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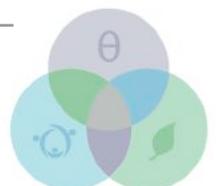
Dear friends,

Thank you for your time in reading this letter concerning the current ministry, vision and future of our family.

By way of introduction, I share with you a brief history to our family's journey over the past two and a half years.

In August of 2015 we felt God asking us to settle in Rustenburg, and not to move to Johannesburg to continue my (Steve) employment with St John's College and St Mary's School. A little terrified, but with a desire to be faithful to His voice, we moved into a home in Rustenburg in the October of 2015 to explore a return to full-time ministry. The year of 2016 was a long and disappointing process, in many ways, as we experienced various doors closing for us. Two things remained constant; God's word to remain in Rustenburg, and our growing passion to be involved in full-time ministry. Eventually, in January of 2017, we received confirming words that God was closing those doors Himself. The rest of the word was to be patient, but to also wait expectantly for what He was busy preparing for us. Over the course of the following weeks, we continued to pray and listen, and new doors opened. God affirmed our presence in Rustenburg and how He would use us to serve the Body of Christ and people in need here. We entered into signed agreements with both Fresh Bread Ministries and OC Africa. Both these missional networks afford us great amounts of guidance, encouragement and accountability. It is a privilege to serve alongside them full-time.

In retrospect, 2016 was a year of deep transformation for us as a family, as God worked within us in His mercy, and brought us to the space of readiness to take this faith step in His service. The calling, which we have lived out over the course of 2017 and continue to, is simple: to make ourselves available, on a full-time basis, as a resource to God's Kingdom to serve the needs He places before us. These are articulated in our vision document, which we have attached with this letter.



Obviously a ministry such as this requires many levels of support to sustain it - from prayer support, to volunteer work, to financial resources. We would humbly request that you prayerfully reflect on whether God is calling you to offer your support to us. Please would you then visit the following link to indicate your preferred response to this letter?

(<http://www.the-way.co.za/index.php/the-way-response-form/>)

What is of paramount importance to us is our relationship with you, and so we would not want your support of us in this ministry to affect our relationship negatively in any way. If you feel this may be the case, please be reassured in the knowledge of our commitment to relationship before giving.

Thank you again for your time in reading over our journey and direction. We look forward to hearing from you

Peace,
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