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Mission Partner update and prayer

News From the Finnie family, Our Mission Partner in South Africa

Paula and Dean are excited to report about the growth of their church The Gathering. Since their return from the UK the church has grown 55%; something they have been praying about for months. Many of the newcomers are regulars from the Soup Kitchen, which we have helped to support. As you know the Welcome to 2022 Soup Kitchen lunch was a great success and they sent us a letter expressing their heartfelt thanks.

Life is tough in South Africa and recently there has been a horrible sickness and diarrhoea bug going around. Dean has been suffering with it for over a week and now Joel has it. Dean is so debilitated that he can't exercise which has a knock-on effect with his back problem and he is in a lot of pain. He has recently visited the doctor and is now on double antibiotics.

Please Pray for:

- Good health and recovery for both Dean and Joel and God's help to renew their strength and vigour
- that Eli's application to join the British Army progresses successfully
- that Joel is able to cope with his busy life - attending Bible college, internship at his church (which he loves) and all the evening work that he does
- the successful relaunch of the homework club - that training can be arranged for the facilitator
- that God continues to grow the church and gives Dean and Paula the wisdom to shepherd the newcomers

On behalf of the Mission Partnering Team