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What we do: Training Bible teachers in key theological institutions across the African continent and beyond



Equipping and encouraging where followers of Jesus are in a minority

Dear friends,

The first quarter of 2026 has brought new things into our lives, such as a new programme, new people, new directions and a new publication, for which we thank the Lord.

Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education

The online Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education (PG Dip HTE) began in February 2026 with 14 students. Dick taught the first module, on the theology and history of theological education, over eight afternoons. The students are now completing their assignments and will begin the second module after Easter. Dick and a friend first “dreamed” of this qualification in Ghana back in 2011. It took 15 years to come to fruition, so we give huge thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness in guiding and leading us to this point.

Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education 2026



PG Dip HTE permission granted

New people

In order to manage the increased workload, GWC has appointed Nicola Bassett as the new assistant programme manager. Nicola, who holds a MA in Education Psychology, works mornings in the TEDS office providing student and programme support. We love having her working with us as she brings the “soft skills” that are needed for working with online students. She and her husband and two young girls are keen members of a local Muizenberg church.

New directions

With the arrival of Nicola to assist with administration in the TEDS office, we have both been given additional roles. Dick has been appointed head of the education department at the college, looking after the lecturers who teach educational support courses. Caroline has been given the role of programme manager for the Research Master’s students, and this role recently included a trip to Johannesburg to participate in the Council on Higher Education consultation on the development of Master’s standards.

In March, we spent two weeks in East Africa. During the first week, we were in Kenya at the annual Local Leaders Mile Deep Strategy conference, and in the second week we flew to Ethiopia for the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA) 50th year General Assembly. This is a new platform

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of engagement for us, as it encompasses all the evangelical theological institutions across Africa including English-speaking, French-speaking and Portuguese-speaking colleges. On the first day of the conference, the 350 delegates participated in a full-day training track of their choice. We led the track on Teaching, Learning and Academic Administration, which was well-attended by representatives from many countries. We had opportunities to meet people and spread the news about our training

programmes and we pray that many of the delegates will register for our training courses.

New publication

Caroline and her Kenyan team of women scholars achieved a milestone at the end of January 2026 when the commentary they had been working on for eight years was finally published! The commentary, 1, 2, 3 John, was released in the Langham Bible Commentaries from Muslim Contexts series. It is written for people from the Muslim contexts of the Kenyan coast and seeks to address the questions they ask of the biblical text, which are different from the kinds of questions asked by people from Christian backgrounds. Caroline now spends time each week working with new teams of authors to help them write commentaries from other Muslim contexts of the world.

Looking forward

What does all this mean? Well, we are very busy! Sometimes it seems that we are too busy but we know that the first year of any new programme is particularly intense as we write new materials and teach courses for the first time. During the second half of the year we will have guest lecturers coming to teach the PG Dip, so that will be of great assistance to us.

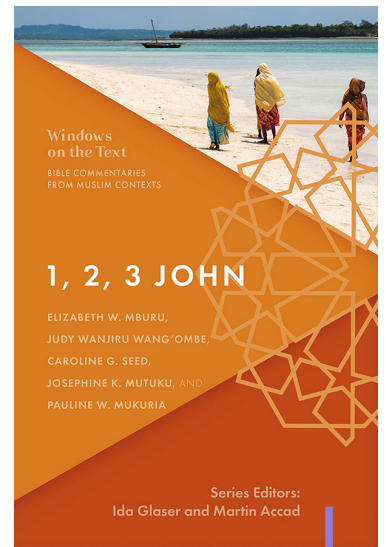
In the meantime, we are continuing with our normal schedule of certificate courses for lecturers (TALHITE). Please pray for Caroline and Thapelo (one of the GWC lecturers) who will be teaching Phase 3 at Johannesburg Bible College from 13–17 April. Then, there will be two online TALHITE Phase 1 programmes in June, one for Africa and the other for Caribbean colleges.

As we end this full letter of new things, we ask you to pray for us as we plan home leave in the UK in November and December 2026.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of resourcing and training across the African continent.

With our love in the Lord,

Caroline and Dick



Photos from top to bottom: ACTEA conference at Bishoftu; our new colleague Nicola; St Paul's University, Kenya; 1, 2, 3 John



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We've been encouraged to hear from others who are part of our wider area of work. In Pakistan more women are teaching theology and playing a key part in training the next generation of Christian workers. Read more at churchmissionsociety.org/equip

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