



# Caroline and Dick Seed

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**Location:** South Africa



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

Dear friends,

## Building up the next generation of leaders

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Eph 4:11–12).*

Our call to build capacity in church leaders for training the next generation has taken different routes during the past three months. We have seen successful completion of one initiative, the expansion of another, as well as the opening of doors into completely new ventures. It seems to have been a whirlwind of activity, so it is good to take stock of where we are as we stop to write.

## Completion of studies

In 2019, we asked for prayer for Andrew Nalumenya from Uganda Christian University (UCU) who was in South Africa pursuing a PhD in the theology of the East African Revival Movement (EARM) under Caroline’s supervision. It was a long journey to completion, but on 20 June 2023 Caroline was delighted to present Andrew to the graduation convocation at the North-West University for the award of Doctor of Philosophy. Andrew is now back in Uganda teaching theology at UCU while he continues with parish ministry in Kampala. Give thanks for Andrew’s significant contribution to Ugandan scholarship of the EARM and pray for him as he trains the next generation of church leaders and scholars in the East African region.



Andrew Nalumenya 20 June 2023

## Expansion of networks

While Andrew’s studies have finished, others are at the beginning of their journey. This June, Caroline’s postgraduate research methods class was made up not only of students, but also of junior faculty who are pursuing their journey into theological research as they train to become leaders in their generation. The course stresses the need for integrated research that takes faith, mission and leadership for the context seriously.

Dick is part of the leadership team for the Theological Education Association of Southern Africa (TEASA) conference, which is held annually in Pretoria. This is an association of smaller theological colleges and Christian universities from across the region. Over the last few years, Dick has been sharing the need to train lecturers for quality theological education and has now gathered enough participants from the

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colleges to run our first southern Africa online lecturer training in July and September 2023.

### New initiatives

The biggest new initiative has been the completion of the documentation for the new online programme for lecturers (Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education). This concept has been on the horizon for a while and in March 2023 the GWC board gave full approval. We completed the final documentation in early July ready to upload onto the government website. Pray for the accreditation process with the Council for Higher Education (CHE) as it is expected to take a minimum of 18 months.

Then, Dick visited Mount Zion Training Centre in Sierra Leone in March along with Sarahlee Molodi from the GWC Explore programme (a basic certificate). Mt Zion is a newly built training centre for grassroots leadership development in the Anglican churches in West Africa. Dick and Sarahlee chatted with them and listened to their needs. Dick is currently in the process of helping them to develop an appropriate curriculum for leadership training.

Another completely new initiative was the Integration of Faith and Learning workshops held at Uganda Christian University in May. As a distinctly Christian university, UCU implements measures that set them apart from secular universities, such as cross-curriculum Christian core courses, an active chaplaincy and prayer in class. However, the content in the disciplines remains secular and so they asked us to help them reflect on how to integrate faith in learning at the level of the curriculum. We held three workshops: with the senior leaders, with the administrators and three days with the permanent teaching staff in the seven schools (108 participants in total). Our purpose was to give them the tools and skills needed to address matters of faith and learning at curricular level in each discipline. At the end, each school gave an encouraging presentation on the way forward in their subject areas.

### Looking ahead

Once the PG Dip has been fully uploaded to the government website, we hope to have a little more time to breathe! We will be in Egypt in August to finish their lecturer training and then we hope to have a holiday at the end of September, after finishing the SA colleges' online training, to recover from what has been an incredibly busy 12 months. There is more training planned for Uganda in October/November and a whole lot of writing to do, but we will communicate more when the time comes.

Thank you for continuing with us in prayer.

In Christ

Caroline and Dick



*Photos from top to bottom: Research methods class; new seminar room at GWC; Mount Zion Centre, Sierra Leone*



## Going further with Church Mission Society

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