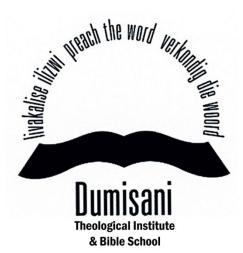
# Dumisani News November, 2019



### DEAR DUMISANI FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Warm greetings from Dumisani to each of you. I am humbled by the way the Lord has been so gracious to the college in 2019. Despite having a very limited fulltime workers both teaching and support, the Lord made the ministry tick normally through the provision of dedicated part-time and visiting lecturers.

The college realized an increase in student enrollments especially for the AMS class. The chapel went on very well with our senior students having a chance to preach, and they did a good job. The college continued with the campus development that began in 2018 and is proceeding as planned. All this was made possible by your sincere support through prayers, finances, advice and more.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, all workers, and students, I am conveying our heartfelt gratitude to churches, individuals, organizations and families for the support rendered to us. We pray that the Lord will bless you all for the advocacy you are giving to Dumisani. The Newsletter shows the details of how the Lord led us through 2019.

Thank you once more,

Wilbert Chipenyu, Principal

#### WINTER SCHOOL 2019



Winter was in June with Rev. Kyle Barrow of Port Elizabeth, SA as visiting lecturer. The course was an expository study of Exodus. 33 students attended. Thank you, Rev Kyle, for teaching us. Please come again to Dumisani!

Pictured here is Rev. Kyle Barrow and our Principal.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL 2019**

Summer School is commencing just as this newsletter comes out this first week of November. We welcome Prof Henk Stoker who is teaching on "Cults in Africa". Thanks Prof for coming from Potchefstroom, SA to teach us here at Dumisani. Prof Stoker is pictured here with his wife, Elsa.



#### SPECIAL GREEK CLASSES IN TERM THREE

During term three Dumisani held special Greek classes with Rev Kim from Stellenbosch, SA. Many students took advantage of having Rev. Kim with us for a period of time. "For me the Greek class was good and I enjoyed it very much. I thank you, Rev Kim. I got a new understanding about Scripture." -Student Langbin

# OCTOBER AFRICAN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE (APC) OCT 17 AND 18



The Annual APC was well held on our campus with about 80 in total attending. Thank you, Rev Rusty Grant from USA, for your messages. They were most inspiring. The theme was "The Mission of the Church".

### **New Part-time Lecturers**

During Terms Three and Four some new part-time lecturers have taught or will be teaching their first courses at Dumisani. Welcome brothers. We thank the Lord for all who have been teaching in many capacities this past year.

Rev T. Zani, Teaching Sunday School

Rev. S.R. Tom, Kings and Former Prophets

Rev. I. Magodla, Church History 2

## **CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT**

The Campus Redevelopment Continues as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Office Building has been repainted both interior and exterior and the roof resealed.

The development of the Master Campus Plan for Number 12 Leopold Street continues to unfold. We are so grateful to all who have donated to this special fund. In the New Year we will be doing a full reporting on the Campus Redevelopment Plan for our 40th. We are very excited as things



are really taking shape now and we can see what the new plan looks like. More work to do but clearly on the path to being ready for February.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mr. Sizwe Mswana (pictured right) who has completed his B.Th. through North-West University and graduated in October. He was able to attend the graduation event in Potchefstroom. Congratulations from all of us at Dumisani.

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS NEWS**



The Board welcomes Rev Vernon Vera to a six-month period as our Acting Registrar from January to June 2020. We thank his sending church for this and ask all to welcome Rev Vera to the campus as he takes up these duties in January and moves with his family to King William's Town. (pictured left with our Principal)

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The Board has made the decision to partner with South Africa Theological Seminary (SATS) for their distance B.Th. and B.Th. Hons degrees effective, January, 2020 for the next five years. Here are some of the details:

• When students identify with Dumisani in this process and live in the Eastern Cape, they can receive the Dumisani discount from SATS.

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- Students will register directly through SATS and do their work by distance directly through SATS – (pictured right – Mr. Phambili Gxashe - Dumisani AMS graduate who hopes to soon enroll as a SATS B.Th. student)
- We will also provide tutoring on occasion and special lecture/seminar days for our degree students and give input where needed – library membership is included in fees
- Students are also free to pursue privately the distance B.Th. through
   North-West University but with no special discount and can register for a fee as private library users at
   Dumisani. Currently, we have now three such private NWU theology students with us at Dumisani in
   addition to the last two remaining agreement students.



A new Principal's Transportation Fund is being established by the Board of Governors effective immediately. The Board announces that a new dedicated fund has been established to assist with transport for our new Principal, Wilbert Chipenyu. Designated donations may be made and are gladly welcomed over the next six months. The Board believes that this fund is necessary in order to help our principal have better means for getting around for ministry other than just walking. Plans are being discussed to move forward next year with this.

#### ACCREDITATION FOR OUR OWN CCF AND AMS PROGRAMMES

Work has now begun on accreditation for our own CCF and AMS programmes. Keep this as a matter of prayer as much work is to be done in this regard.

# SPECIAL RADIO MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN CONNECTION WITH AUGUST WOMEN'S MONTH

At the Fort Hare Radio station, Mrs Kobese, the leader, Mrs Vellem (pictured right), Mrs Mxaku and Mrs Baninizi spoke on the theme "A Life Pleasing to God, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8". They stressed that they wanted to encourage women about the Word of God and tell women they must live a life that is pleasing to God. At True FM, Bisho, Mrs Kobese, Mrs Booi, Mrs Nulongco and Mrs Lokhwe spoke.



Mrs Vellem was given the opportunity at Fort Hare Station to explain about the ministry of Dumisani. It was a great radio ministry opportunity! - Student Mrs W Vellem

#### VOICES OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR



As noted in our last newsletter, in 2019 Dumisani undertook to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with congregations and individuals from around the world on the theme "The Vital Importance of the Bible School Movement". Former Principal, Dr. Jack Whytock (pictured left with student Mr. Piyo), has received nearly 100 speaking opportunities to date (in South Africa, The United Kingdom, Australia, Indonesia, and North America) to address this subject and also to present the new book *Voices of Thanksgiving* for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dumisani.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Praise the Lord for all the assistance which we have received for the re-development of our campus during this our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. May this bless the ministry of Dumisani for the next several years.
- Praise and thank the Lord for the 62 students that we have this year at Dumisani. Please pray for all our students: for perseverance amidst many challenges and that blessings and growth will follow.
- Pray for all our lecturers, visiting lecturers, and part-times lecturers. In 2019 we have been blessed with 14 teaching in the classroom plus 7 others at three workshops. Thank the Lord for each of these lecturers and speakers.
- Pray for our senior administration team as they prepare for 2020, work on accreditation matters, and spend time with family over Christmas.

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