

ACU-RSA Board Meeting



ACU-RSA, the non-profit organization established in 2011 to help support the ACU effort from South Africa, had their semiannual Board of Directors meeting on Sep 10, 2012. The five-member Board met in the home of Pastor Irving Steggles with Mike Stolk calling in from his hospital-construction, mission work in Namputa, Mozambique. This has proven to be a diligent group of godly men who are zealous about the ACU project and willing to roll up their sleeves to get the work done. Many issues of concern were discussed

and plans put in place to move promotion of the ACU work ahead in South Africa and other southern African countries outside of Zambia. Please pray that the efforts to get churches and individuals involved in supporting this kingdom effort would bear much fruit. From upper left going clockwise in photo: Dr. Hein Strauss, Mike Stolk on Skype from Mozambique, Pr. Irving Steggles, Trevor Thompson and Ken Turnbull.



A South African contributions may now be made to the ACU-RSA bank account:

Account Name: African Christian University-South Africa NPC
 Bank Name: ABSA
 Branch code: 632005
 Account number: 40-7878-0486

Zambian contributions may now be made to the ACU Zambian bank: account:

Account Name: African Christian University
 Bank Name: Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc
 Bank Branch: Northend Branch, Cairo Road, Lusaka
 Account Numbers: 0100526288800 Zambian Kwacha
 8700226288800 U.S. Dollar
 Swift code (ABN code): SCBLZMLX

Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. ~A. Murray

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!



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Desiré Miller is a member of Boulevard Baptist Church, Springfield, MO, USA.

To assist with ACU fundraising efforts, she created journal books that can be used to record matters for prayer, notes, or Bible meditations. All profits will go to African Christian University.

2013 Rezolution Conference

"What Is the Gospel?"

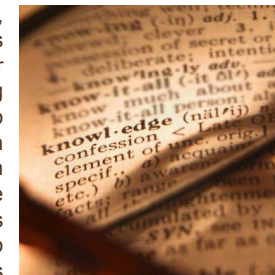
Mark Dever, Kevin DeYoung, Ligon Duncan, C.J. Mahaney and Bob Kauflin



All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). In Christ, education must also be reconciled to God. All who in Christ are reconciled to God and walk in His Spirit find their endeavors reconciled to God as they express the righteousness of Christ. This includes our education endeavors. This month we emphasize the need to see education reformed in Christ. Opportunities to fellowship around the Word through conferences in Zambia and Swaziland called the brethren to hear the call to mission through Christ's redemptive mandate and to love Christ in all of life. Thank you for rejoicing with us in the labor God has ordained for us as we share His faithfulness and bring needs before you so that we can fellowship together in prayer for the work of Christ through ACU.

The Erosion of Education by Dr. Ken Turnbull

As expressed in Romans 1:18-23, there is a decay towards foolishness that has established the path of our secular education system in eliminating God from knowledge. This attempt to eliminate God from knowledge has been noted by philosophers as an alienation of fact from value.¹ This leads to three extremes.² (i) When the human mind is exalted as autonomous, as opposed to being subjective and dependent upon its Creator, man is deified and knowledge becomes existential or only concerned with human existence as though it can be separated from God. (ii) Eliminating God from knowledge leads to irreconcilable deficiencies in defining morals or values. This leads to an attempt to establish some absolute or abstract law, some standard outside of the God who holds all things together in His perfect justice and love. This results in deifying abstract law leading knowledge into idealism. (iii) When attempt is made to balance existentialism and idealism with a view towards nature - not nature as God's creation, but some mysteriously derived, self-existing reality - then nature is deified



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Matters of Praise

The response and encouragement received through both the Reformed Family Conference in Lusaka, Zambia and through the Sola 5 Conference in Mbabane, Swaziland were a blessing and a challenge to progress with urgency as the need for ACU is glaringly apparent. Thank God for His ever-present hand in moving the vision toward fruition day-by-day.

Continue to offer praise to God for those He is calling to assist

as the world is viewed in empirical isolation, disconnecting what one observes with the senses from reason. This derives some form of self-existing "brute facts" with no moral or value relevance. All three of these extremes are in constant tension without balance as they don't equate with the reality in which we exist. They are the secular attempt at separating God from our reality and result in a very non-holistic approach to knowledge. As the world has always known, "In him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28)." The secular denial of this has plunged our education system into foolishness in trying to remove God from our pursuit of knowledge. As God is the source of all things, so true knowledge can't be attained outside of Him. "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1:16-17)." Education must return to reality where knowledge exists only in the context of the God who creates and defines reality. This would be a first step towards holistic education where knowledge is of God.

¹Arther F. Holmes, "Fact, Value, and God." Eerdmans Publishing: Grand Rapids, MI; 1997.

²Some of these thoughts are derived from: John M. Frame, "The Doctrine of the Knowledge of God." P&R Publishing: Phillipsbutg, NJ; 1987, pp. 62-75.

