



# HADDINGTON HOUSE

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## HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

Dear Friends,

*We are in Africa as we send out this March Newsletter but wanted to send it out now as so much seems to be happening. May you be blessed as you read and pray that the work of the Lord's Kingdom may continue to advance. The Lord has shown His mercy in so many ways. We look forward to sharing these testimonies starting next month.*

*Yours in the Lord,*

*Jack Whytock, Director*

### PARTNER INSTITUTION 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend of Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School, King William's Town, South Africa was held.

**On Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>** the main event was a Christian Leaders' Workshop on Church Revitalisation. The order of speakers and topics was: Dr. Whytock "Leaders Need Revitalisation"; Rev David Meredith "Church Revitalisation --What is it all About?"; Rev. Wilbert Chipenyu "Revitalisation of Expository Preaching with a Practical Session on 1 Peter 2:1-13". The Workshop concluded with a 40-minute Q and A panel discussion. Eighty-one leaders attended the workshop.

Friday evening there was a special meal at which time Dumisani church partners were introduced, a review of Dumisani's story through a PowerPoint presentation was given, and greetings from several partner church leaders were expressed.

**Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>** was a very busy day. Graduates, alumni, board members, faculty, staff and friends of the college gathered at Bethany Emmanuel Church in King William's Town, South Africa for the Dumisani Theological Institute and Bible School graduation, 40<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebrations and installation of the new principal and vice principal.



l.to r.- Vice-Principal Diniso, Principal Chipenyu, Dr. Whytock, Mr. Mnqaba (Board Member)

The warm, sunny day was reflective of the spirit of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His mercy and faithfulness over the four decades of Dumisani's ministry in the Eastern Cape. The singing, reading of scripture, and prayers were all offered with a sense of gratitude and amazement at what the Lord has done.

Rev. David Meredith, Mission Director for the Free Church of Scotland, spoke from Joshua 1 under the theme "New Beginnings, The Same God" and applied the principles of the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua to the transition that is taking place at Dumisani as the leadership now passes from Acting Principal Dr. Jack Whytock to Principal Wilbert Chipenyu and Vice Principal Patrick Diniso.

The 24 graduates this year represent several different denominations and callings. Some are entering pastoral ministry, some are involved in women's ministry, others are Sunday school teachers and evangelists.

At the end of the service, board member Toyo Mngqaba presented the college 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, *Voices of Thanksgiving*. He encouraged all in attendance to read this book and also to review the 100 plus photos contained in it in order to gain a better understanding of the Lord's mercy to the Eastern Cape through Dumisani over the past 40 years.

Following the service, there was a reception and cake cutting held in the church hall. This joyful day will long be remembered by all in attendance. We give thanks to all who sent messages of greetings and encouragement from far and near. To God be the glory.

**On Sunday March 3rd** in the Lord's providence Dr. Whytock was preaching for the **morning service** at the venue of where for 23 years Dumisani has held its graduations and awards events. It was a special time to say a sincere thank you to that congregation and share with them in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**Sunday evening** a team from Dumisani went to a partner congregation and were involved in a missions-supper night. Teaching sessions and focused table prayer times interspersed the evening. It was a wonderful way to conclude the three days of celebration.

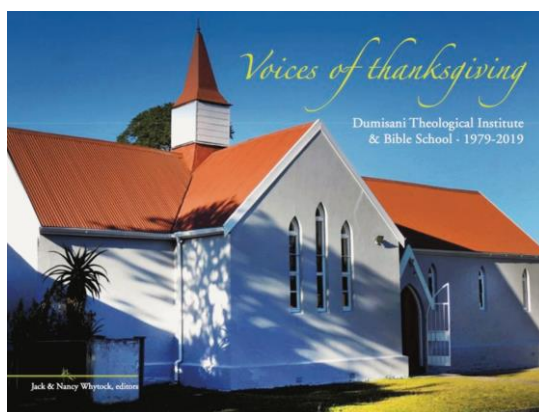
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## **PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

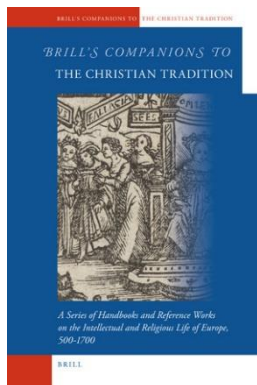
### **Book launches for *Voices of Thanksgiving* begin — North America in April & May, UK in June.**

The first book launch for *VOICES OF THANKSGIVING* was held on March 2 in South Africa. North America is next. This is a landscape-style anniversary book about Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School (1979-2019) and it looks at the past, present, and future.

