



HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you will enjoy sharing the excitement of this issue of Haddington Happenings, Spring, 2017. The Lord has granted Haddington House the opportunity to be involved with amazing opportunities. Many years ago we began to dream of what the Lord could do and now we see many of those dreams for the Kingdom bearing fruit. Thank you for sharing in these wonderful partnerships of ministry and let us press on in prayer as there remains much yet to do—“Thy kingdom come”.

Yours in Gospel Partnership,

Jack Whytock, Director

The Container has arrived in Kampala, Uganda at ARTS

Praise be to the Lord, the container that was filled last summer and fall did set sail just before Christmas and arrived into Kampala at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary on March 7th. Thank you everyone who helped fill this container. The Seminary has gained accreditation and in part it was because of this container with the theological library in it. ARTS is strategically placed to offer Masters level theological education to students coming from many nations in central, eastern, and western Africa. The potential impact for Africa is significant as



students are the future African leaders who will lead denominations, ministries and bible colleges in Africa. Please enjoy some of these photos from the day of the arrival of the container into the compound of ARTS. We rejoice that we were able to have a partnership ministry in helping with this seminary in Uganda.



Canadian Volunteers in the Eastern Cape, South Africa

For the second year in a row, two young men from New Brunswick, Canada have come out to the Eastern Cape, South Africa to help at Dumisani Theological Institute, another of the partners Haddington House works with. This year the volunteers were Philip Stam (for his second year) and his younger brother, Martin, for the first time. The two brothers gave over 1,000 hours of volunteer labour at Dumisani this year. It was just amazing all that they accomplished and the diversity of what they were able to do. I will do my best to try and summarise it. One major project was to complete the production of more free-standing



library shelving units. The library was running out of space so the shelves needed to go higher. Between this year and last year now nine double-sided, six shelf, free-standing units have been built. This has brought immediate relief to the library and will now allow more new books to be added to the shelves. The story about the material for these shelves is fascinating. Some of them contain sides which we obtained from a centre which re-sells plywood which comes from Germany as crating for Mercedes engines. The great thing is it is extremely strong.

These young volunteers set up their “factory” (as we all started calling it) behind the library building. Staff and students alike kept a close eye on production. Philip and Martin were so good about talking to each person who asked what they were up to. Their pulpits looked great and some have even gone up into the Transkei area!

Another major task was to work on our two lecture halls. Philip and Martin redid half of the large lecture hall by scraping, plastering and repainting and then in the second, smaller lecture hall they did a major remake and turned it into a lovely classroom.

Martin used his baking skills and turned out 175 cupcakes for our graduation day. Philip was our official photographer and both he and Martin looked great that day and brought us some real class.

We had to drive to Cape Town and pick up 400 Study Bibles for the new class of students and also for pastors. Thanks to Philip and Martin for keeping me company and sharing the driving and going to a church in Paarl to speak about Dumisani. We were blessed by meeting many wonderful Christians along the way who encouraged us and were excited for this great resource for the college. Yes, we did manage a good swim while down at the Western Cape near Simonstown.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. “

Mark 10:45

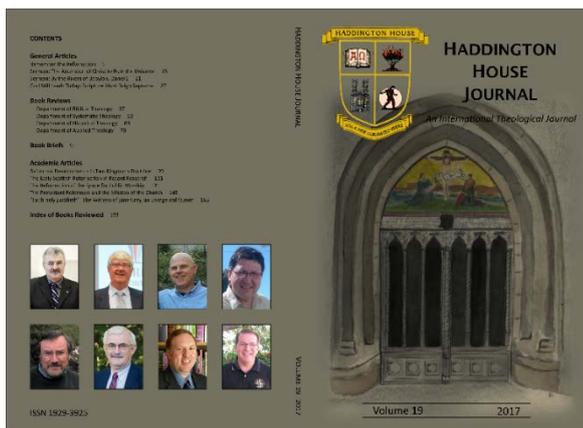
Then of course there was the matter of the college computers! Yes, hours were spent literally by Philip updating and helping sort out all the licensing agreements. Thanks Martin also for filling in around the library so well as the go-for-all.

