing you, Lynn, was knowing a comforter and personal friend. Thank you for your selflessness and for opening your door to me each time I needed someone to talk to. I am so delighted to have met you! I remember riding with you on the way to church in Manzini and how you waited for me when I was late. And as I remember I know I will always be grateful to you.

We share a passion for photography. I have learned so much from you about taking pictures, and I hope these skills will make me a blessing to others, just as you have been a blessing to me.

My best memory of you is when I was the MC on Valentine's Day. I will never forget how you danced for us and made us all happy.

Even though I did not get to say goodbye to you, my heart is at peace, because I know that someday we will meet and share more stories and memories.

May God bless you and continue to work through you, Lynn, as you remain a blessing in the lives of many.

With love from your son.



***Kuruka
Amutuhair***
*Uganda
Class of 2020*

Dear Lynn,

I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the many years of service and commitment you have given ACC. By equipping dozens of Africans with the ability to minister to mental health needs, you have enabled healthier marriages, families, and churches.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Our Lord in this region of the world.

Wishing you many blessings in the years to come.



Roxi Crews

USA

Trustee &

Visiting Lecturer

I am grateful for the opportunity I got to attend your classes even though I was looking forward to more classes with you. I never imagined that goodbye would come so soon.

You have made a big impact in my life. I can never forget how God used you to minister to me before I took the decision to be baptized. As my spiritual father, I can assure you that I am growing daily.

I pray that you continue becoming a blessing to the people around you just as much as you did to me. Thank you for inspiring me to become a counselor, and helping me discover my true passion and purpose.



Relebohile

Melao

Lesotho

Class of 2021

Lynn,

You were always funny. Your kindness, wise counsel, and care were always felt in the way you spoke and laughed. You made my years at ACC doable.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you.



Lilian Nyoni

Suuti

Uganda

Class of 2020

I thank you for being such a wonderful teacher and I am so grateful for your presence in my life. You gave me the tools that I need to face my future. You are such a generous, kind person. Thank you for all your help and encouragement.



***Kudzayi
Suwari***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2021*

The saddest thing I find is saying bye to someone who has been a stone in my life.

You have no idea how much joy we felt whenever you were around the compound of African Christian College. Personally, seating in your class I have counted it a blessing, and I feel sad for those who are not going to have the privilege that I had. You taught me a lot of things in and out of class. You created my base for academics right from the beginning through teaching me computer skills, and you also taught me how to do proper papers without plagiarising.

As you take your retirement, please know that you did not labour in vain, you'll always be remembered, and the knowledge you imparted in us will be used to bring a change in Africa.



***Simon
Maanda***
*Uganda
Class of 2020*

I do not know you very well, but from all reports — students, staff, faculty, board members, and administration — you are a good man and you have served ACC with a very selfless heart and spirit. Your sacrifice to advance the cause of Christ in Africa is commendable and so Christlike.

Your work in the area of counseling with our students will be an eternal legacy of his kingdom work and thousands will be helped vicariously because of his teaching and training.

God be praised for your servanthood!

Lynn, have a great retirement and may “your voice go with each student you prepared for the counseling ministry.”

God bless your life!!



***Dr Alan
Martin***

USA

*Vice President of
Academic Affairs*



I have known you for just a short period, Brother Lynn, but I have benefited a lot from your wisdom and experience. I wish you could be there for another couple of years. We will miss you at ACC. I wish you the best as you get into another phase of your life.

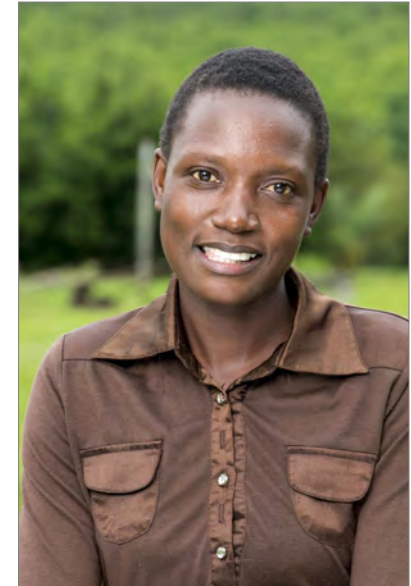


***Martin
Muleya***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2022*

Since the time I enrolled at ACC, I never missed an opportunity to learn from the knowledge which you shared to us!! I never knew how to operate a laptop, but because of your kindness you taught me to operate it. You transformed my life with the knowledge which you shared abundantly. I thought that we were going to have our practicums face to face together, but time never permitted.

