

Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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By the time you read this brief update we'll be well on our way preparing to take the 4 hour minibus drive to Jo'burg airport for our overnight flight arriving at Gatwick on Wednesday morning, 15th August. How can we describe the past 5½ months in just a few words? Exhilarating; overwhelming at times; amazing; sometimes lonely; a lot of 'new'; stretching; nerve-racking; even cold(!) and sometimes hot; comfortable; but scary; faith-demanding; very thought-provoking and still challenging!

We've found new friends; we discovered new vistas; we've become new Learners in so many ways; we've fought new battles and we have both been trying to take in the bigness of this new challenge, by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus – who led us here!

This Sunday (12th Aug.) we were prayed for by the Calvary Church family and then we organized a family lunch for everyone in the church cafe. (some pictures overleaf)

It was a very special moment to see our young gardener, Ezekiah (Ez-i-key-r) baptised on confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, on Sunday 5th August. He has been working at The Press for a couple of years and to see him committing his life to Jesus, was a highlight indeed.



Ezekiah sharing his story and then being baptised

It was good to welcome back Dean our 'Chair' & Director, last Wednesday. He and Wendy will be at The Press until the end of October. We have had useful frank

discussions, and are trusting Father to guide the way forward for our next chapter starting October when we return here.

This first chapter at Emmanuel Press in SA has been a “Looking, Listening & Learning” preface. Finding our way gently and with patience has been so helped by the little team of workers at The Press and several other friends that we’ve met along the way. “Reaching Africa with the Written Word of God” has been, and still is the guiding motto for the ministry of The Press.

Our seven weeks back in England will be a real mix of time with family; visiting churches, and with some of our dear friends who’ve been keeping up with our adventure, supporting in prayer and provision!

We want to say a very big thank you for you dear friends who’ve “come with us” – in your praying, your giving and your friendship! To use another analogy... you’ve been with us to base camp and your encouragement to this point has been so appreciated. The summit seems quite a distance yet, but with your support we press on! THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY!

Our main prayer at present is that God would send workers into this particular African harvest field! As we seek to transition The Press into a 21st Century vehicle, it could become a very powerful component in God’s harvesting technology. These were Jesus’ instructions to his disciples: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask HIM to send more workers into his fields”.

With our love,

Peter & Kay



Some photos from the church family lunch at White River, Calvary Church's cafe on our last Sunday here before our trip home for the summer.

P.S. Just a reminder - we're in the UK from now until the start of October so you can contact us on peter@goodchilds.co.uk (as we don't currently have access to our EP email whilst at home), or by phone on 01580 712505 when we're staying with Mark & Helen.

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