

Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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“Hello” once again, from a busy and blessed new home. I write with a real sense of God helping us and being supported by so many good friends back in the U.K. Now that life is settling into something of a routine I’d like to paint a picture of our days here, but first I must share how blessed we have been.

We have been able to completely furnish our new home, even with a hoped for piano! Yes, wonderfully we are sorted on that and can now give our full attention to the priority of the purpose for which we are here. Folk here were surprised that we are settled and equipped to live here as residents within just 4 weeks. Dean (EP director) & Wendy are back in Canada until August and have kindly given us the use of their car, so we’re mobile as well.



A peek inside our new home

We are very grateful to have been so well received by the team here. They have opened their hearts and we feel truly at home. It is same in the churches too; I have preached in a few already and each time we have been received with appreciation.

DAILY TIMETABLE

Each day brings fresh challenges and experiences, but some things are constant. We have started meeting as a team each day for worship & prayer 8.00am. Kay then takes up her position at the EP reception until 4pm where she takes the post; visitors’ enquiries; telephone calls and bookshop customers. She also deals with all cash requirements



Kay hard at work

(including for the building maintenance; we currently have one flat being refurbished and all the gutters being repainted).



I was a little concerned by the way they transported our piano...

the office running!

- Contacting our Board members for necessary discussions.
- Visits to the Police Station & Post Office to lead weekly devotions and EP linking.
- Connecting with churches and other mission organisations to see how we can work together.

STAFF CHANGES

Even before we arrived here we had a sense that the prevailing conditions would be challenging and that any upward change would not be immediate. This has proved true and we are driven to seek our heavenly Father's wisdom for the way forward. One month before we arrived, the accounts lady resigned; two weeks after we arrived Dean and Wendy suddenly left for Canada earlier than expected, as her elderly mum was preparing to leave for heaven. She passed away 2 days later with Wendy at her side. They return here in August in time to cover our visit to the UK. More recently the long-time IT lady announced her departure. She leaves here 23rd April for 2-3 months at home in Canada before taking up a new role elsewhere in Africa.

So here we find ourselves: in totally new surroundings; with a very trimmed down team; with an enormous challenge before us, but with a God who specializes in showing His power against such odds! It is a **new day**, and therefore we need new vision, resources, personnel and provision.

If you didn't receive our previous newsletter, you can find it at emmanuelpress.org.uk. We'd love to hear from you too, and we are always happy to reply to your questions!



An empty White River High Street

With our love, *Peter and Kay*