

Dear Pedro

I cannot believe that it is only a few days before Christmas. This year has certainly flown by very quickly. Politically we witnessed a number of unexpected changes ranging from our own Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan being pursued by the Hawks to the surprise election of Donald Trump as president-elect of the USA. On the spiritual sphere, we witnessed gullible congregants eating grass to being sprayed with the pesticide, Doom for healing. This was a good reminder of how spiritually poor our people are and how they desperately need a solid evangelical grounding.

Early next year should see Lynette completing her law studies and we are so proud of her. Her studies like most tertiary students were affected by the *#Feesmustfall* movement. Lynette is planning to do her internship overseas. The reckless corruption in some government departments is a reminder that more money should be directed into higher education. The student's cries have merit as high education tuition is out of reach for most students. Once she is done she needs to do her internship and she was looking at doing this overseas. Tendai, officially completed his primary school this month and will be going to Edgemoor High school, which is just down the road from our house. He is excited about high school, and some of his grade 7 classmates will be attending the same school.

Rudo is still enjoying her work at Barpro Storage, a company that specializes in mobile electrical racking. She works as the personal assistant for one of the company directors and her work place is about ten minutes drive from the house. We are grateful as a family to be part of Edge Church, as the church supports us and gives us opportunities to serve.

*Best wishes for the New Year!  
The Nzanzah Family*

## Ministry

As I reflect on this year, I take off my hat to the dedicated volunteers and staff members who helped us reach over 98 000 young people through our various activities. Scripture Union South Africa continues to employ a small staff team and our strength are the 3300 volunteers who partner with us. Heaven rejoiced greatly when it witnessed over 11000 children and young people making first time commitments. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial giving that makes this a reality! The hard work now is to ensure that they are plugged into Bible believing churches and that we support them in their own spiritual growth.

## Future Plans

Last year Scripture Union was a beneficiary of a generous bequest from Mrs G Meyer, she left us a beautiful Victorian house and a plot in Rondebosch. There are restrictions on the house but none on the plot. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to use this gift for the benefit of the movement.

Our yearly devotional, *Closer to God* for 2017 is out and you can get your own copy at an SU bookshop or order online. This year, our National Training Coordinator, Di Evans managed to set up our online training portal that we will use initially for staff and volunteers. The cost of travel has escalated and we need to find innovative ways that help us accomplish our training objectives. In future this platform will be open to youth pastors and teachers who work with young people.

Thank you for your generous prayer and financial support, we really appreciate it and I look forward to another successful year.

Your ministry partners,

Tony, Rudo, Lynette & Tendai



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