

# Hot off The Press

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Hello and welcome to another update of our life at Emmanuel Press. It's not all preaching, praying and exciting developments; practicalities crowd our daily schedule but we still find Hallelujahs in the hassles! We are expecting a power cut from the electricity board any moment so as I write, I am 'saving' every 2 mins! Sudde... and it came, giving me 2hrs to repair the door with a jammed lock. Now the automatic security gate has battery

failure, and our security alarm battery has failed too. We need more power!

There are many challenges of making it all 'work' here. We'd love to focus more on building the ministry here, but there are many necessities to attend to:

Keeping the site clean and in order is testing in the heat; copier machines are vital, but getting toner supplies is testing and servicing engineers do arrive... eventually, *Lord, patience please!*; We're preparing for short term visitors in two days so must find the spare bedding and beat the ants; Water filter replacement and building repairs are ongoing. I've been investigating legalities of sending funds from here to our Uganda office, following changes in December it's now more difficult. We welcome new accountants, starting 1st March, who will hopefully bring greater clarity and efficiency. We're committing all this to our Father and try to let the peace of God rule in our hearts.



*Fixing the security gate. Spot our Jojo (a huge water butt) in the background.*



*Steve and Mercia*

Kay and I have a lovely friendship with Steve & Mercia Maritz who have been keen supporters of The Press for over 30 years. They celebrated their 60th anniversary this month and we enjoyed a celebratory meal together in a beautiful, almost colonial, hotel on the edge of White River. Our Tuesday fellowship group continues with great

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*Our new water filter for all our drinking water.*

enthusiasm. This week it was by candlelight in the hot evening... no fans and little breeze but plenty of laughter. We're grateful for God in our midst and encouragement from His Word.

We visited a church in Hazyview and were blessed to be amongst an enthusiastic crowd of worshippers, including 46 students graduating that day. We also visited a pastor friend and his dear wife, bereaved of their 35 year old son just before Christmas. I also enjoy friendship with other church leaders in the town; later this month, EP will host the local ministers' fraternal.

It's all change at Calvary Place (that's our official street address title). After being visited by some new Canadian friends for a week, big changes begin. We welcome two new couples who are excited to be moving in to two of the flats as long-term tenants from the end of February. Then, as our dear neighbours Ronas & Busi move to their own new-build home nearby, a Korean missionary couple will take their place.

We continue to ask Our Heavenly Father for people to help in the work, particularly for an I.T. enthusiast loving Jesus and able to blend with the team.

I plan to write again before we fly, arriving at Heathrow 5th April, meanwhile a few lines from Robert Browning as you endure February's wind & rain:

"Oh to be in England now that April's there  
And whoever wakes in England sees, some  
morning unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough in  
England - now!"



More than that, I am so enjoying David the palmist in God's Holy Word:

"I will walk in freedom for I have devoted myself to your  
commandments  
Truly I love your commands more than gold, even the finest gold!  
As pressure and stress bear down upon me, I find joy in Your  
commands." (Ps.119:45, 127, 143)

Thank you dear friends for your faithful support through these weeks, we are sincerely grateful for your work of standing with us in this chapter of God's Kingdom work!

With our love,

*Peter & Kay*