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

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Yes! That we are now returned to our home here in White River, South Africa seems almost shocking. It hardly seems more than 2 or 3 weeks ago that we were busy packing cases to leave here?! But as many of you can testify, we actually did walk (and drive) in England... and now we could do with a rest!

Thank you!

It was so lovely to spend time with our Father's family and time with our own family was special too. The weather was good; the schedule was crazy; the friends were ALL delightful, and our family... just fantastic!



We flew on the massive Airbus A380

If ever we walked into open hearts, we did this August and September. The same words we wrote in our August letter give the complete summation of our over-stretched hearts: *"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."* We echo that sentiment again as so many of you poured out copious love, delicious meals, generous gifts, even your very hearts.



A full family photo after a sunny Sunday braai

We drove almost 4,000 miles around England and every place was only love and kindness from family and dear friends, and new friends too. From Cranbrook we travelled far and wide. London, Tunbridge Wells (what a meal!), Brentwood, Folkestone, Staplehurst, Maidstone, Crawley, Felton in Northumberland, Norton-le-Clay & Barnsley,

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Harleston, St. Neots & Isleham, Burgess Hill, and met a new group up in Shilbottle with Dave and Jill. In fact, even in Cranbrook, we were hardly ever home at The Barn. Our times there were often spent sharing a cuppa with dear friends. We must also offer sincere apologies to dear ones we failed to meet and hug. Scotland and Wales eluded us this visit, but thank you Tim for travelling over from Hampshire for an evening.

We have a problem when next visiting England... how to rest a bit, and yet fit in seeing so many important dear friends. Answers on a postcard!

As I write these words I am moved again by these expressions of your care for us and for God's Great Gospel. There is nothing to compare with riches in heaven. Jesus has done the best for us all! What words can we use to describe HIS LOVE? By the end of the 6th week at home we were finding our emotions difficult to contain... we were tired; tears were close and hearts were full. Truly God's family is such a deep and amazing connection! Thank you so very sincerely!

The Barn, yes, it is being sold. We spent time packing; some boxes are ready and others still await final packing. Our new hoped-for-home will be in the Cranbrook region, but all in good time. Our tenants were packing too – they moved out 29th Sept. Immediately after their leaving, it was time to transform the house into a fully furnished accommodation ready for new tenants arriving soon in October.

It was also great to make several helpful connections over the past month, with friends who understand Africa. Good people who can help us with internet communications; with links in other countries; with ideas and organisations travelling similar paths to Emmanuel Press, and so on.

So many questions, and so much to do. We are still asking God for His connections, His people, His timings and His plans and purposes to unfold. Meanwhile we will try to settle back here and focus on the matters before us. We have our directors' board meeting later this week (Friday 12th) and trust this will help to ease us forwards to a new trajectory and vision.

Love to everyone of you as you pray for us and for God's ways and wisdom to be made clear.

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We returned to find the beautiful Jacaranda trees in full bloom - this one not far from The Press.

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