

Newsletter Fall 2022

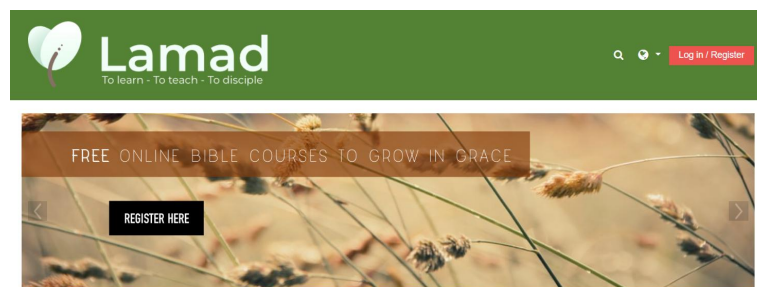
Introduction

Welcome to another newsletter from the Foreign Mission Committee! Since the last update, our church has split into two, with the majority of our church committees following suit in short order. It was decided, however, that we as FMC would remain as one, for an indefinite period of time. Thus, our committee comprises members from both Dunnville East and West. One of the main reasons for this is our equal support as churches of our mission project involving Rev. Kampen and the Reformational Study Centre. May our Lord continue to grant his blessing on the work of our committee, as we directly support, encourage, and interact with Rev. Kampen in his work with br. Jeff Morris and Rev. Jopie van der Linden.

With that as a quick update from the committee, we pass it off to Rev. Kampen for his report on RSC activities in the third quarter of 2022.

Lamad

By now it will come as no surprise to you that we at the Study Centre are fond of ancient languages. That of course applies primarily to our work with the Scriptures in their original languages, with the aim of enabling the pastors to dive deep into the Word of the Lord in their preaching and teaching. But we also at times turn to the ancient languages when coming up with project names. “Vox Viva” is Latin for “Living Voice,” and as such is a fitting name for the project, since we believe that for a preacher to faithfully exposit and apply God’s Word *is* to utter the living voice of the Lord today.



Our Courses are for all Christians, from church members to church leaders.

The heading above is another ancient word, this time from the Hebrew language, and is

the name we have chosen for another of our projects. “Lamad” can mean “to learn” or “to teach,” and is even used for a type of discipleship. The project that bears its name is one where we are busy with developing “courses,” for the lay pastors, office-bearers, and regular church members in the young church. This is a project that we have been developing, from both a content and website perspective, over the past few years. These courses are written in English, at the level of a North American twelve-year-old. For we want this material to be at the education level of many in the young church, so that they can digest the courses. Such courses do not hold any official education status, but their primary purpose is to help the users read and study God’s Word and its teachings. The Study Centre sees this as a very big need in the young church, and thus the project will be an important one in the coming years. Courses so far consist of subjects such as the Trinity, the church, marriage, the office of deacon, and overcoming sin. I have been involved in this project on the editing side, and am very excited about this work!

On the content development side of things, we have been able to use the talents of br. Jeff Morris. Over the past few months, he has been developing course materials, particularly in the area of Bible interpretation. We are grateful for the possibilities the Lord has given in this regard, and are eager to see where he leads us! Not long from now, our website for these courses will be up and running, at which time I will be happy to pass it on to you!

Stats

For the rest, the work at the Study Centre is steady as she goes! So I can bring this newsletter to a close with some by-now familiar stats on the work done on Vox Viva and Christian Library.

- ❖ From July to September, we published 1,750 notes on Vox Viva, which brought the total to over 12,300 available notes on the software.
- ❖ On Christian Library, the number of article listings uploaded by other theologians that I then edit and publish on the site: 66.

We continue to be thankful to the Lord for any progress he gives us in the work. May he continue to use his weak instruments to further his kingdom!