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# Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at  
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Well, here we are with another month's update and, with this issue, I felt it appropriate to have an updated photo as I'm now a year older, wiser and more at home in South Africa. It's many a year since I had a birthday in winter-time... probably 1967 whilst enjoying my school days in New Zealand!

The temperature here is dropping and the stifling heat is but a memory; daytimes currently reach about 15 degrees with nights down to single figures. But the beautiful azure blue sky reigns again today.

Over the first weekend of June we celebrated 3 birthdays in the team (Gillian, Tebogo and me) with pizzas, cake & ice cream for lunch. For my birthday, we spied a beautiful picture in a local junk ("antique") shop. I enjoy a bit of bartering, and over the course of 3 visits we eventually walked away with our prize. Patience paid off and 'George' now hangs in our living room!



*"George" with the rest of the herd in retreat*



*Out for a drive to take in some of the expansive countryside views.*

As we delve into the ingredients of The Press we are increasingly aware of the need to refresh and replace some of the decades-worn details. Our message is ETERNALLY THE SAME - vital and life-giving - but the means and methods of sharing it need to be relevant and a good vehicle for the Holy Spirit to use today.

Emmanuel Press is not a Printing Press anymore, rather it is a Production Centre. Gospel Tracts, so very useful in the late 20th century, need a fresh approach to catch the eyes and minds of the young people here. We are currently looking at uncovering the online-learning program which was, unfortunately, 'shelved' two years ago.

We not only need to rethink our material tools, but we need new “missioners” into the many schools in the area. Then there’s the prisons ministry; such a massive “captive” audience who wait to hear the good news of Jesus coming to bring Life and Hope. Additionally we need DIY volunteers, as well as I.T. and general office skills.



*Picking up some essentials at the local supermarket*

Monday to Friday, our days are predictably normal. Our alarm sounds at 6am and we boil the kettle for a morning cuppa. Then it's "still" time with Jesus, ablutions and a breakfast of fresh grapefruit, porridge or muesli. The working day starts with team devotions at 8am before we hit the very ordinary routine familiar to anyone running a business or organisation of this size. In addition to that, my pastoral experience of the last 40+ years has seen me advising church leadership teams and preaching here in White River. Next week I'm off to preach at a church in Nelspruit (almost 15 miles away) so that's on my mind also.

So, where are we at right now? We are building a sense of team, praying the power of God’s inspiration and a heart-attitude of togetherness. God has promised fruitfulness. We are standing beside the airstrip of the His Promises, looking to see who will touchdown as workers from “Our Director”.

### Pray With Us:

As we re-think the tools we use: the national postal service; online correspondence; and by hand into schools and prisons and other doorways, we are asking God to send “people help”. We are praying for helpers in the harvest; people knowing the calling of God to come and join our dedicated team. The scope is wide; the results will be fruit; the opportunity here is now.

Thank you for your interest, your kindness and generosity and your faithful support in prayer and thanks to our Heavenly Father. We are blessed to have you “with us”!



*A poster advertising our tracts in local churches*

With our love,

*Peter & Kay*



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