

Newsletter Fall 2021

Introduction

Welcome to another newsletter on activity at the Study Centre! As you can read in the following, there is much activity revolving around the recently launched Vox Viva website. This is a special time for the Study Centre, and we give thanks for the Lord's provision at his appointed time! We could catch a glimpse of the new website at the recent Congregational Information evening in September, and also get a sense of where the RSC hopes to take Vox Viva in the years to come. May the Lord who has blessed the work thus far continue to show the way forward, and prosper the work according to his abundant mercy!

Here follows the report from Rev. Kampen regarding the work done in the third quarter of 2021.

Launched!

First, a quick apology for the delay in getting the newsletter to you! According to the schedule, this report should come out at the beginning of October instead of the start of November. Better next time!

Well, that day in August came where at last we could share with you the fruit of much labour over the past few years. Vox Viva is now live! The words of Rev. van der Linden on the home page captured the mood so well:



What a very special day for all who have been praying for and working on this project! Our hearts are bursting with joy and thankfulness to our Lord who has made this day possible. There were days when this only looked like an unattainable dream, but we have learned to never think too small of our God. Through the years, and step by step the Lord opened doors and made things possible that we hardly dared to ask of him.... Working and planning this project through the years has become a story in itself, and through all of it, we see the providence and faithfulness of the Lord, and his perseverance with small servants.

We are excited to see where this same faithful Lord will in his providence lead this project in the years to come. By this time he has brought to us some 12,200 pastors in need of help, and we can joyfully share with them now also this project, in addition to our other main projects. We currently have just shy of 7,000 notes publicly available, which is cause for much thankfulness. Pray with us that the Lord will continue to use the Study Centre for his purposes, for the advancement of his church and kingdom in this world, and that he will give us eyes to see where he would have us follow his lead in the work.

Vox Viva Bible Study

The Vox Viva Bible study that was introduced in the previous newsletter has now begun. And all personal bias aside, this introduction to the prophecy of Zephaniah went well! ☺ There was a crowd of roughly twenty-five attendees, from both Dunnville and Niagara South, which I was very thankful for. And it was a special time of thinking through the key introductory matters relating to Zephaniah, including some of the big lines that might be drawn from then to today. I am eager to see how the study develops! The study that went into and came out of the evening will soon appear publicly on the software, at which time I will be sure to alert you to its online presence. May the Lord add his blessing to this venture!

Christian Library

I will bring this newsletter to a close with the usual statistics regarding work done for the Christian Library:

- Number of article listings uploaded by other theologians that I then edit and publish on the site: 66.
- Number of translated articles that workers have edited and of which I have made a final review: 31.
- Number of children's devotions that volunteers have edited: 17.

Praise the Lord for the continued growth of the Library!

That wraps up this newsletter. May the Lord keep you in his grace!

Points for Prayer

- ❖ Pray in thankfulness for the launch and growth of Vox Viva.
- ❖ Pray with us that the Lord will provide all the help needed to keep Vox Viva growing:
 - ministers willing to help us write the comments;
 - language editors to assist with editing;
 - help on the IT side.
- ❖ Pray for the strengthening of faith in the Bible study, and the usefulness of the study for Vox Viva.