Prayer Letter October 2026

George Whitefield College

Theological Training in Africa for Africa

1st With the final term of the academic year underway, pray for stamina and faithful perseverance for both students and faculty. Pray for focus and good time management when it comes to assignment submissions and preparation for end-of-year exams.

2nd Applications for the new Higher Certificate in Bible and Ministry (Online) are open, and close on 19 October. Pray that the programme will receive a positive response with enough sign-ups for the launch of the first cohort to go ahead in January 2027.

3rd Praise God for our recent Heritage Day celebration and for the rich diversity of cultures and backgrounds that He has brought together at GWC. Pray for deep bonds of friendship to continue to form among our student body.

4th GWC past student Paul Schoenfeld gives thanks for his temporary lecturing post at the University of Mpumalanga where he teaches Mathematics. Please pray for Paul to manage his time well between teaching and Thrive Student Ministry, all to the glory of God.

5th A number of Explore students are preparing to write their final exams so as to graduate in the 2027 March graduation. Pray that they would be successful, viewing the exams as part of the assimilation of knowledge and the work of transformation that has happened in their hearts and lives through these studies.

6th The final intensive of the year for the Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education is currently being taught by Karen Roe, of Local Leaders International (previously TEDS facilitator). Pray that students would grow in their skills and teaching capacity through this module.

7th Nina Van Veen has taken over the role of Acting Registrar until year-end, with a transition to Registrar from January 2027. Pray for Nina as she takes on this significant responsibility, for clarity and focus and for the Registry team to work well together in this transition phase.

8th The TALHITE (Teaching and Learning for Higher Theological Education) course is running from the end of September to October. Pray that it will be a blessing and edifying to those enrolled, and that the TEDS team will continue in their love for the ministry.

9th Give thanks to God for the encouragement and fellowship shared at the recent REACH-SA Synod. Pray that the partnership between GWC and REACH-SA will grow ever stronger, as together we seek to equip and serve the Church and advance God's Kingdom.

10th A GWC Sunday is taking place on 11 October at Holy Trinity Church, Gardens, Cape Town. Pray that it will be a good opportunity to grow awareness around the College's vision and mission.

11th Bishop Vicente Msosa, who facilitates Explore in Mozambique, is translating the modules into Portuguese. Pray that this wonderful work will be done thoroughly and that God will provide resources to sustain the Explore work in Mozambique.

12th Praise God for the successful trip to the US undertaken by Mark Dickson, Vuyani Sindo and Qukeza Xinwa, including the hosting of a partnership event and visits to churches. Pray that there would be much fruit in terms of long-term relationship building to support the College's financial sustainability.

13th GWC past student Michael Watson and his family have moved to Mongu (Zambia). Please pray for them as they learn the Lozi language (which has been challenging) and pray for grace and endurance as they continue to settle into life and ministry.

14th Pray for Explore's Prison Fellowship Botswana, that God will sustain this wonderful Kingdom work under the dedicated leadership of Pastor Toni and his team. Pray that He will strengthen and encourage them and provide the resources needed for the ministry to flourish.

15th Richard Fangrad, CEO of Creation Ministries International (CMI) will visit GWC on 16 October and deliver a talk during the Friday Forum on the topic *Thinking Christianly About Origins.* Pray for students to be stimulated by the lecture and for Mr Fangrad to have an enjoyable visit to our campus.

16th GWC past student Michele R (surname omitted for safety reasons) is returning to South Africa for home assignment and requesting prayer for her new visa application to be approved on time for her return to Thailand in February after home assignment.

17th Drs Richard and Caroline Seed leave for the UK for home assignment on 20 October. Pray for travelling mercies and rest for them in this time. As they visit their sponsoring churches, pray that many people will choose to support them in prayer and financially.

18th Pray for the future plans of our students who are completing their studies at the end of the year. Praise God for those who have a sure ministry placement, and pray for those who are uncertain as to how God will direct their steps, for comfort and trust in His plan for them.

19th Give thanks for the newly accepted students for next year, and pray that they can have a clear path to arriving at College in the new year. Pray that the Lord would raise up other students who want to study with us in order to serve his people, and that God's people will be generous in supporting them so that they can afford to dedicate themselves to their theological studies in 2027.

20th Pray for Explore Executive Dr Mawonga Celesi, as he provides support and oversight to strengthen Explore's operations. Pray for wisdom and favour as he builds partnerships that will foster sustainable growth and greater ministry impact.

21st The Selection Committee are actively giving consideration to the Principal's succession process. Pray for guidance for each member, and for unified decision-making for this important appointment.

22nd GWC past student Jason Gbagaza and his family have had to move from South Sudan to Uganda due to difficult circumstances. They are currently applying for refugee status and would appreciate prayers for the process to go smoothly, and for their children to be able to access education.

23rd A visit from a group of students from Taylor University (US) is being organised for January 2027. Pray for effective coordination as itineraries are drawn up and campus arrangements are made.

24th GWC past student Adam Tomalin and his wife Nomfundo are working with The Bible Talks (TBT) in KZN. Give thanks for the ministry opportunities Adam has had on campus and pray for the possibility of a Counseling Centre through TBT.

25th The campus team requests prayer as they manage the student accommodation allocation process for 2027. Pray for wisdom for Campus Manager Solam Fani as he heads up the team.

26th Give thanks for our newly elected SRC. Pray that God would give these students wisdom and capacity to serve in their roles faithfully.

27th Pray for the GWC Executive as they plan for 2027 and 2028, that God will guide their leadership and thinking.

28th The Advancement team are working hard to submit fundraising proposals and drive campaigns to be able to provide student bursaries and fund College operations. Pray that God would grant favour in these efforts and bring the right supporters on board.

29th Students typically navigate tiredness and homesickness towards the end of the academic year. Pray for strength and energy and for the Lord to encourage them in their ministry calling.

30th Give thanks for the three student wives who are expecting. Pray for God to protect them during their pregnancies and for good health for their babies. Pray for families as they balance studies with caring for children and serving in different ways.

31st Pray for students, staff and faculty to maintain healthy devotional lives, and remain Kingdom focused in all things.