



HADDINGTON HOUSE

Spring Prayer Points May 2025 Number 55

Dear Friends,

In this brief update, we have used the same format as before with brief reports followed in italics by a scripture reading and focused prayer points. We hope these six points will be informative and communicate matters for ongoing prayer and praise at prayer meetings and in households.

Thank you for your encouragements over the winter and for praying about the focus on African Christian diaspora. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with many different groups of African Christians and have now completed the chapter on diaspora for Volume Two of the series being published on African mission history.

—Dr Jack Whytock, Director

1. Over the next couple of months, Jack will be tutoring another distance course for Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, Uganda (ARTS). Some ARTS students need this World Missions course in order to be eligible for the December 2025 graduation. The course is to be completed by the 1st of August.

Website: arts.ac.ug

Read: Acts 1:1-8. Pray with thanksgiving for this course as students work through the various models of mission and evangelism. Pray that as students complete practical projects for mission and evangelistic work that they can then implement these into their local ministries. Pray that the course will truly impact them and also be used as a tool for real-life ministry.

2. Plans have been proceeding at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape, South Africa (SA) to purchase a house to be converted into a male student dormitory. It looks like things may close by the end of May. This is a strategic way forward at Dumisani. This house is next door to the library property, 17 Leopold St., Qonce, SA – if you want to see it on google maps.

Read Psalm 133:1. Pray with thanksgiving for the donations which have been received towards this house purchase and renovation. Pray also that the process to finalise closure and make modifications to the building can be done in time for the third term which starts in July.

3. The first week of June, Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape, SA will host a conference on Xhosa minister Rev. Tiyo Soga (1829-1871). There will be four speakers: Ahluma Lubambo, Ferdie Mulder, Lwandiso Dlokweni, and Jack Whytock. They will address Soga's theology, his life and ministry, speak on the new Xhosa edition of *Pilgrim's Progress*, and on sermon preparation for Pentecost.

Website: dumisani.org.za

Read: Acts 2:1-13, Phil. 3:20. Pray with thanksgiving for the speakers and that their travels will go well. Pray that the local community of pastors and Christian leaders will come out to the Conference. Also pray

for the literature that will be available at very reduced costs that these books etc. may be used to build up many even after the Conference.

4. The third week of June, Jack and Nancy will be at a theological educators' consultation for Bible Schools to be held in Johannesburg, SA. The theme is Cultivating a Biblical Worldview. Jack is one of the plenary speakers and will also be conducting workshops.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-6. Pray for the blessing of the Lord as leaders at Bible Schools gather from primarily southern Africa but also some from further afield in Central and Eastern Africa. Pray for safe travels for all and that it would be a wonderful time of fellowship and exchange. Pray that the talks and workshops will be edifying and instructive and useful for those attending.

5. Meetings with the publishing team to go over details on Volume Two of the mission survey set will take place at the end of May. We are hoping that galley proofs will be ready for the first week of June to start to be sent out to the 45 writers in the Volume. The push now is to complete all illustrations, maps, and charts.

Also, as mentioned, a sincere word of thanks for all who prayed for the diaspora chapter to be completed through the various interviews and worship services we attended. It was a tremendous privilege and blessing for us to meet many of the Lord's scattered family members.

Read Malachi 3:16. Pray for the meetings and the preparation work and final permissions etc. for illustrations now with the publishing team. Much of this work falls upon Nancy's shoulders so please remember her in prayer as she works on this part of Volume Two and as she will soon, DV, start sending out all galley proofs.

Give thanks to the Lord for answered prayer from the Winter Prayer Points Number 54, point 4, and the work on diaspora as a top priority for completion by the end of April.

6. It was a joy to be able to ship 100 bible commentaries and other Christian books in May to a new evangelical Christian Study Centre being established in Burundi. This study centre is led by a former ARTS student whom Jack taught for a few years in Uganda. Also, in 2025 five new textbooks on Acts have been donated for five colleges in Africa. The first of these is to be given to Dumisani when Jack and Nancy travel there in May/June.

Read Acts 17:11. Pray with thanks for the books and funds for shipping to help start a library for the new Study Centre in Burundi. Pray that many preachers will be blessed as they study and use these commentaries and Bible reference works and other books.

Pray that teachers and lecturers will find this new textbook on Acts a helpful resource in teaching the book of Acts and that it will encourage serious study of God's Word.



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