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Dear Friends,

It is good to be back home after ten weeks overseas. Thank you for holding up these past weeks in prayer. We started with being involved at Campbeltown Free Church in the Kintyre Peninsula of Scotland. It was a wonderful opportunity for ministry, and what a blessed time we had in Christian fellowship! While there, we also managed to complete work that needed to be done at the National Library etc. in Edinburgh for



Campbeltown Free Church, Scotland

volume one of our textbook project. Then it was on to Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa (see attached short article on this). The Lord blessed us with many excellent meetings while in South Africa and opportunities of service.

It is now exciting to be at the stage of preparing for the release (and distribution across Africa for bible colleges) of volume one of the mission survey work. A brief report and details of a sponsorship programme which we have now developed with the publisher is included in this newsletter. This programme it designed to ensure that volume one can get out to colleges and theological libraries across Africa as step one of the distribution plan.

The next several months will be the intensive proofing stage and verification that no copyrights have been infringed. We continue to covet your prayers for this along with the regular tasks here at Haddington House, such as the 2023 *Journal*, summer talks, and student marking. We are also pleased to report as a follow-up from the last newsletter that the French Bibles did all arrive safely in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the graduate student there with whom we have been working.

In Christ,

Jack C Whytock, Director

DUMISANI GRADUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS, MARCH 2023

Dumisani Graduation

On March 4th at a very joyous and celebratory ceremony, 28 students received awards at the Dumisani Graduation Ceremonies with close to 200 in attendance in King William's Town/Qonce, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Thirteen received their Certificate of Christian Foundations (CCF), and fourteen received their Advanced Ministries Studies (AMS), plus one Dumisani student was recognised as completing their Honours BTh through SATS. Three students received the principal's awards for distinguished work. Also, at the Graduation Exercises it was announced that two students graduating from Dumisani with the Advanced Ministry Studies were awarded full scholarships to George Whitefield College in Muizenberg, Western Cape for advanced standing for the BTh degree.

Each graduating student was also presented with select bible commentaries and also a new study bible. We are most grateful to the partners who donated these graduation gifts. Three students spoke in response: Nakase Khanyiso, Sikolile Ndyindila, and Bukiwe Baninzi.

Those participating in the ceremony were: I. Magodla, K. Barrow, P. Diniso, W. Chipenyu, S. Kim, J. Whytock, and Mrs. S. Vera and Mrs. N. Whytock. It was a very hot day with no rain, so greetings were



l. to r. Principal Chipenyu, VP Diniso, Guest Speaker Whytock

held outside with food and refreshments. Truly it was a time of rejoicing in the Lord's goodness. Many current students also attended the graduation exercises. Currently Dumisani has between 60 and 70 students.



AMS (diploma) graduates only, with graduation participants

worked so very hard in this application process. It was a long journey, but by the Lord's mercies it has been achieved. We ask that prayer continue to be made that this new accreditation for the two programmes will prove to be a real blessing for training Christian workers and leaders across the Eastern Cape and will be a blessing to the churches.

This accreditation is at the right levels for the target grouping of students that Dumisani wants to reach. The first certificate allows both matric and non-matric students to enter. Upon completion of that certificate, students can then earn an accredited certificate. The other programmes of study are more advanced academically (as a residential in-class higher level certificate /diploma). Dumisani also works with accredited partners for the BTh and Hons BTh degrees.

Accreditation

Dumisani Theological Institute has recently received official word that its two programmes of study have been accredited by the Quality Council of Trades & Occupations (QCTO) from 2023 for five years (2028). This is something for which Dumisani has been desirous for many years. We are very grateful to all who have prayed about this and

Project Roof

Dumisani is now 44 years old. For the 40th anniversary (2019) a full upgrade and redevelopment of the campus was completed to prepare Dumisani for the next ten years of ministry and also to help with the accreditation process. Many major changes were accomplished at that time, including a new second lecture hall, new toilet facilities, an improved and extended parking area, security updates, new floors in several buildings with all rot removed, concrete poured, and tile flooring installed. At that time all of the roofs were repaired but with the plan that over the next ten years two buildings were identified needing new roofs.



