

**15 September 2024**

Dear friends

A quick update to report on our time in Papua New Guinea in the first week of September. We went expecting to train 12 faculty members but 33 turned up. The group included faculty, all the MTh students (who are lecturers from the bible colleges across the Pacific Islands) and the women's programme team. The room was quite crowded as a result, but everyone was very keen. We ended with some good demonstration teaching sessions on the last day.

We are grateful for your prayers as it was a strenuous time for us. The non-stop journey there lasted 49 hours and then we had some struggles with getting food and water during the first few days. The jet lag was inevitably hard to cope with in the afternoon heat, but we survived!. Unfortunately, we ended up with coughs and colds.

We then flew to Sydney, Australia for the Local Leaders international conference and various meetings. We are now in Melbourne with friends for a few days as I prepare to head out to Indonesia to run a Theological Research Methodology workshop with a group of 70+ lecturers from the evangelical colleges. Dick and another member of the Local Leaders team head out to Seoul on Saturday for the 4<sup>th</sup> Lausanne conference. We are both due to arrive back in South Africa at the end of September.

Please pray for us both as we have not yet recovered from our colds. Dick has been given an antibiotic today. Please pray that we will both recover fully enough for the next stage of our respective journeys.

With love and thanks.

Caroline and Dick

**19 August 2024**

Dear friends

We had a good home leave in the UK during June and July. Thanks to the churches we visited and to all who provided such warm hospitality. We arrived back in South Africa on Wednesday, 7th August.

While we were in the UK many of you prayed that we would receive our visas for Papua New Guinea. Unfortunately, they did not arrive at the London High Commission until after we left the country so we had to courier our passports back to London last week. We are happy to report that the passports were returned to us today with the visas attached. We are very grateful after such a long wait.

Could we ask you to remember the following training intensives and conference presentations in prayer:

1. **19-27 August**, we are co-teaching a postgraduate module at GWC.
2. **2-6 September**, we will be running TALHITE Phase 1 intensive in PNG (Christian Leadership Training College).
3. **9-20 September** Attending the Local Leaders International conference in Australia, followed by meetings with partners and potential partners in Sydney and Melbourne.
4. **20-29 September** Caroline goes to Indonesia to work with the evangelical colleges (PASTI), training lecturers for theological research.
5. **22-29 September** Dick goes to Seoul in South Korea to participate in the Lausanne World Congress.

Karen Roe will be returning to Australia with her family at the end of September. Please pray that all will go smoothly with the transition. Please ask that the Lord will open the right doors for her as we have discussions with Australian partners how she might continue to work with TEDS remotely. Her departure opens a gap in the administration of our expanded TEDS programmes. We had hoped for a part-time administrator to cover that aspect of Karen's work but this is not possible at the moment. Caroline will therefore have to take on the administrative side of the work from October. Please pray that a solution to this problem is found soon.

We thank you for your continued prayer support.

Warmly,  
Caroline and Dick