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Exciting Distribution News!

NIGERIA: Thanks to all those who have been praying for distribution breakthroughs across Africa for Volume One of our survey textbook on missions – *A Survey of Presbyterian Missions in Africa*. Last week the publisher, Barnabas, and Africa Christian Textbooks (ACTS), Nigeria, were able to come together to partner for a shipment of Volume One books to be sent from the publisher in Wellington, South Africa up to Bukuru (Jos area), Nigeria. ACTS will distribute this shipment into theological libraries across Nigeria in the first instance. You can learn more about ACTS here: **https://www.actsnigeria.org/**

Next, KENYA, MALAWI, GHANA... Once the Nigeria shipment has been distributed, then we will start a similar partnership for distribution into Kenya, Malawi, Ghana... The goal is to establish *six hubs* across the continent of Africa to distribute these volumes. Nigeria is hub two, with South Africa as hub one.

Good news, we are seeing global sales and a global presence growing for Volume One outside of Africa. Sales in Australia, the United States, and the UK are starting to increase, and *Christian Books* (formerly Christian Book Distributors – CBD) is also selling it, as is Amazon.ca and Amazon.com.

Course Completions and Marking for Winter/Spring Courses

Please pray for students to complete final assignments and hand those in **this coming week**. Thankfully most have already submitted, and marking is well underway. Lord willing, all marking will be completed by mid-July and attention here at HH can be turned to preparing for the fall round of teaching and conferences.

Summer Writing & Editing

What else does the summer hold? There is more writing and editing to be done for Volume Two of A Survey of Presbyterian Missions in Africa. We have some gaps that must be taken up (in part because of "no shows"), so we cannot submit our final draft until these are completed. We are standing in the gaps! Volume Two covers more recent history and includes stories of many individuals who are still living. It has been an exciting process to interview many via Zoom as well as in person.

Summer Evening Talk Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 7:00pm Desable Free Church, Desable, PEI

This year we are going to do something a little different, we are going to hold an evening book launch that will include narratives and an interview-type format for *A Survey of Presbyterian Mission History in Africa Volume One.* If you know of any Africans living here on PEI who might be interested, please invite them to this book launch. An evening for everyone, young and old.

Prayer Points:

1.Give thanks that the shipment of Volume One is now off to Jos, Nigeria and pray for ACTS as they begin the distribution through their stores and agents across Nigeria.

2. Pray for plans for the next effort to get things in order for Kenya and to work out agreements there for distribution of Volume One.

3. Pray that all students will submit outstanding work now and that the first half of the year's marking can all be completed by mid-July.

4. Pray for the Summer Evening Book Launch at Desable, PEI on August 6th that the format will be a blessing to all ages and a time of good Christian fellowship.

5. Pray for preparation time for fall courses and conferences and pray that writing will proceed well for the last few writers who have not submitted for Volume Two. Also pray for Jack and Nancy Whytock who will be busy *writing in the gaps*.



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