



HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

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Dear Friends,

It has been a very encouraging few months since we sent out our last newsletter. During this time we have seen many specific answers to prayer and the theme of partnerships has grown even stronger as we have been privileged to work with many Christians in various parts of the world in the area of theological education and training. If you know of others who may be interested in learning about the work of the Trust, please pass along this brief newsletter. Also, we always enjoy hearing from you, especially concerning new opportunities for partnerships at home and abroad.

Yours in Gospel Partnership,
Jack Whytock, Director

Summer Reformation 500 Lecture Series, Charlottetown



In early July many Christians from across Prince Edward Island and also from Ontario observed the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a Lecture series held at the Charlottetown Free Church. Various congregations and denominations were represented with two very well attended evenings. The topics were centred around the theme of Why the Reformation Needs to be Remembered. The first evening was more historical to orient us to the context in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. It brought us to

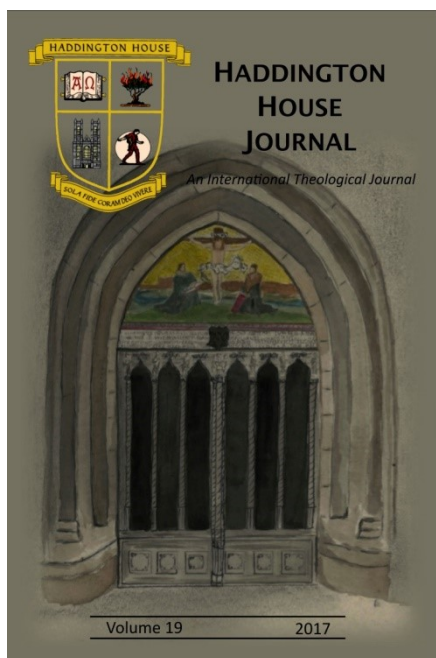
the conclusion of the courage of Martin Luther and his determination to follow the scriptures.

The second evening provided a broad-sweep overview of the theology of the Reformation. We began by examining how over time the concept of the *solas* has emerged as a way to summarise Reformation truth. Then what have recently (in terms of church history) become known as the *five solas* were explained and then we proceeded to examine the other great teaching of the Reformation: namely, that all Christians constitute a universal priesthood of believers and that Christians are called to the service of the Lord in various capacities along with those called to particular ministries or offices in the church. Appreciation is given to those who organised this series from the Presbytery of the Free Church, those who chaired, advertised, recorded, and served at these evenings. Thank you. The lectures and handouts are available on our website – www.haddingtonhouse.org.

From that time on Jesus began to preach 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.' Matthew 4:14

This verse is discussed in the first of the 95 Theses of October 31, 1517

The 2017 Haddington House Journal - a Themed Journal on the Reformation



As indicated in our last newsletter, we are grateful again to the international team of writers who contributed to this year's special volume. Authors include Michael Haykin, Flip Buys, Cameron Fraser, John Koning, and many others. There are two fine sermons included this year one from a question in the Heidelberg Catechism and one on Daniel chapter one. Please email the editor, icwhytock@gmail.com if you would like a copy posted to you or one to give as a gift. Back issues of the *Journal* at available on our website, www.haddingtonhouse.org

***For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written, 'The righteous will live by faith.'* Rms. 1:17**

Africa Partner Updates



Wilbert Chipenyu, a Visiting Lecturer at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, has been living with our Director, Jack Whytock, for Term Three. They have both been involved in the Dumisani chapel services with a special series, *Your Calling*; have been team teaching an Advanced Homiletics course; have been out in various churches preaching and leading worship, and have been talking to potential new

students each Sunday. They have had a good Term. Wilbert plans to return to his native Zimbabwe later this month.

Nancy Whytock returns to Dumisani for Term Four when Wilbert returns to Zimbabwe where he will be doing some training workshops for local Christian leaders. We are delighted that Nancy has managed to get around to several churches while home this summer and talk to folks about the work at this partner college—Dumisani--and also give updates that the library is up and running in Uganda at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, Kampala.



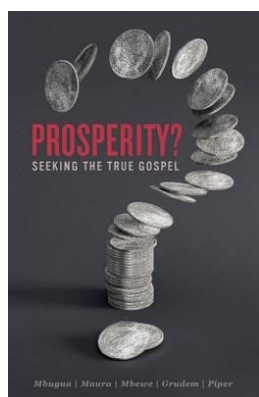
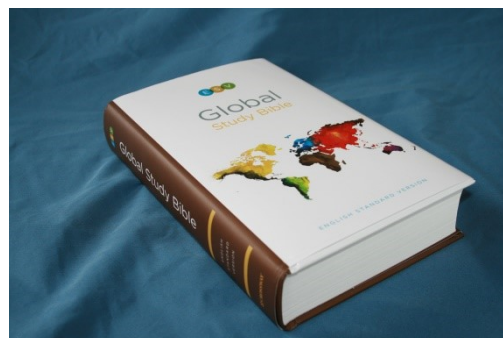
How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. Psalm 133:1

Haddington House Trust partners with The Gospel Coalition



One mandate of Haddington House Trust is to help publish or source sound theological literature and get it into the hands of students and pastors. This year has seen an exceptional partnership formed through The Gospel Coalition and their work for **Theological Famine Relief**.

The seeds for this partnership began in 2016 in Sao Paulo, Brazil at the General assembly of the World Reformed Fellowship when a meeting took place between Dr. Whytock and Dr Ligon Duncan. From this has emerged a tremendous and fruitful opportunity to partner together. Lord willing, literally over 2,000 Global Study Bibles will have been distributed across the Eastern Cape in Africa by the time this project is finished. These study bibles are a mini-theological library for church leaders.



Next we have been distributing a book about the prosperity gospel or what is sometime called the health and wealth gospel. We are hoping to see about 1,000 of these books placed into the hands of Christian leaders across the Eastern Cape in Africa. Sometimes seminars have been conducted while distributing these. If you would like to help with travel expenses for this special distribution project simply designate a gift through Haddington House marked travel funds.

Plans for visits to many churches in early October are now in place so we hope many boxes of these special edition study bibles and the other books will literally fill the car to overflowing as we make stops around the Eastern Cape. The students at Dumisani have been tremendous ambassadors and have been contacting their church leaders in advance of our coming to their town or village. Please pray for this special October literature outreach campaign.



If you would like to learn more about this project, you can find an article on The Gospel Coalition Facebook page and the July 25, 2017 post.

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. Titus 2:1

...contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 3

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11

Writing Projects



Our Director gives thanks that he has slowly been getting some writing done this year amidst a heavy teaching and administration load along with a very full preaching schedule. Currently he is busy writing two chapters for two different books. One has been submitted and the other is in process. Please pray that he can get this second one finished soon and then delve into some other writing projects in the coming year. He is working to a December 1st deadline on this second chapter.

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:

*Pray with thanksgiving for the special literature made possible through The Gospel Coalition for theological famine relief. Pray for this special distribution project during October across the Eastern Cape Province. Amazing this is occurring during the 500th anniversary month of the Reformation!

* 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 and into 2018.

* Pray for the African Pastors' Conference being held at Dumisani I King William's Town October 16th and 17th. May many local pastors be in attendance and may the teaching be a real blessing. Speakers will be coming from Zambia.

* Pray for the book sale which will be held in the Dumisani Library for one week on October. May the sale of literature help many leaders.

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