

Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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Last Sunday was a pleasant Sunday afternoon and we were feeling relatively tranquil. The traffic of the road was constant, like the heat of each afternoon, but one never knows what may interrupt as each day comes. This morning as we visited another local church, Kay reported the preacher did well although she acknowledges there may have been a bias. But let me tell you...

“We’re in England from Friday 5th April until Sunday 19th May.
We may see you!?”

We have just three weekends here before we head for the airport and find ourselves back in England! Our diary for our six week trip is filling up fast as each day brings another appointment to look forward to. There are so many dear friends we want to spend a little time with. Perhaps by then the British springtime will be taking a hold and temperatures will be more fixed into double figures? We hear that the daffs are dancing in the garden at The Barn. There has been a steady flow of viewers to the house, but as I write nothing definite to warrant a ‘Sold’ board.



Always keep your eyes on the road ahead!



*Just up the road from EP in
White River*

Our Heathrow arrival is early 5th April. We're catching up with family on the 6th and reunions at The Vine on the 7th. Then it's six weeks of coffees and catch-ups; soaking up the English springtime; meetings and eatings with family and friends near and far. We will be driving around the country, including a daytrip to Wales, whilst we're home but it will be a blessing to

welcome you to visit us in The Barn in Cranbrook during our time there. We'll head north to Yorkshire and Northumberland as April turns into May. We'd love to make contact with you if we can synchronise diaries! We have much to share and praying that God will direct our steps from week to week.



We took a trip to Witklip Dam with Michael and Chante

If you have been keeping abreast with our recent newsletters you will know that our need of new “team players” is pretty near the top of our prayer list. Some roles are specialist, others are general, but all need people with a passion for God’s heart in loving people, and able to thrive in team. Knowing that ‘God called and sent’ is a key to surviving and thriving in this amazing place!

It’s truly a blessing having new friends taking their place here at Calvary Place (Emmanuel Press HQ) as tenants in the otherwise vacant flats. Although accommodation priority is for the EP team, it’s good having others who come as ‘friends’ of The Press. Michael & Chante recently took us to see Witklip dam and reservoir. Imagine Kent Bewl Water set in the Scottish highlands? Michael’s skills in the DIY zone are already proven. Isabel, married to Frans, blessed us all with her cooking this week. Also a Korean missionary couple, Jungkil and Yongsook, completed the residents coming for now. Yes, we’re keeping a vacancy... for God’s persons to be a new blessing here in the EP Team!

I will chair the annual board meeting on 1st April so would value your prayers for a useful, vision filled meeting of minds in God’s creative economy for this place. The former leaders at The Press will be visiting for 2 months, covering in the office and assisting Gillian whilst we are away. We are expecting them to arrive 10 days before we leave here and they leave 2 days before we return.



Enjoying lunch on our 44th Wedding Anniversary.

Perhaps our greatest encouragement has been the openness and interest rising in local churches after we share the heart of EP. We want to serve the churches by providing tools for their members to reach out and win others to Jesus Christ. He still is the best news for every nation, every age and every era! Eternal life or everlasting destruction are still never-ending realities. God’s glory is still our highest purpose. That’s our business. That’s our mission. That is why we are here, and there and need workers in God’s field!

Hope to see you soon! With our love and real gratitude, and asking our heavenly Father to be real and wonderful to you.

Peter & Kay

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Please pray for us with open hearts... and let God speak to you!

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