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HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are into September and the autumn season in Canada is around the corner. Thank you for your faithful prayers for a busy July and August. I have included a brief report on the activities for the month of August and the wonderful blessing this month was.

We covet your prayers for the fall and early winter. The best way to summarize it is to say that it looks like it will require a great deal of multi-tasking! May the Lord grant His enablement and blessing.

I have been reflecting over something which I heard Dr. Andrew McGowan (Rutherford House, Scotland) say when he was doing a seminar in Jakarta, "The last 50 years society has had more impact on the Church than the Church on society". The context was responding to the spiritual condition of Europe. What a statement. I thought of it as it applies to teaching and training future Christian leaders. We need to know the Word of God and know that it is our source of authority, but we also must be able to apply it well as light into the world. We cannot retreat nor can we forget our identity and authority basis as we engage with the world. It has always been this way; as in the days of Daniel, so today.

In Gospel Bonds,

Jack Whytock, Director

REPORT ON AUGUST SPEAKING TOUR

The World Reformed Fellowship General Assembly was held in Jakarta, Indonesia in early August (see photo on page 4). The Assembly plenary addresses were taken by Ligon Duncan on the subject of "Combatting Biblical Anemia". Other plenary speakers included Richard Pratt and Peter Jensen.

The seminars included a wide variety of topics and speakers. It was a delight for me to share one with John McClean of Australia on the theme of Global Challenges Facing Christianity. My focus was the challenge of the "Health" and "Wealth" or Prosperity Gospel. I plan, DV, to deliver this lecture in Canada in the coming months. As convener for the Theological Education Commission, I am working with members of this commission towards an inventory of suitable free electronic theological educational courses & resources. This will be a long-term project spread over the next year.



Jack Whytock, Fergus MacDonald (Scotland), John MacClean (Australia)

In Australia, Nancy and I were hosted by both members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia. The relay system (each host was responsible for transporting us to our next host) between speaking venues was just amazing. We were in three states: Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland; both churches and colleges hosted us. Please continue to pray now for a new visiting lecturer for 2020 to come out for one term from Australia to Dumisani Institute in South Africa to teach. I met with and interviewed a possible candidate while in Sydney and pray that He will be able to come.



Jack & Nancy Whytock with Allan and Mairi Harman in Australia

It was a real honour and blessing to meet so many believers in so many locations literally from around the world at the assembly and also then locals in both Indonesia and Australia. In the process over 200 more copies of *Voices of Thanksgiving* were also distributed to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Dumisani Institute & Bible School. Also, many HH Journals were distributed, so the luggage was lighter on the return flights. A total of 25 speaking events occurred during this Australian and Indonesian tour.

On a fun note, it was educational and enjoyable to get a ride in a sugar cane harvester while in Australia in the Maclean area.

PUBLICATIONS UPDATES

- It has been confirmed that the long-awaited *Brill Companion to the Scottish Reformation* is now at press and should be out by the end of this year. As previously noted, the HH Director was involved in this project and we look forward to seeing this new publication.
- Slowly by slowly, we are catching up with the Journal. Final edits are now taking place.
- Future new book reviewers are welcome. Enquire by sending an email to jcwhytock@gmail.com and state your area of interest.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

During the next 60 days we will be:

- working to complete curriculum revisions for Dumisani Theological Institute in South Africa;
- working with distance students (two courses at present, Hermeneutics and Philosophy for Jack and one course for Nancy, advanced research and writing and one thesis student editing) and tutor them through these courses;
- speaking in Canada and Scotland;
- preparing for Uganda in November

NOVEMBER TEACHING SCHEDULE

For all of November Jack will be teaching at ARTS, Africa Reformation Theological Seminary in Kampala, Uganda. The three courses to be taught are: An overview of the Westminster Standards, African Church History, and Calvin's Institutes. The class size is expected to be about 22 in each course. Please pray for this heavy month of teaching as it is 30 hours of class teaching each week and then grading the final week.

This modular teaching commitment has been in place now for over ten years. This is a strategic graduate-level theological institution with students coming from about fifteen different African countries to undertake masters degrees. A few years ago, a container was sent from Haddington House for the ARTS library and many will recall adding to the contents at that time.

PRAYER

1. Pray that the distance students will all meet with success this term in their studies and that the tutoring and editing will be helpful.
 2. Pray for the teaching load in Uganda and that good health may be granted for this.
 3. Pray with thanksgiving for the successful tour in Indonesia and Australia. All praise be given unto the Lord.
 4. Pray for the completion of the Dumisani Campus Renovations and fund raising to complete the staff apartment on the campus. The goal is to see a staff member be able to move in come early December, the Lord willing.
 5. Pray for former Administrative Assistant Christina Lehmann who is currently in hospital for diagnostic testing
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