

Hot off The Press

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



Good morning to you from a surprisingly cool White River, where the thermometer still recorded only 13 degrees at 9.00am this morning. How British! But what a weekend we've just had – aside from the rain it was definitely not very British...

We drove north to the Kruger Park where I was due to speak at a Kruger for Jesus meeting at the Olifants Rest Camp. There we were greeted by happy faces and warm fellowship and, at the coffee break, we celebrated 3 ladies' birthdays with 3 enormous cakes. On Sunday morning we drove down to Skukuza for their Fellowship meeting. We were met with boundless enthusiasm from a small but very friendly group of believers. The bonus was travelling the many miles over the weekend seeing the animals roaming. Some of them were close and but others quite distant: lions, elephants, zebra, impala, comical beautiful birds, wildebeest & warthogs, 3 tortoises avoiding wet grass and a beautiful very-close-up cheetah.



It's great to hear that Pete, Grace & family are settling into The Barn with their own sale sorted. We wait to find out where we will be settling when we pop back to Cranbrook for a Christmas and January visit.

Thanks to our new Emmanuel Press UK Supporters Team who have now registered and opened a new bank account with the Co-Op. This can be used for funds that will be transferred directly to The Press.

Whilst on this subject, may we say again how very grateful we are to those of you who are already committed to giving to support us and The Press financially, either through Stewardship Services, or our Barclays account. The blessing of giving through Stewardship is that they reclaim the tax and bless us more in that way. Others have given directly into our Barclays account and we so appreciate that too. We find that we can

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Indio and Desiree

channel some of these funds directly into the work of the Press too. Every pound we receive is either directly enabling us to serve well here, or directed to the running of The Press offices where we print and distribute our lessons and tracts. It's working for God's Kingdom. How it can be quite exhausting one day and yet exhilarating the next, is hard to explain in a newsletter but it's true. Thank you for being a part of what we are able to do in Emmanuel Press.

In a previous newsletter I referred to the pressures and changes. As we lean on Jesus and commit to prayer it's encouraging to see forward steps. At The Board level we are enjoying a new and sweet unity unknown since my involvement 18 months ago. Difficulties there ended with a resignation so we now enjoy a camaraderie of 5 brothers living here in S.A. I praise God for each of the men in this fraternity: Osborn as chair, Jason & Steve – two wise senior brothers, both long-term friends of The Press. And then Indio, our newest member, a man of good heart, practicality and lightness of spirit.

Another matter where we have struggled to settle has been our local church connection. Thank you for praying for us as we adjust to a new family. We are currently fellowshipping with friends at Calvary Church in Nelspruit, 14 miles down the road from White River. This was the church that grew out of the Newington's pastoral care when they started at Emmanuel Press. So I guess we are returning to original Calvary Assembly roots. Pastor Steve and his wife care and lead the church family with love and gentleness.



The front of the Nelspruit Calvary Church building

Because of the great mixture of dubious teachings that are rife here in SA, we feel it is important to provide teaching to pastors and leaders of small churches. Starting next month, we will try to address this problem by starting a Saturday class here at The Press based on Paul's words to Timothy in 2 Tim 2v2. It's good to teach truth, but if we can teach teachers we are covering more ground. We'll keep you posted on this initiative.

Once again, THANK YOU for your love and prayer and support for us as we trust Him who gave everything for us! Yes, please do pray for us: more passion for Jesus; more faith in His Word and more fruit for His glory!

With love as always,

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