

Hot off The Press

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

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Hello again from the sunshine of a South African winter, with cold nights and pleasantly warm days. We've had very little rain, so our watering can is used often. A few days after we arrived back Gillian made her trip to the UK, moving house in Plymouth. We've been slightly envious of how smoothly her move went. Not a hitch. It's been rather different for us as we wait week after week

for the chain of house owners to get their ducks in line.

Hopes of popping home to complete in late August are increasingly doubtful.

Whilst Gillian is away Domingos, from the Mozambique office, is staying here. He's busy translating lessons into the Sena language, also used in Mozambique. Everyday practical matters continue to press for our attention: Window replacements; ants invading; a blocked sewer; broken water heaters; 'interesting' wiring; office decorations; repairing tools....

However, we enjoyed a lovely day last month in Kaapschehoop, a little rural town outside Nelspruit.

After a rocky climb under a blue sky we were rewarded with fantastic views.

Encouragingly, our painter, an older man, says he wants to know Jesus. He says he loves being on our premises as it makes him "feel so good and happy". Our "homegroup" is being blessed as we move around our homes so different ones can host our evenings together. Our current theme is the book of 1 Peter, looking at the challenge he brings to the churches. This month we've got involved with an ALPHA initiative at Calvary Church, attended by nearly 20 guests.

The other Sunday we celebrated our friend Tony's 60th. In the 1990s he created the artwork for EP tracts and lessons. I wrote him a



The "Kingdom Citizens Worship Centre"



Tony and one of his sculptures

poem about his lifelong love of dendrology! His site openskywoodart.com shows some of his work.

Recently I spoke at a 'pastors' seminar at a church not far away. This church has a name and welcome much bigger than the premises suggest, "Kingdom Citizens Worship Centre". They have a hunger and love for Jesus, not to mention an intermittent sound system to reach 2km! We

returned from there with requests for our tracts and applications to start our basic teaching courses.

It was great to meet with an enthusiastic rep from Jesus Alive Ministries last Sunday. Clint and his wife drove from Jo'burg for lunch with us, sharing stories and plans for the future. God has a wonderful family and is doing good things as we join hands to work together for JESUS!

We're busy implementing legal requirements connected to EP's constitutional practice as our constitution is rather outdated. Anything prior to 2008 was invalid; our document from 1963 does little to impress the authorities. We are progressing despite setbacks. Two of our trustees chose to resign last month to focus on other work. However, it was a great encouragement when our accountant, with his valuable expertise and passion for evangelism, accepted an invitation to join the board.

It's been interesting commenting on my own draft Job Description. To help your prayer, here's an excerpt.



Speaking at the KCWC seminar

- *Working Conditions: This can be a high-stress position that requires the ability to succeed under stressful conditions and maintain sobriety while prayerfully dealing with complex problems, able to multi-skill and maintain good balance and relationships between people & their tasks.*

- *Compensation: The position is specifically for a volunteer who shall raise all personal support during employment at Emmanuel Press. The organisation shall not be expected to pay a salary nor fringe benefits of any kind to the incumbent.*

- *Qualifications: Whilst formal qualifications are an added advantage, the candidate is expected to have an impressive track record in Christian ministerial leadership.*

Finally, THANK YOU for your love and prayer and support for us as we press ahead! I leave with you Paul's words that are blessing us... read them in 2 Corinthians 4:17&18. ([click here to read it](#))

With love as always,

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