

# Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at Emmanuel Press in South Africa

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Here we are again, figuratively 'putting pen to paper' at the keyboard. In a month's time we'll be back in the U.K. having completed our introductory chapter: "Emmanuel Press our Home". It hardly seems possible we've been here five months; so much has happened, including us gaining a granddaughter back in the UK!

It's been a busy month with daily variety overriding the weekly routine. There are many practical issues to sort out, but things that should be simple are frequently not. Whether sorting the telephone contract; changing our Armed Security Guards; getting replacement toner cartridges; reconnecting with our 'Courses Online' provider; updating our Bank signatories and keeping pace with The Press' accounts and end of year details, I am often reminded that "This is Africa!"

We took a day out sight-seeing the other week and enjoyed some magnificent scenery and beautiful waterfalls. Plenty of walking and bought a couple of items for our home too: traditionally African carved wooden fruit bowl and bookends.

One Thursday in late June I had a very moving visit to the Barberton Correctional Centre, a High security prison with hundreds of men crowded into cramped Victorian type accommodation. The occasion was the graduation service for 40 'students' who had completed our Basic Discipleship Course. I spoke about the importance of God's Word and how Jesus has brought a powerful change to so many lives here in 2018. Men with life sentences testified about how they were wonderfully forgiven and 'free' on the inside, and it showed on their faces! Each student was presented with a gift-bag containing toothpaste and a toothbrush, soap, a packet of crisps, deodorant and a chocolate bar. Some of the Christian inmates provided the exuberant music for the service – I think it could be heard 100kms away but I got to 'enjoy' it from about 5 metres away! Sorry, no cameras or phones were allowed in.



*Visiting Lone Creek Waterfall*



*The new Calvary AoG Assembly church building in Nelspruit*

Last month we visited Calvary AoG Assembly, Nelspruit, a church founded by the Newingtons. Their long-standing senior pastor is praying for a successor. After I preached they spontaneously took up a generous offering for The Press. They've enjoyed an interesting history, not least with their premises: They were gifted a large piece of

land by the government for their small Christian school. After years of waiting and praying, they were remarkably blessed by the local Dutch Reformed Church building them a beautiful new building, in exchange for their smaller older premises! Faith and patience = provision!

After weeks of deliberating we feel God has joined our hearts to the small group of believers at Calvary Church here in White River. The leadership team recently bid farewell to the couple who had been invited to pastor the church 3 years ago, so now they are seeking God's will for the future. It's been a difficult season as they have suffered loss and uncertainty over recent months. I preached there recently and will do so again in August just before we take our 7 week U.K. break.



*Preaching at Calvary Church, in White River*

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your faithful support through prayer and giving! We are daily grateful for God's faithfulness through you. Provision for us has been a totally worry-free aspect of our first 5 months here. As we return to Cranbrook in about a month's time we do hope we can get to say "Hi" to you in person, maybe over a coffee (or more?) somewhere near you? It may not be possible to see everyone we'd like to, but we will try. Please do contact us and we'll do our best to make a date! We arrive in Cranbrook in mid August and return to The Press at the start of October.

Thank you for your love & kindness. Thank you to our Father God who loves us and is faithful all the way!

God bless you with His peace and love,

*Peter & Kay*

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*White River, Calvary Church's main building, housing the main auditorium and cafe, set in their 2.4 hectare campus*