

20 May 2026

Dear friends

Thank you very much for praying for us when things were difficult last month. We found a mechanic who was willing to repair the car, the gangsters did not return to threaten our flats, and we had a wonderful two weeks of teaching and learning with our online PG Dip students. After that, we got away for a few days' break, despite one of the worst storms in recent Cape history.

We start teaching a new TALHITE certificate Phase 1 online from 1–5 June for lecturers from South Sudan and Malawi. Please remember all concerned in your prayers.

I am also writing to invite you to attend the online book launch for the *1,2,3 John* commentary in the Langham Windows on the Text: Bible Commentaries from Muslim Contexts series that I co-authored. If you are interested, the QR code on the attachment will take you directly to the registration page.

In Him,
Caroline

19 April 2026

Dear friends

I came back from teaching TALHITE Phase 3 at Johannesburg Bible College yesterday. Dick was unable to join us. Rev Thapelo Khumalo, one of our PG Dip in Higher Theological Education students and a staff member at George Whitefield College, assisted me very capably instead. It was a delight to complete the training with the group of 16 Bible teachers from Johannesburg central, as well as the Soweto and Alexandria townships. Their enthusiasm and commitment are difficult to match.

Please could we ask for prayer for the next two weeks as Dick and I co-teach a PG Dip module on learning and teaching in the afternoons (online). We seem to be coming under some pressure at the moment. Please could you pray for calm minds as we start the module and lift up the following issues to him:

1. Our car is out of action and is difficult to repair as it is a discontinued model. Pray that we find someone who can help us get it back on the road.
2. Dick has a foot injury, but the car problem means we need to walk to and from the office as Uber does not do short trips. Pray for quick healing.
1. We are trying to manage problems with one of our partner organisations, who want to run one of our programmes independently. We cannot grant permission as we are constrained by college and government regulations. It is taking a lot of time and energy to address the problems that have arisen.

2. Crime is constantly on the increase in our area, especially gang violence. Last night our upstairs neighbours were threatened by gangsters and we had to call security. Please pray for those involved in the drug gangs in this area of Cape Town.
3. Because of the TALHITE last week, I am behind with my preparation. Please pray that we can both get on top of the prep for the next two weeks and that there will be good learning opportunities for all.
4. Please pray for two of our PG Dip online students in northern Nigeria. Their lives are difficult and they face the danger of attack on a daily basis. Pray that they can concentrate well on their studies over the next two weeks.
5. As I write, the house opposite has just burned down in a storm. Thankfully the wind dropped just as it was about to jump to the next house and the fire brigade contained it. Please pray for the family who, while safe, are now homeless.

We all remain in prayer for the turbulent world situation. One of our Langham Bible Commentaries from Muslim Contexts authors was on a writing retreat in Beirut when the bombs started falling on the city. He is safe, but it was traumatic. None of us knows what will happen next, but the Lord has it in his hands. We are hoping to be in the UK in November-December this year if the world situation permits, and are beginning to book church visits. Please let us know if you would like us to visit during that time.

With our love in the Lord
Caroline and Dick

3 February 2026

Dear friends

It's been a whirlwind start to the new year! We were at Uganda Christian University for their annual integration of faith in learning and service workshop in the first week of January, just before elections. We then returned to South Africa and Nicola Bassett joined us in the TEDS office as our new assistant programme manager. She has been working hard ever since to put the final arrangements in place for the start of the online Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education. We have registered 13 students from all over Africa and 1 from Chile. Please pray for the orientation meeting with the students tomorrow afternoon and for Dick as he teaches the first course in the afternoons from Monday 9th to Friday 21st February. Pray for a good learning and spirituality, for the students to get to know each other despite the distance, and of course, pray for good internet and reliable electricity.

I have a new role in 2026, as Nicola takes over the TEDS programme management. In addition to continuing to teach TALHITE courses and working with postgraduate students, I am giving more time to helping authors write Bible commentaries from Muslim contexts. Our team commentary on *1,2,3 John* was published by Langham on 30th January. My new role is to help authors bring their commentaries to the point of

publication and to encourage other authors to start writing commentaries. Please pray for the Jonah commentary that needs an introduction, and for the Genesis 12-50 commentary that is 80% complete. Pray too for the Daniel commentary that is about to start. These Bible resources are desperately needed in the theological colleges.

With Christian greetings,
Caroline and Dick