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'give us reason for faith'

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I AM Swedish. Every time I listen to the news I hear the item about the two Swedish journalists' attempt to show the world how the South African Army ill-treated the villagers in the Caprivi Strip. And I am sad.

I do not know whether what they try to prove is right or not. But I do not believe it helps anybody except those who promote a violent revolution in this country and others. I believe they do it on purpose.

Most of us in Sweden see the need for change of selfishness everywhere. Most of us have lost hope that men can change and that social injustices can change as a result of that. This is the case with the youth of most European countries.

South Africa is known to have a large number of Christians and to have very complicated problems. I am convinced — from my own experience — that your people could give us reason for faith and hope again and prove that there are peaceful and yet radical enough ways of change.

I have met Christians of South Africa, Black, White and Coloured, who allow God to penetrate into every single area of their lives, and who give God a chance to show a solution to the difficult problems. That needs to be multiplied.

For each one of us to let God tell us anything He wants — and to take the consequences — is a great challenge. It will have revolutionary effects. When we let God's radical change take place in our lives and in the life of the country, violence will be out of date and South Africans will be the cause of faith and hope to a searching generation in Europe. You have got the key in your hands.

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