

Dick and Caroline Seed Update – July 2026

Dear friends

Some of you may have heard of xenophobic marches in South Africa and the deadline of 30 June given by protestors for non-registered migrants to leave the country. Although there have not been many marches in Cape Town, the deadline has been affecting the Malawian and Zimbabwean populations around us, and many are trying to return to their countries by bus. Tomorrow is D-day and protests have been planned across the country. Please pray that the marches will be peaceful and that those who are still waiting for clearance to exit the country will be kept safe.

We give thanks to the Lord for the online training we were able to run in June for colleges in South Sudan, Malawi and South Africa. However, we are sad that the Phase 3 trainings in Angola and Rwanda have been postponed due to the countries on the border with the DRC being at high risk of Ebola. Please continue to pray that the health authorities will be able to bring the disease under control.

In the meantime, other possibilities are opening up for training trainers online in French speaking regions.

Please pray for David Turnbull from Local Leaders in Australia who arrives next week to teach our distance and online learning module for the Postgraduate Diploma. Dick has been amazed at the quality of work the PG Dip students have been doing during the first six months of their studies. Pray that the Lord will send the right people to register for the course next year.

On a personal note, we have been unsettled by plans over the past 12 months to sell the college flat we live in. The college initially wasn't able to find alternative accommodation for us but is now planning to move us into the flat that they normally use as a dormitory for Gap students. Please pray for the meeting about this to be held with the leadership in August.

God-willing, I will be in the UK next week to meet with the Bible Commentaries from Muslim Contexts series editor in Oxford. These commentaries are important resources for Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) churches and theological institutions. Working to resource MBBs is a priority area for CMS.

As soon as I get back, Dick will be going to the International Association of Mission Studies (IAMS) conference in Pretoria with David Turnbull and Prabhu Singh from India to speak about mission and theological education. Please pray for safe travel and a good reception of their papers there. It looks like it will be a significant meeting of mission-minded people from around the globe.

For those of you experiencing elevated summer temperatures, we pray that you are soon relieved by cooler weather. Today, in Cape Town, it is colder than normal for this time of year. We could do with some heat!

Every blessing and thank you for praying!

Caroline and Dick