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Serving the South African church

## Conferences

Dr Alistair Wilson, plans to attend two important theological conferences in the UK in July: the Tyndale Fellowship Triennial Conference and the St Andrews Conference on Galatians.

## Please help us.

1. Please give thanks to the Lord with us for his provision of excellent colleagues to share in the work of Dumisani.
2. Please pray for our new and continuing students, praying that they will not only grow in knowledge and skills but also in grace and Christian character.
3. Dumisani requires a Librarian, ideally with IT skills. Please pray that the Lord will provide the right person to work with us in this vital role. If you think that you may be able to help, please do contact us.

**“Dumisani uYehova!”**  
**(“Praise the Lord” - Psalm**  
**148:1 in isiXhosa)**

## Volunteer wanted

As we seek to develop Dumisani, we are aware that there are many grant-making bodies which might be willing to provide grants to Dumisani. However, the process of searching through the register of grant-making bodies and then of sending numerous applications for funds is a time-consuming one which our staff team does not have time to pursue. Is there anyone who might be able and willing to give part of their week to identify possible donors and to apply for funds on our behalf? If so, please contact us.

## “Concentration!”



Some Dumisani students give their full attention to their material at the Orientation event.

4. Please give thanks with us for the very successful Sunday School Training Workshop held recently and for the opportunity to help so many dedicated teachers.

# Dumisani News

March 2012

## New Beginnings

We have launched into 2012 with a variety of new beginnings. Firstly, there were new members of the academic staff. Having said farewell to valued colleagues during 2011, it was exciting to welcome Greg Phillips and Wayne Grätz to the staff team. Greg joins the team as a lecturer, with a particular interest in Biblical Studies. He comes with many years of experience in theological education in South Africa, having taught previously at the Bible Institute in Kalk Bay, near Cape Town. Wayne is one of Dumisani's own graduates and now joins the team as Marketing and Recruitment Manager/ Junior Lecturer. Wayne will be responsible for developing prayer and support relationships with churches and individuals, primarily within South Africa, but he is also involved in teaching several of the Basic Ministry Studies modules. Both Wayne and Greg are also continuing their own studies; Wayne is completing his Honours degree and Greg is working on his PhD thesis. Secondly, it was good to welcome a good group of new students as well as many returning students for the Opening Service and Orientation on 26 January 2012. We have been encouraged by the number and enthusiasm of the new students and to see new friendships grow.



Wayne and Megan Grätz, with daughters Sarah and Bridget

**Please pray for Greg and Wayne as they settle into their new responsibilities and pray for the new and continuing students in their studies.**



Greg and Carol Phillips, with daughters Hannah and Ruth



New and returning Dumisani students at the Opening Service and Orientation event

## African Pastors' Conference

We are excited at the prospect of participating in the 2012 African pastors' Conference. We are in the process of making arrangements to host this conference which is intended to provide exposure to expository preaching and also to provide helpful literature to local African pastors. Many of the main speakers at these conferences are gifted African preachers themselves and we trust that they will provide an encouraging model of solid biblical preaching applied to an African context. We are pleased to have another opportunity for cooperation with those who seek to build up the church in Africa. For further information on the African Pastors' Conferences, see:



<http://africanpastorsconference.com/>

**Please pray for the remaining arrangements and for those who will speak at the conference. Pray also for a good attendance of local pastors.**

## Consultation on Curricula for Africa

Last November, Alistair Wilson and Deon Lombard attended a Curriculum Consultation organized by Mukhanyo Theological College in cooperation with Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington DC. A great deal of useful work was done on development of a curriculum which



would be rigorous but also appropriate for the African context and which could be used in various theological colleges in Africa. One of the particular benefits of the consultation was the opportunity to build relationships with Christian brothers and sisters who are involved in theological education throughout Africa. We are hopeful that, as result of the relationships built at that consultation, there will be further opportunities to cooperate with others working for the good of the church in Africa.

## Marking Student Achievements

Two Dumisani students, Mason Nkwelo and Fezile Mathiso, made the long journey to Potchefstroom in November 2011 to receive their BTh degree certificates at the university's graduation ceremony. We are glad they were able to attend, but we look forward to acknowledging their achievement, and that of others who have completed courses of study, locally at our annual Awards Ceremony in King William's Town on 10 March 2012.



The Guest Speaker at that event will be Dr Jack Whytock, Director of Haddington House in Prince Edward Island, Canada. We are glad

to have Dr Whytock with us at Dumisani for five weeks until 24 March, during which time he will teach several modules of the BTh degree. For part of his stay, we are glad that Dr Whytock will be joined by his wife Nancy and their daughter Janet.

**Please pray for Dr Whytock's teaching and for the Awards Ceremony. Pray also for the students who have completed courses of study.**

## Recent publications

The Principal, Dr Alistair Wilson, has had two articles published recently. The first was in a collection of essays published in honour of Alistair's PhD supervisor, Professor Howard Marshall. The title of the book is: *New Testament Theology in Light of the Church's Mission: Essays in Honor of I. Howard Marshall* (Wipf and Stock, 2011) and Alistair's contribution to the volume is entitled "An Ideal Missionary Prayer Letter: Reflections on Paul's Mission Theology as Expressed in Philippians". The second article is a published version of a sermon on Acts 8:26-40 entitled "God's Good News for a Marginalised African Man" which appears on the 2012 issue of the *Haddington House Journal*. We pray that these publications will be of benefit to those who read them.