This 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication is being used to promote the work of theological training of Christian leaders in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Dr. Whytock has prepared a lecture "The Bible School Movement and Advancing God's Kingdom" which can be given at a book launch. It surveys the bible school movement in general and sets the context for the work at Dumisani over the past four decades. Alternatively, there is a PowerPoint presentation that shows photos from the book. If your church or house group would like to host a book launch, please contact us at Haddington House:



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Forthcoming later this year, a chapter in the *Brill Companion to the Scottish Reformation* by Dr. Whytock entitled, “Ministerial Education and the Scottish Reformation”.

This is a work of about 30 chapters devoted to the Scottish Reformation. Edited by Dr. Ian Hazlett, the contributions are from an international group of writers. Brill is a Dutch publishing house in Leiden and has been involved in an extensive series of companion works devoted to the Reformation and related matters. Watch for details later this year.

## DIRECTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

### APRIL — *Indianapolis and Chicago areas for the Gospel Coalition National Conference*

- Chairing Table Meetings for Sub-Sahara on Theological Education and Literature
- Sourcing theological education literature
- Working as a conference volunteer

### APRIL/MAY — *Northern USA and Ontario*

- Launching *Voices of Thanksgiving*
- Engaging with various pastors, churches and mission groups around

### MAY — *Maritime provinces, Canada*

- Launching *Voices of Thanksgiving*.

### JUNE — *The United Kingdom*

- Visiting partners of Dumisani
- UK launch of *Voices of Thanksgiving*

### JUNE — *South Africa*

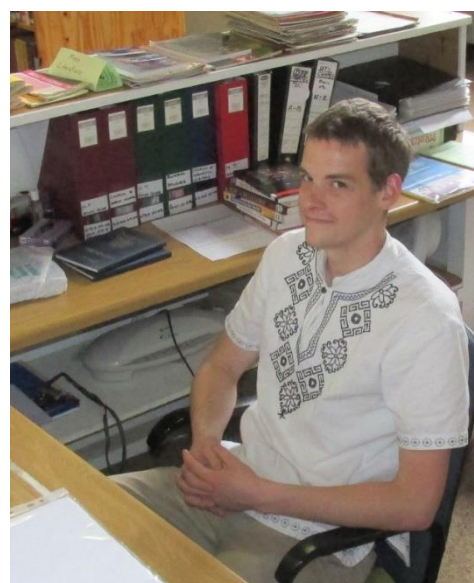
- Speaking at conferences
- Connecting with partner churches for Dumisani

## SHORT-TERM MISSION VOLUNTEER: MARTIN STAM AS ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Martin comes from New Brunswick, Canada and has returned to Dumisani for his second time as a short-term missionary. He is serving as assistant librarian for Term One. His work starts at 8:00am and usually goes to 5:00pm each week day. He is known by all students and private users and is a good computer trouble shooter.

Martin has been out in many different churches on Sundays and was a tremendous help during our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend events. Thank you so much, Martin, for what you have done. You were surely sent by the Lord's will and hand for Term One.

Last week Martin was busy managing the Term Book Sale and did a great job. He has been helping with the printing preparations of course readers and study guides as well, so he is getting to know his way around theological college curriculum very well this term.





We are praying that Martin's example will be used of the Lord to inspire more workers to be raised up for Dumisani for short-term mission support staff.

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### PRAYER:

- Thanks to the Lord for the wonderful anniversary weekend at Dumisani
  - Thanks for the arrival of *Voices of Thanksgiving* and the encouragement it has already been to many
  - Ask the Lord for more workers for Dumisani – teaching staff and support workers
  - Remember Martin Stam as he finishes up his short-term volunteer service
  - Pray for the meetings and contacts in Canada, US, UK and South Africa that many will join in prayer for the work of theological education — especially in the Eastern Cape of South Africa at this time
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