



# Caroline and Dick Seed

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

Dear friends,

Over the past few months, we seem to have heard the comment, “It is the right time” again and again as we have travelled around bringing training to lecturers at theological colleges and Christian universities. It has reminded us that the task of training God’s people to teach others and bring them to maturity in Christ (Eph 4:1–16) is under his control and direction. We can accomplish nothing unless he goes before us. It has to be done in his way and in his timing. In this letter, we highlight ways in which the Lord has been working to bring training to colleges and universities at the “right time”.

## **1. Uganda Christian University (UCU) lecturer training (Phase 1, December 2022)**

Five years ago, Dick started discussing the possibility of taking the short course in teaching and learning to Uganda Christian University. But nothing happened. Each year something either prevented us from going to Uganda or running the course online. However, in the post-Covid environment, the need to upskill lecturers in Uganda became urgent and in December 2022 UCU invited us to run the first phase of the training at their Kabale campus on the Uganda/Rwanda border. We found the participants eager to learn and grow. A common comment was, “We were not ready for this five years ago, but now the time is right.” God’s timing.



*The first phase of lecturer training at Uganda Christian University, Kabale.*

## **2. Anglican Province of Recife, Brazil, online college (Phase 1, January 2023)**

We first met CMS local partner Bishop Flavio Adair in Brazil in 2019. He was eager for training in teaching and learning and joined the 2020–2021 online short course for Chile. When the Province of Recife opened an online college to train clergy during the Covid lockdowns, Bishop Flavio realised that the lecturers would need training in Portuguese. He then took a Master’s in Translation so that he could translate our materials. He completed the work in November 2022. We then ran Phase 1 online in Portuguese (with interpreters) in January 2023. It was a long journey to get to this point! Now Bishop Flavio hopes to become a teacher-trainer himself.

## **3. PASTI Evangelical Colleges in Indonesia (January 2023)**

For the PASTI group of evangelical colleges in Indonesia, the call to come and help was urgent. The need to run a workshop on theological research was put to us in October 2022 and by the end of January 2023 we were there. A quick turnaround! For different reasons, theological colleges in Indonesia have been

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put under pressure to conform to secular standards in theological research and writing. Many of them have lost confidence in Bible and theology. We encouraged them to use a biblical foundation for all their research. Here is one of their responses:

I am truly blessed by Mr & Mrs Seed, who has opened up insights into theological research within the framework of evangelical theology. My next responsibility is to pass this understanding on to my fellow lecturers at our college so that together we uphold the authority of the Bible without feeling inferior to social researchers.

#### 4. Africa Mile Deep Strategy Annual Meeting Uganda (February 2023)

After a quick trip to Sydney

for the Local Leaders International conference, we were back in Uganda for the sixth Africa Mile Deep Strategy consultation. This year, we welcomed another hub to the six existing hubs of excellence for Anglican theological education. The seventh hub is none other than East Africa Christian University College (EACC), which developed out of Kigali Anglican Theological College (KATC) that Dick and I helped to set up in 2005–2008. And the new vice chancellor is our friend and colleague from Kenya, Professor Diphus Chemorion (ex. St Paul's University)! It has been a long time since we left Rwanda, but in the Lord's perfect timing, the University College is now part of the Mile Deep Strategy. We give him thanks.

#### 5. George Whitefield College Postgraduate Diploma (March–April 2023)

You may realise that we haven't had much time at George Whitefield College recently. Dick will be going to Sierra Leone to assist a new Anglican college at the end of March, but we have decided that Caroline will remain in South Africa at GWC to complete the curriculum document for the Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education. It needs to be presented for accreditation this year. We already have applicants waiting to register for this qualification so this work has become urgent.

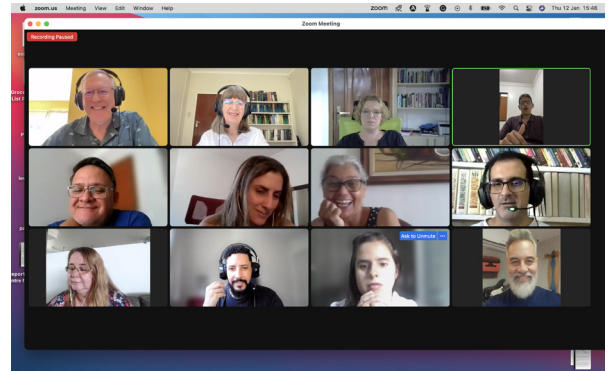
#### Looking ahead

We hope to visit EACC in Rwanda in April. Then in May, we have been invited back to UCU to run a workshop with the entire university on the integration of faith into all areas of the learning and administration. This is a new venture for us. Please pray that we will have wisdom in knowing how to prepare for the workshop.

We give thanks to the Lord for his grace and perfect timing in the work of training lecturers.

In Christ,

Dick and Caroline



*Photos from top to bottom: We've been training in Uganda, Brazil and Indonesia!; At the Africa Mile Deep Strategy meeting.*



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