

Greetings friends,

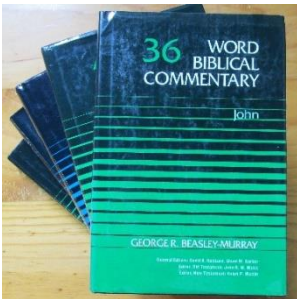
We are now into the fourth term here at Dumisani. It has been a busy and also a challenging year but with many evidences of the Lord's grace throughout each term. Thank you for your continuing prayers and interest in the ministry of Dumisani. You have been a sea of great encouragement and may the Lord advance the work as we begin plans now for 2017.



Dr. Jack Whytock, Acting Principal

1. Library Updates:

The Dumisani Library continues to develop as we receive generous donations of books from Christians here in South Africa as well as throughout the international community. As a result, we have one of the finest theological libraries in the Eastern Cape.



Sometimes we are given the blessing of choice in our acquisitions and this has been true in recent months. As a result, we have been able to move forward in two significant ways:

1. Completing or nearly completing some of our major Commentary sets (e.g. *The Bible Speaks Today*, *Word Biblical Commentary* and *Reformed Expository Commentary*)
2. Acquiring a complete set of *The Basics of the Faith* (P&R Publishing). This is a new series that offers 39 booklets on major subjects concerning the Christian faith. It is geared at the perfect level for our CCF (Certificate of Christian Foundations) students and will remain in the library as reference material.



Sincere thanks to all who have been a part of these specific developments in our library collection.



2. New Staff and Faculty:



The Board of Governors of Dumisani is pleased to announce that, Lord willing, Rev. Dr Bryson Arthur and his wife, May, from Glasgow, Scotland, are planning to join the faculty here at Dumisani in late January, 2017. The Arthurs have served in theological institutions in Kenya, Israel and Jordan over the past twenty-two years. Dr Arthur will mainly be involved in teaching in our college programmes as a Lecturer (CCF, AMS, and BTh). Mrs. Arthur is a midwife, has assisted in theological colleges in development work, and her title will be Development Co-ordinator. We look forward to welcoming the Arthurs to South Africa and to college life here at Dumisani.

3. New Short Course offered by Mrs Williams:



Mrs Gillian Williams of Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape, began teaching a new short course during the first week of September. Mrs Williams (pictured here with granddaughter Phoebe) has served in Christian Education roles for several decades and we give thanks to the Lord for her willingness to use her training and experience to offer the course “**Foundations of Christian Teaching**”. This course is designed to train teachers for Sunday school work, Bible study lessons and more. Mrs Williams and her husband, Rev. David Williams, currently serve at St John’s Church in Fort Beaufort where Mrs Williams is also involved in teaching Sunday school. Welcome!

4. 2017 Graduation and Awards Recognition:

It seems far away to be talking about next March, but please mark your calendar for **March 4th, 2017** and plan to be with us and/or pray for us as we gather for our Annual Dumisani Graduation and Awards Recognition. It is anticipated that we will have graduates from all three of our levels of study: CCF, AMS (Advanced Ministry Studies), and recognition of the award of BTh degree from NWU. This will be the first graduation in our Certificate of Christian Foundations programme.



We are pleased to announce that Rev. Vernon Light of Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape (pictured here) will be our guest speaker at this event. Rev. Light is the former principal of *The Bible Institute* in Port Elizabeth and is currently serving as a tutor in both the Honours and M.A. Programmes for SATS (South African Theological Seminary).

This special event begins at **10:00 am at Bethany Emmanuel Church in King William’s Town**. All are welcome to attend and to stay for a light reception following the ceremony. Please contact the Dumisani office if you would like further details.

5. Dumisani Bursary Project, 2016:



This year the Acting Principal, Dr Jack Whytock, had the pleasure of awarding the first bursaries from our new Dumisani Bursary Fund. Students in good academic standing in the AMS or BTh programmes who demonstrated financial need were awarded bursaries in the second semester. Congratulations to each student who received a bursary this year and special thanks to all those who contributed financially in order to make these bursaries possible. Mr Ronnie Ntabeni, BTh student and one of this year’s recipients, has submitted these comments and words of thanks on behalf of his fellow students:

“On behalf of my fellow students and myself, I would like to express our humble gratitude to our bursary donors here at Dumisani College. There is no way I can express how we feel in words. These bursaries have given us encouragement and inspiration to continue with our studies. They have helped us a lot. Thank you.”

6. Visit from North-West University:



On September 7th and 8th, Dumisani welcomed two visitors from North-West University – Dr Aldred Genade and Dr Petria Theron (pictured here with Mrs Hlalanathi Mathiso of Dumisani). Since Dumisani partners with North-West to offer the BTh degree, it is always important to keep the lines of communication open and to keep up-to-date on any changes that are occurring. We were pleased to be able to ask many questions of our guests and to reflect on our partnership as another academic year draws to a close.

7. New Intensive (4-day) Preaching and Public Speaking Short Course:

Dumisani is pleased to be offering an intensive short course (4 consecutive days of classes – 3 hours each day). This course is entitled “**Foundations of Christian Public Speaking and Preaching**”. It is one of the elective courses for our Certificate of Christian Foundations programme. Students who successfully complete this course can apply it toward the CCF requirements **OR** can receive a “*Recognition of Achievement*” award at the end of the course. Please note: students may choose NOT to write the exam. These students will receive a “*Recognition of Attendance*” award if they attend all four 3-hour sessions.

When? Nov. 7th to 10th – 4 pm to 7 pm each day (exam date the following week)

Where? Dumisani Theological Institute (lecture hall)

12 Leopold St. KWT

Cost? R300

What to bring? Bible, pen, paper

Questions? Contact the Dumisani Office – phone: 043 642 4737



8. Current Projects and Points for Prayer:

- Increasing **campus security** – the Board is looking at possibly reconfiguring the campus
- The development of a **Council of Reference** that will serve as advisors to the Board
- Dumisani is currently discussing facilitating the work of preparing a **Xhosa Bible Concordance**
- New – intensive (4 -day) **preaching and public speaking course** – Nov. 7th – 10th

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED TO TWO SPECIAL FUNDS AT DUMISANI:

To help with the long-term sustainability of Dumisani there are two special funds which we are building upon and endeavouring to establish as endowed funds. We welcome donations to these two dedicated funds:

The Bursary Fund & The Campus Development Fund

Donations of any amount are gratefully appreciated and will help us with long-term sustainability and furthering the ministry of Dumisani. Tax receipts will be provided to all who ask for such, either in South Africa or in the UK.

If you have any questions please email either Dr. Whytock or Shalen Singh:
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Shalen Singh became our new bookkeeper in May. Welcome Shalen!

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