

# RATIO CHRISTI

CAMPUS APOLOGETICS ALLIANCE

Dear Friends,

My name is Reitze Rodseth. I am an anaesthesiologist and critical care specialist with a passion for Christian apologetics living in Pietermaritzburg South Africa. A little about my background - after specializing I completed my Masters in Anaesthesia and then undertook a research fellowship in perioperative medicine at McMaster University in Canada. It was during this time that I became a Christian, thanks in part to the arguments presented by Christian apologetics. I obtained a Master's in Health Research Methodology from McMaster University, Canada and completed a PhD on the role of B-type natriuretic peptides in predicting postoperative complications. We returned to South Africa where I joined the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of KwaZulu-Natal where I am an Associate Professor. I have published more than 100 peer reviewed papers (<http://bit.ly/2mKlrgy>) and in 2016 received the Vice-Chancellor's Research Award from our university. I am currently busy with a masters in Christian Apologetics and Philosophy from South Evangelical Seminary, North Carolina, USA. I am married to Miranda and we have two sons' - Joshua and Nathan.



My life has been dramatically changed by the truth of Christianity and I am passionate about using apologetics as a tool to reach students in South African schools and universities. In 2016 we established a Ratio Christi chapter at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in my home town of Pietermaritzburg (<https://ratiochristi.org/people/reitze-rodseth>) and we are having regular weekly meetings. In July we hosted our national conference which concluded with a debate on Jesus in the Quran / Jesus in the Bible at our City Hall (<https://youtu.be/fUdvJK07N5M>). This has been a wonderful opportunity to impact our diverse multi-cultural society with a Christian voice.



Having established a foot-hold on the university campus we now have a wonderful opportunity to reach into our schools. Jonathan de Beer, who worked as a missionary to China for three years and most recently as senior pastor at Pietermaritzburg North Baptist church, has begun working full-time for Ratio-Christi. Jonathan is married to Deidre and they have three children – Caleb, Keziah and Jake. He holds a BTh Theology and is completing a master's degree in apologetics through Southern Evangelical Seminary in the USA.



Jonathan will be heading up Ratio Christi Prep (<https://ratiochrist.org/collegeprep>) in South Africa which will train high-school students to defend and share the Christian faith. RC-Prep helps the church train their students by providing resources, training and apologetics community, and a model for high school ministry. The vision is to develop a passionate generation of Christ followers to share and defend the Christian faith. In August Jonathan will be leading a semester course in Christian Apologetics at Grace College Pietermaritzburg (<http://www.gracecollege.co.za>); running an apologetics day at Richards Bay Christian School (<https://www.rbschool.co.za>); and will be part of an apologetics event at Michael House school in partnership with RZIM (<https://www.michaelhouse.org>).



I believe that this initiative is of great strategic importance as we seek to build up the next generation of Christians who will be able to speak to South Africa's challenges with an articulate, reasonable Christian voice. Jonathan has committed himself and his family to this vision of preparing the Christian youth of South Africa to engage with an increasingly secular society, but he cannot do it alone. To this end I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting Jonathan on a monthly basis as he pioneers this new and important ministry.

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Yours in Christ

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