

"...entrust these [Christian teachings] to faithful people who will be able to teach others also..." 2 Tim 2:2



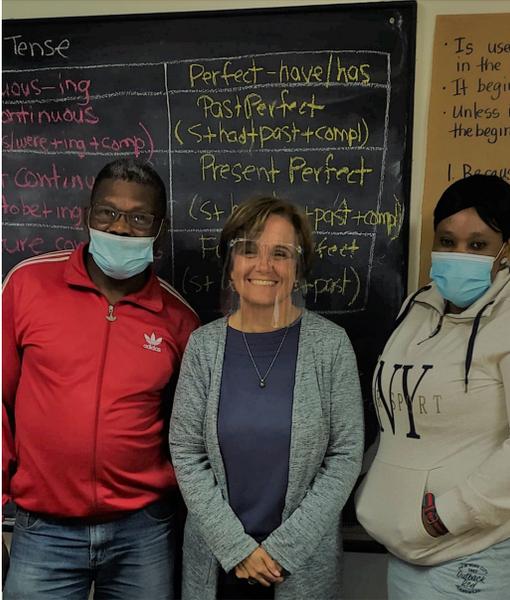
Dear praying family and friends:

Pushing capable students towards excellence

The full teaching semester at Mukhanyo has come to an end and Anne taught students how to express themselves in English and I taught Christian Ethics which asked "how should Christians live?"; God and Salvation--"how and why are we saved?" and Christian Worship--"how does the Living God want to be honoured?" We counted it a privilege to push our students for excellence.

Praying in Tswana and Xhosa

At the close of our classes Anne and I encourage our students to pray in their heart languages. We do this because we realize that English might be their second or third language and they naturally pray in their own language. Vuyi prays in Xhosa which uses a lot of clicking sounds in her prayer and Kagiso (Pronounced Khagh-eee-so) prays in his native Tswana---the language of this region. Again our horizons are stretched as we see that God loves a lot of different ways of expression. It is a joy to teach such students.



A visit with some students from last year.

Anne and I drove 2 hours to KwaMhlanga from here in Rustenburg and attended a church service where one of the Sudanese students, Steven preached. It was a joy to see how his preaching has matured and how eager he was to hear a critique. He hopes to return to his Reformed church in Juba, Sudan late in the year, and his long term hope is to help develop a seminary there. We have an open invitation to teach there as well.



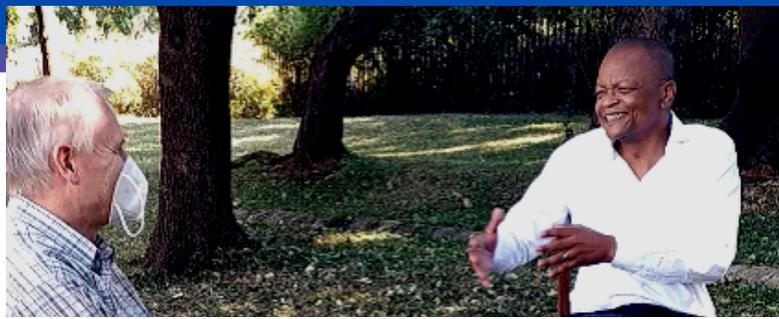
Quotes from students

Princess--"I recall you stressing that theology informs our methodology, in other words, 'how you act is influenced by what you believe.'"

Tammi--(student from last year)--"we look back to see how you were a stern coach in terms of essay writing and formulating our thoughts, but now we are getting the benefits. Thank you for taking the extra time."



Joe K. --"we learned how to think in our Worship course, and I am applying it at the church where I lead."



Answered prayers

- for a COVID-free semester at Mukhanyo. All classes continued in-person and smaller class sizes meant more time for intensive English coaching and spiritual mentoring
- for partner churches who contributed almost \$8,000 towards car rentals, extra medical insurance, a needed short trip out of South Africa to renew our tourist visas, multiple COVID tests and the upcoming hotel quarantine when we hope to arrive in Canada on May 29th for a short summer stay
- for a wonderful place to stay and safely on the roads and here on the farm.
- for stamina in light of changing COVID realities
- for responsive students like 'J' and 'V' who respectively said that they have learned to love learning, think theologically, and to look at some of the local practices like ancestor worship as competing with the unique and only Mediator Jesus Christ.

Prayer needs

- for God's continued favour for health and travel plans
- for preparation for the fall semester, when John teaches Biblical Interpretation, Church History and Worship in the Church and Anne will teach English
- to find a good church home here in South Africa while we are here. English services in churches which do not preach prosperity gospel are quite hard to find.
- finances for the potential purchase of a good used vehicle [about \$8,000] as long-term rentals are very costly.

Blessings John and Anne



I (we) would like to support **John & Anne Span**

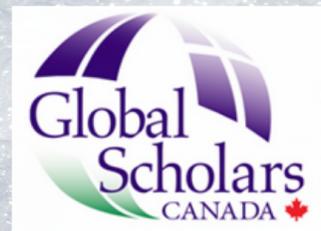
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