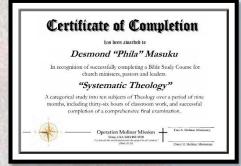
In the tracks of a missionary - Chapter 33

"The Lord Almighty has sworn, Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand." NIV (Isaiah 14:24)

Tom started teaching Systematic Theology in January of this year. "λογία, - logia:" Say what? Study what? That was their reaction nine months ago. Now, come November, exam time! 70% to

pass. Are they getting it? Do they understand it? Wouldn't some pastors love to give exams to their congregation?

Two separate classrooms, diverse villages of pastors, students, leaders, teachers. Same theological training. KaNyamazane and Malelane. Yet, diverse as Harvard is from Yale. Malelane is close to Swaziland border. Greatly influenced over many years of mission activity, but heavy on false doctrines. They are now hearing truth that they always wanted to learn, but never did.



On the other hand, many of the KaNyamazane students have been studying with us for up to 7 years. They learned the critical values of being *Filled* with the Holy Spirit & need for metabolising doctrines. Those who pass the exam will receive a Certificate of Completion as shown above.





"The things you have heard me say (teach) in the presence of many witnesses entrust to other reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2). In June, Tom started teaching a group of men who have been faithful students. Training includes Homiletics (the art of preaching), Hermeneutics



(the science of interpretation) and I.C.E preparation/teaching (Isagogics, Categories and Exegesis). Pictures below are Jeffrey Ngwenya, Phila Masuku, Dennis Masinga, Rueben Nyirenda, and Pastor Pilkington teaching in Homiletics.



Teaching "Top & Bottom Circles" of
Positional & Experiential
Sanctification & Filling of the Spirit



Amongst our students are Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, *Prophets, Bishops & Apostles*, no Rabbis, Pharisees or Popes! While they learn that titles are meaningless without doctrine in their soul, they are also learning the most important title of all, that is to call oneself a *Servant*, as Christ called Himself. An important guidepost for us all is a principle learned from our late pastor, R B Thieme Jr., "Keep focused on the essentials of the Word of God: Don't focus on the non-essentials."

Reconciliation Day: Once again, we have decided to host a Bible Conference in Kanyamazane. The date will be Monday, 16 December, which is a public holiday in South Africa. The holiday is "**Reconciliation Day."** The Day itself is quite a controversial holiday. Some of you may be

interested in a little history of South Africa. December 16, 1994, was the day selected by the late President Mandela to commemorate the end of *Apartheid*. Reconciliation Day celebrates the coming together of all races, cultures & creeds in South Africa, in an attempt to leave the past behind.

However, that Day is also the most sacred holiday celebrated by the white Afrikaners: Also known as the *Day of the Vow*. The day was 16 December 1838, when 470 Afrikaners (the Voortrekkers) prayed to God to be delivered from 20,000 attacking Zulu warriors at the Battle of Blood River (not far from where we lived in Zululand). In the aftermath, three Afrikaners were wounded, and 3,000 Zulu warriors lay dead in the river (hence the name Blood River). The surviving Voortrekkers made a vow to God, that they would build a house (a nation) to His honour.

(Side note: The well-known author, James Michner, in his novel, "The Covenant," noted (as paraphrased), While the Afrikaner made a covenant with God, God did not make a

covenant with them.' Hence, the fall of apartheid, albeit 150 years later!)







Prayer Requests:

- That the men being trained in the Homiletics classes will come to serve God as faithful (πιστός **pistos**), trustworthy reliable men qualified to teach others the absolute Truth. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- That the Bible Conference planned for Reconciliation Day, 16 December will honour God by reconciling those who attend, to hear and believe through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:10)