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Dear Praying Family and Friends,



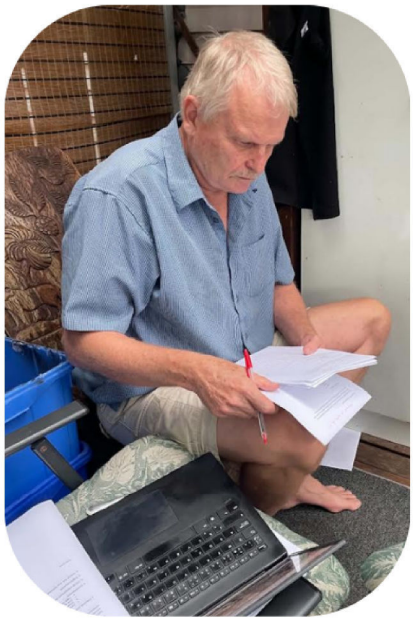
This newsletter comes to you from Canada where we are getting used to the coming fall temperatures.

Last semester in early January we began our teaching schedule with Anne teaching English, and I taught **Christ-centred Preaching, Reformation Church History, Christian Ethics** and a ThM level **Theological Research Methods**. The ThM course is a challenge for me and is very academically stimulating. This was the second time I taught the course and reports from the administration are encouraging. I look forward to teaching again in South Africa in January, 2027.



Anne also helped a group of Mukhanyo women students to organize their second retreat of the year.

Besides our Mukhanyo Theological College activities, we were involved with an English-speaking, multi-ethnic Reformed church plant in Rustenburg. We call it “the church of the broken wings” as many of our attendees have severe scars from life. I co-preached and taught through the books of Luke/Acts.



In July I (John) went back to South Africa to teach an intensive course. There were 10 students and these are the future leaders of Southern Africa. At the end of the class one student Dabby said: “Prof you never gave us a chance to sleep. We didn’t even have time to blink.

As of May we made Canada our base of operations, with trips abroad as doors open. In late October I will present an academic paper at a congress of Reformed scholars about the Apostle Paul at the Areopagus. I could send you a copy for your interest.

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Our employer in Canada, continues to encourage us to do writing and research. At present I am researching out an article entiled “Herman Bavinck and Islam.” The articles that I write are getting world-wide exposure through academia.edu. We continue to keep our focus on training disciple-makers and so work towards our motto of ‘learn, teach, multiply’.





Here are some of our challenges going forward:

- Pray that we would continue to be diligent in marking the assignments for the ThM course, as they are coming in as we speak. Recently I completed marking their ThM thesis proposals. Now I have to mark a synopses of their 1000 page readings.
- Pray that God would open doors via the agency International Theological Education Ministries (ITEM) who sends Reformed professors and pastors to teach throughout the world. We were disappointed that the door to teach in Uganda closed due to the Canadian government’s extension of the ebola quarantine on return to Canada.
- Pray that we would have patience with our supporters as some of them consider us to be retired now that we live in Canada.
- We give thanks for our grandson Weston for his positive development.

We are grateful for your support in our ministry. We feel buoyed up by the faithful prayers of God's people. We pray that you will continue to have a fruitful 2026

In His Majesty's service, John and Anne Span
Serving at Mukhanyo Theological College, Sent by Global Scholars Canada.

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