I do not hesitate to say whatever you taught me will be helpful through my lifetime.

May God bless you!!



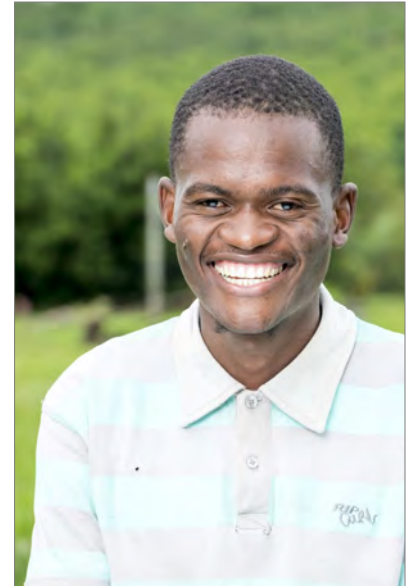
***Agnes
Maurana***
*Zimbabwe
Class of 2020*

Million lives are affording a smile because of the blessings which you shared at African Christian College.

You taught us how to love each other and you lived a life of integrity.

Thank you sir!

May God richly bless you in abundance.



Ngonidzashe

Masvaya

Zimbabwe

Class of 2020

It's so sad that you just retired, went without notice, without us saying our goodbyes to you. Anyway, it was God's plan.

We just want to appreciate your work at ACC. You were a great teacher, parent, and my spritual father starting from the day you baptised me.

Though you are retired, do not also retire in doing God's will, for you uplifted us. Thank you so much for your support at ACC.



Buhlebenkosi

Matata

Zimbabwe

Class of 2021

Words are not enough to describe how I feel about you. You are a silent worker in the kingdom of God. Your coming brought blessings for the college and not just you teaching, but other benefits of laptops started through you and your connection and influence. This blessing is enormous and we can only say, “Thank you, God, for your servant Lynn.”

You are a silent influencer, one that does not even know whether he has any impact on the students and the community. We miss you because of your absence, and we can feel when you are not there. Thank you very much for the love of the Kingdom of God, for accepting to come and leave your country and relatives to come and be a teacher to people you did not know. Thank you.

Your simple advice and encouragement kept some of us going and continues to push even though sometimes it was hard. We are sad that we could not have a special time of real fellowship, eat together, and laugh and enjoy each other’s company. I can only hope for one day to meet again. I am happy that you were able to visit where I was born, and you ate in our family house at the farm in Zambia. I will forever hold that memory close to my heart.

Brother Lynn, you have a place to come and stay in Africa, whenever you feel like coming to check some birds and elephants and take those beautiful pictures. You are part of our family, and you shall forever be our brother. You are the special angel the Lord sent to come and help us at such a time the college needed you. Thank you. We love you.



***Sydney
Mhango***
*Zambia
Director of
Operations &
Tree of Life*

Thank you, Uncle Lynn, for your work over here helping students achieve their goals and helping them have a better future.

I will miss you — from your wacky handshakes to the first paying job you gave me. With love.



***Benjamin
Mhango***
Zambia

God sends people to particular places at His time for particular purposes. You were God sent to ACC for purposes God wished and wanted you to fulfill. We have been very blessed by your presence. So many wonderful blessings have come our way as a community through our Lord using you. I appreciate knowing you in this lifetime.

I have learnt a lot from your talks in various places and the way you conduct yourself as a child of God. I admire you for the discipline you have in certain things, like the daily walks you took and never failed unless there was something pressing. Watching you do that gave me inspiration that I can discipline myself to do certain things which I thought I couldn't do or thought I didn't have time for, it's achievable!

When we cook on an open fire, with firewood, we use 3 blocks/stones to hold a pot, and stick firewood through the spaces in between the 3 blocks/stones, that's the way I grew up making an open fire for cooking outside. We need the 3 stones to hold up the pot. Without 1 of those stones, there's a disaster. Your time at ACC showed me that you have been 1 of those stones holding up the ACC pot. You have been very significant in ways that we cannot see but the Father above can see!

We thank you! You are a vessel for noble purposes! God bless always and much love.



***Misozi
& Mluleki
Mhango***
*Zambia
Librarian*

Wait! There's more . . .

Not everything people wanted to share could be put into this book. Please visit

AfricanChristianCollege.org/thank-you-Lynn

for videos, recordings, and more messages of love and appreciation that people wanted to share with you.



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