

Dear Praying family and friends

Quotable quotes from students:

To John: 'S.' "Doc, when I came into your class I had no idea how to compose a theology paper. Now that I have the tools, I want to write a paper about the Holy Spirit and the church."

To John: 'V.' "I always doubted whether my academic training here in South Africa could stand up on the world stage. Thank you for confirming my calling as a Christian academic."

To Anne: 'K.' "I'm using your teaching style and using it in my high-school classroom of 65 students. They feel much more empowered now that I lecture less and give them more opportunities for practice in class and to help each other learn."

To Anne: 'T.' "She took time and made sure that every learner understood."



Report on Ministry to Muslims Seminar

In late October, a group of 20 pastors and lay people gathered on a Saturday morning for a seminar on reaching out to their Muslim neighbours. John took the opportunity to recount stories from Canada, France, Guinea, Egypt and South Africa relating to Muslims. Rustenburg has a growing Muslim population, with many of them coming from South Asia, and some are even members of the Taliban, a rather radical branch of Islam. We discussed the ABCs of Islam, "who is Muhammad in Islam?" and there were many questions from the audience. One of the biggest challenges that people shared was the fact that many churches---even with stellar doctrinal statements---are simply not interested in reaching out to Muslims. Pray that more South Africans would respond to the fact that Jesus deserves worldwide worship, and also from Muslims who live in South Africa.



Report on Pastor's Conference

Imagine going to a pastor's conference and all the songs are in a language that you can't understand, but your spirit is touched by the worship directed to God, and the expressiveness that is so characteristic of Africa. Once, again, our souls were fed, and in this way, our motto 'learn, teach, multiply' shows that learning is a two-way street. That is to say, we learn from the worship of Indebele-speaking pastors, and they could also learn from the lecture I gave on kings Uzziah, Josiah and Jesus, and how they left very different legacies, which we are wise to learn from.



Prayers:

--we just booked our flights to come back to South Africa after our brief visit to Canada. Just like everywhere else one turns, flights are about 20-30% more expensive than the last time we booked the same routes.

--that Mukhanyo Rustenburg would have the resources needed to teach students at a higher level.

--that our time in Canada would be fruitful and a time of refreshing as well

--we continue to have monthly expenses of about \$6,500. This includes travel, administrative costs for Global Scholars Canada, office and vehicle expenses, visas and modest salaries. In the last year, we averaged about \$5,000 per month of gifts, and that leaves us with a need to raise an additional \$1500 per month. Would you prayerfully consider a monthly gift or a one-time gift that would help us to teach others, who in turn will teach others, and so on?

Praise:

--God has given us good health.

--God has given us safety in a rather dangerous country.

--For a real sense that we are making a difference.

--For all our past experience has really come into play.

--Thanks for the long-term investment in God's ministry you have made through us.



Dear supporters of John and Anne,

You are supporting a worthy cause - to help establish Reformed Bible schools globally. As in other places, there is a significant need for good theology in South Africa, where there is much confusion. Local believers – especially leaders – need to be equipped with truth and tools to face the onslaught of false teachings and worldviews. Thank you for sending John and Anne: they are your valuable arrows, which you’ve shot in this direction to help equip the church. Their presence is an immense blessing: they came as well-equipped adult educators with a wealth of life- and ministry experience, and hearts full of love. They give their everything on-campus as well as off-campus to serve and inspire us with their examples to be ‘influencers’ locally and regionally. As a result, to a large extent, of your sacrifices, we are currently experiencing growth at this school. In other words, your investment is beginning to bear fruit: we can start seeing the multiplication effect, as those who are teaching sow good seeds, and those who are learning are growing to such an extent that more seeds are being sown in this area. We look forward to seeing the eternal fruits of this ministry of which John and Anne and yourselves are now a part.

Sincerely, Eben Le Roux, manager of Mukhanyo in Rustenburg

*Thanks for your prayer support
John and Anne*

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