

**08 May 2022**

**BYC in South Africa - news from the Finnie family, Our Mission Partner**

Dean and Paula's vision for their church, The Gathering, is that it will become a community hub centre, open daily and possibly some evenings to offer a Literacy Centre for children & adults, a Maths Homework Club, a Bible study centre, food & clothing bank, soup kitchen, provide basic healthcare services, a debt counselling service, youth group, as well as provide Sunday gatherings and mid-week prayer meetings. Their landlord has once again offered to sell them the current church premises that they rent, plus a house at the back, for approximately £230k. Pre Covid, funding had started in earnest and the church has received some amazing financial support.

However, they cannot do this on their own, and are reaching out to us for our support, believing that God will provide. If your heart resonates with this, please see their latest newsletter (May 2022) on our website for further information or contact the Mission Partnering team.

Joel has successfully passed his first Bible college exam and is now learning to drive. Eli is doing well at school and focussing on his studies.

**Please Pray for:**

- Paula's full recovery and safe passage to UK.
- The successful relaunch of the Homework Club.
- A successful meeting with their landlord to present their business plan – that God will soften his heart when he sees their commitment to expand the ministry and outreach in the community and will lower his asking price for all the buildings.

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*On behalf of the Mission Partnering Team*