The Reformed Family Conference Aug 27-31, 2012 Lusaka Baptist Church in Zambia



Ken Turnbull & Voddie Baucham

Our dear brother Voddie Baucham (Grace Family Baptist Church, Spring TX) made his annual trek to Zambia to join 4 prominent Zambian pastors (Kabwe Kabwe, Ronald Kalifungwa, Conrad Mbewe and Choolwe Mwetwa) in support of the 23rd Reformed Family Conference which drew over 1,200 delegates from at least 7 African countries, 3 European countries, the USA, Australia and the United Arab Emirates. The theme was "Missions: Not Beyond Our Reach." It was truly a Christ-exalting experience to hear the beckoning call that it is time for

Africa to become a sending continent coming from this 20 year young, church-growing movement in Zambia. While the still-growing, church-planting movement has produced over 40 churches in all of the major urban areas across the country, the week's trumpet sounded to call missionaries to labor in the ripened fields beyond the borders, into the 10/40 window and other global places of need. The need was crystal clear for gospel-focused roots flourishing in the hearts of God's people, bearing fruit in the families and the churches, and finally moving God's people to deny themselves, take up their crosses with expectations of hardship, suffering and persecution, and to go for the sake of proclaiming the only thing that brings meaning to this life: the gospel message of reconciliation to our Creator through regeneration in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The week was a truly inspiring

journey in the work. We still need many like-minded servants of Christ to labor with us in construction, academics and as student labor disciplers, and we are grateful for the continuing encouragement of those who God impacts with a desire to help in the work.

We thank God for the initiation of what we pray will be a fruitful relationship between ACU and MTW (Mission to the World) for the furtherance of theological and Christ-centered education in Africa. The partnership is moving forward - we pray, to the Father's glory.

We praise God for gifting those who are partnering with us through giving. May He continue to supply them abundantly as they contribute to His kingdom work that is springing forth from Zambia.



Matters for Prayer

There will be an ACU Board Development workshop on Sat, Oct. 27, 2012. Dr. Victor Nakah (African Director of Overseas Council) will facilitate the workshop. Please pray for wisdom, understanding and a zeal for the ACU work to deepen amongst the Board members through this effort.

The Board of Directors for

journey heavenward in order to clearly see the work ahead of us on earth. ACU is being raised up by Christ working through these Zambian churches at a critical time as materialism and secularism are coming like a tsunami upon this continent. The need for the churches to continue to provide avenues for discipleship to prepare the next generation to carry the torch onward is palpable. At the conference was shared ACU's vision to fill this need and equip young men and women to go out as ambassadors for Christ through every vocation, to every part of Africa and beyond in response to this beckoning call. May the Lord of the harvest see fit to bring this work of ACU to fruition for His glorious name's sake.



Nambian traditional dress

The Sola 5 Conference Sep 6-9, 2012, Mbabane, Swaziland



Sola 5 is an association of God-centered evangelicals in southern Africa currently with member churches in Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The five solas of the Reformation include: "Tota et Sola Scriptura" (All of Scripture and only the Scriptures), "Sola Gratia" (Grace alone), "Solus Christus" (Christ alone), "Sola Fide" (Faith alone) and "Soli Deo Gloria" (The glory of God alone). These are the unifying commitments of the Sola 5 Association. The theme of the conference was "Loving Christ in All of Life." The fellowship had a refreshing pastoral tone with a mission emphasis that was inspiring. Dr. Ken and Lisa Turnbull were able to attend along with others representing Zambia. Ken was given opportunity to remind the association of the gospel-centered, worldview-transforming goal of ACU and to update the fellowship on ACU's progress. The response was very encouraging as there are many who are anxious to see the project develop. Ken was especially encouraged in talking with Nelson and Rosemary Matsie from South Africa who have been faithfully praying and telling others about ACU over the past few years. Pray with us that the Lord may eventually lead some who are well-equipped within the Sola 5 fellowship to labor with us in response to the Master's call to join us.



Dr. Ken Turnbull's Sola 5 Presentation

the supporting non-profit organization in the USA, ACU-USA, will be the focus of development effort in the near future. Please pray for God's wisdom, for godly leaders and for diligence as there is much to be done from the USA-side to assist the Zambian churches in the ACU work.

A management team is quickly formulating to lead-up the ground work for ACU development in Zambia. Please pray for the six individuals that God is raising up to undertake this mountainous task. We pray the team will be fully assembled in Lusaka by Feb, 2013.

Continue to pray for Ray & Peggy Warwick as Ray is tirelessly traveling across the USA promoting the ACU work and trusting God to provide for their needs so that they can move to Zambia as soon as possible. May the Lord grant Ray strength and encourage him while drawing out those who might partner in this work with Ray and Peggy.

Ray Warwick has a knee replacement surgery scheduled for November. Please pray for Ray's preparation for this and for success and precision on behalf of the attending surgeon.

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September Prayer Update

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