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Dear friends

It's been a whirlwind start to the new year! We were at Uganda Christian University for their annual integration of faith in learning and service workshop in the first week of January, just before elections. We then returned to South Africa and Nicola Bassett joined us in the TEDS office as our new assistant programme manager. She has been working hard ever since to put the final arrangements in place for the start of the online Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education. We have registered 13 students from all over Africa and 1 from Chile. Please pray for the orientation meeting with the students tomorrow afternoon and for Dick as he teaches the first course in the afternoons from Monday 9th to Friday 21st February. Pray for a good learning and spirituality, for the students to get to know each other despite the distance, and of course, pray for good internet and reliable electricity.

I have a new role in 2026, as Nicola takes over the TEDS programme management. In addition to continuing to teach TALHITE courses and working with postgraduate students, I am giving more time to helping authors write Bible commentaries from Muslim contexts. Our team commentary on *1,2,3 John* was published by Langham on 30th January. My new role is to help authors bring their commentaries to the point of publication and to encourage other authors to start writing commentaries. Please pray for the Jonah commentary that needs an introduction, and for the Genesis 12-50 commentary that is 80% complete. Pray too for the Daniel commentary that is about to start. These Bible resources are desperately needed in the theological colleges.

With Christian greetings,
Caroline and Dick