Dumisani Office Building with new roof

The first building to receive a new roof was the Office Building (work completed late last year). The old steel was beyond repairing and was removed, and all new steel replaced it as well as several new rafters. The result is an office building with no leaks!

Global Study Bibles

Recently the post office in King William's Town/Qonce burnt. Shipping Bibles and other materials has become an issue. Dumisani uses the Global Study Bible in all its CCF certificate courses and needs these to be on hand annually for the new intake of students. We took more in our luggage this month from a supplier in the UK. Please pray for a new and reliable way to get study bibles to Dumisani.

Continue to pray for this vital ministry of training future leaders in the Eastern Cape of South Africa and give thanks to the Lord for Dumisani's residential training ministry—a truly unique ministry in the Eastern Cape Province.

Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School was founded in 1979 as a Reformed and evangelical Presbyterian training institution and gives thanks to the Lord for now serving the Lord in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa for 44 years by God's Grace.

VOLUME ONE OF THE AFRICAN SURVEY SERIES GOING TO PRESS

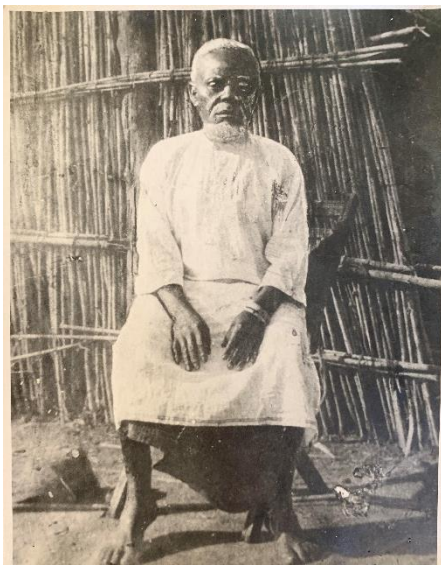
Update

While in South Africa, we met with the publishing staff to review text and illustration procedures. There are over 100 illustrations in volume one, so good systems must be in place. Requests have started coming in for copies for bible colleges and institutes across the continent of Africa. We discussed this with the publisher and have developed a plan for sponsorship and shipping logistics for volume one to these African institutions.



Rev. & Mrs. Johannes Zimmermann, part of the story of the Gold Coast Mission told in Volume One

Textbook Sponsorship Plan



Bambo – one of the first converts of the Nkhoma Mission in Malawi and one of the first evangelists. The story of the Nkhoma Mission is one chapter in volume one.

The Sponsorship Plan is \$100.00 CAN per textbook (includes shipping) for African theological colleges, bible colleges, and seminaries. We are receiving sponsors from congregations, businesses, and individuals for the purchase and distribution of these textbooks. We are aiming to sponsor 250 colleges across Africa to receive a copy directly from the publisher who has the networks to do this.

Any Canadian donors interested in sponsorship can donate by designating for this project through Haddington House Trust. Those outside Canada, please contact HH directly for donation details.

Volume one is over 800 pages with over 100 illustrations plus maps, charts, timelines and study questions. Such a project has not been done before for Africa, and we hope that it will lead to serious study and reflection on the history of the development of mission work by Presbyterians on the continent of Africa.

PRESS RELEASE WILL BE THE END OF THIS YEAR FOR VOLUME ONE.

Prayer

1. Give thanks for the graduation on March 4th and for all who completed their programmes of study. Pray for the graduates as they serve in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.
2. Give thanks for the completion of the accreditation process at Dumisani. Praise God for the many labourers over many years who were used to bring this to pass.
3. Pray for a new and cost-efficient means of continuing to supply Dumisani with Global Study bibles.
4. Remember the final proofing work for Volume One of the Africa Textbook Project. Pray for the editing and publishing team here at HH and in South Africa that all will have great stamina to see this to completion.
5. Pray for sponsors for this textbook so that colleges and seminaries across Africa can begin to use the textbook as a resource in classrooms and libraries.

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