

## 17 July 2022

### Update and prayer request from The Finnie Family

While we are suffering from a heatwave here in the UK, the cold and rain has set in as Winter takes a grip in South Africa. Eskom, the state power monopoly, cannot generate enough electricity to meet demand. A system of rotating outages in six hourly blocks known as “load-shedding” is taking place, so as to avoid the collapse of the entire grid. South Africa has been struggling with power shortages for years due to lack of investment but this year the problem has been exacerbated by an unauthorised strike by workers at Eskom. **Please pray** that the Winter is mild, and the work of the Gathering is not adversely affected by these power cuts.

The Gathering’s Soup Kitchen continues to grow as more and more people come looking for food. **Please continue to pray** for provision for the soup kitchen and all the volunteers who serve in it.

The good news is that the Gathering’s Homework Club is now running again and continuing to grow. Once again, the church buildings are being used for ministry and outreach. The building fund is growing and now stands at £35,000. The target is to raise a further £195,000 by the end of January 2023. **Please pray** that the Finnie’s faith is rewarded, and they can forge ahead with the vision God has given them to fully serve the Firgrove community.

Family news: Dean has recently visited his family in the UK and enjoyed celebrating his eldest niece’s wedding and meeting up with his brother and friends.

Please continue to support and pray for all the family.

*On behalf of the Mission Partnering Committee*

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