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Update and prayer request from The Finnie Family, our Mission Partners in South Africa

Paula has recently written an excellent article for our parish magazine which is featured in our March issue. Please find the time to read it if you haven't already done so; it highlights the challenges they are up against on a daily basis and describes the Soup Kitchen in action, along with all the other activities that they organise.

The Finnies' latest news and prayer item is that their landlord has retracted his decision to sell the building where they hold their church services to The Gathering. They are very disappointed by this decision but not discouraged. They still believe that The Gathering is going to purchase the building, having raised the money needed, but it is a huge lesson in trust and faith. They believe the landlord is now deliberately standing in the way of the purposes of God **so please pray** that he has a change of heart, and the purchase can go ahead as planned.

Eli, one of their sons, has moved to the UK to pursue his goal of joining the army and he is staying with relatives. He has recently had a very successful army interview and will be undergoing a gruelling 3-day assessment so **please pray** that all goes well.

Paula and Dean have invited a young woman in her final year at school to stay with them as her family could no longer afford to keep her at home. The arrangement is working out well for all those concerned, and Paula and Dean are grateful they have the space to accommodate her in their new home.

As always, Paula & Dean send their love and prayers. Please **continue to pray** and support them.

Mission Partnering Committee