The young Canadians attended many different churches with Nancy and myself where we were speaking and representing the college. These guys were wonderful college ambassadors. The students are really going to miss them as will the staff. Thank you for giving so much of yourselves and for being such willing servants at Dumisani. Everyone at Dumisani sends you their love, thanks and greetings in the Lord.

Dr. Jack Whytock

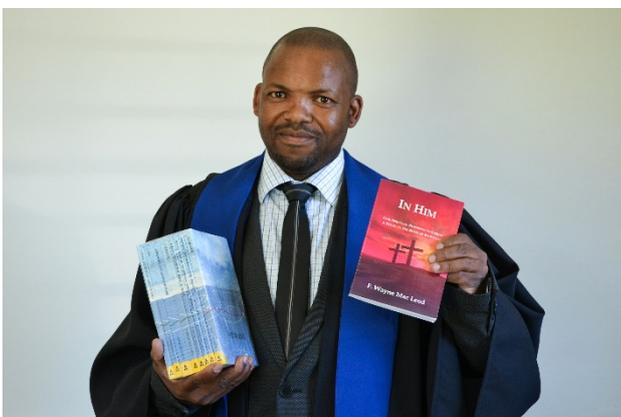


Special Journal on the Reformation now at the printers in Manitoba



We have included here a sneak preview of the special journal for 2017 on the Reformation to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the door. Various aspects of the Reformation are dealt with by our contributors including Michael Haykin, Ken Stewart and Flip Buys.

Dumisani Graduation in the Eastern Cape, South Africa



A special feature of the graduation this year was the donation of books to each of the graduates. Philip and Martin brought their suitcases full of donated books from Wayne MacLeod in Cape Breton and Light To My Path Book Distribution. Sets of commentaries were given out to all students who were exiting their studies at Dumisani after the first certificate level. Thank you, Wayne, for providing these.

Other books were donated by Banner of Truth for our graduating students continuing on to the next level. These included Mark Jones' *Knowing Christ* and also some of the *Let's Study Series*. Another donor provided these students with the *Baker Compact Bible Dictionary*. All-in-all the 18 graduates have the basis for a good start to their libraries.

Christian Leaders' Workshops

Three different Christian Leaders Workshops are now able to be offered in 2017. The first is ***Why We Need To Remember The Reformation: 500 years 1517-2017***; others are on ***The Basics of Christian Public Speaking and Preaching*** and ***Servant Leadership***. There is a need for a fourth workshop on *Teaching Children* which, Lord willing, will soon be developed. Please pray that these workshops will be a blessing to the participating church leaders in southern Africa.

Library Development at Haddington House

Having recently shipped our largest donation to date to an overseas seminary (Uganda), some may be wondering if we currently have any books left in the Haddington House Library! Yes, there are still resources available for use at the library and theological book donations are always welcome. Some book donations may be used for our ongoing efforts to increase library collections in various theological institutions with which Haddington House is partnering. Others will be used for our own collection in Charlottetown as we continue to offer the use of our resources to ministers and students of theology.

Current Haddington House Projects and Needs:

The Trustees covet your prayers and support for the ongoing ministry of the Trust. Please remember that funds can be designated. Undesignated donations will be allocated according to need. The primary designations are book ministry and overseas travel fund. All donations are tax deductible within Canada.

Points for Prayer & Praise:

- *Give thanks to the Lord for the safe arrival of the container in Kampala. Pray that this library will serve as a good basis for the seminary and that it will be added to in the coming years.
- *Pray for the ongoing development of leadership training workshops. Brief guides will be produced to be used for each themed workshop.
- * Please be in pray about the backlog of writing that Dr. Whytock needs to have completed this year. With the extra admin work, his writing has fallen behind and needs attention in 2017.
- * We thank the Lord for the work that Rick Ball is now doing as the website officer. He took this over from Christina Lehmann in the fall. Also, we thank the Lord for the added work which Penny Ching has assumed since Christina's retirement. Please pray for Rick and Penny and all that they do for Haddington House Trust.

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