

# Hot off The Press

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Hello from White River, as another month has raced away. It's been full of issues of life, and death. If you think British politics is exhausting, this country defies expectations. South Africa is now the world's 3rd most violent and criminalised nation. At every level we have matters to pray for; living close to The LORD is essential for the mind, the nervous system, the heart and the very real and obvious spiritual dimension.

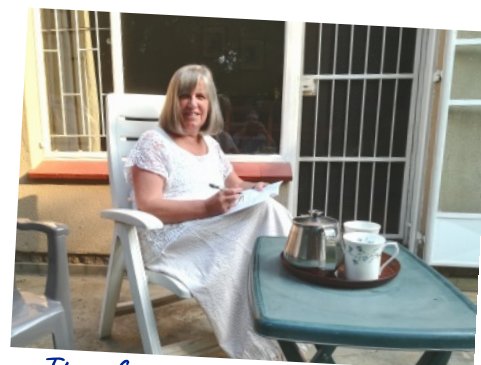
September 12th was a sad day for us as we said goodbye our old doggie, Jackson, from afar. It was a tough moment for our family who have been his dedicated carers for the past 20 months. Special thanks to granddaughter Sophia who loved and cared specially. We felt the loss even 5,600 miles away; fellow dog-lovers will understand. A few days later Kay had a special birthday treat: I took her 'out' for the day, so she could hear me preach then we enjoyed a meal with the church in a marquee. On the drive home, we stopped for a coffee and cake.



*Some spring flowers in our garden*

This month brought usual interruptions: water pump problems; minor electricity cuts; security gate issues; a car crashed through our security fence (thankfully no fatalities); printing hassles, which brought us to our knees. A transfer from EP UK funds enabled us to order a new duplicator. *Hallelujah!*

The other week, we attended our first SA funeral as a dear friend, and wife of a local handyman, died after a short battle with cancer. It seems there is so much sadness at every turn; so many burdens and a sense of hopelessness is too common. Locked doors, razor wire fences and security systems are the order of the day. The Gospel is STILL the power of God for salvation to EVERYONE who believes! Oh, God's Good News is SO relevant with HOPE!



*Time for a cuppa on the stoep*



*Michael and Chanté receiving their EP certificates at our homegroup*

Life here is filled with meeting new friends, which is great but can be tiring at times. We love the constancy of meeting with our 'homegroup' each Tuesday as we enjoy camaraderie, Bible study, and cake. We continue to enjoy sweet fellowship at Calvary Church Nelspruit; it's good to be involved when we are not engaged elsewhere with EP activities. We often attend the Friday prayer gatherings and last Saturday I made it to the men's fellowship breakfast. I passed on the meat, veg & potato, but enjoyed an egg roll and fruit, then we watched a video: A Cry for Christian Fatherhood!

Last month I referred to a planned project to teach church teachers and pastors... well, we had a great launch with a room packed with eager 'students'. One of the pastors, a humble and gifted evangelist, was convicted of the need to be baptised by immersion. I will baptise him at the end of this month.



Two weeks ago I had a phone conversation with key workers from the charity Starfish-Malawi, based in Malawi, with a view to seeing EP materials being used in, and by, churches across Malawi. A partnership could gently emerge as we prayerfully discuss, plan and work towards our visions together.

This coming weekend we're off to the Kruger Park, where I'll preach at Lower Sabie Fellowship. The next weekend it's a baptism and preaching about the power of God's Word at Zwelisha, a rural settlement nearly 15 miles from here.

Very briefly to conclude, please do join us in prayer:

1. More leaders to come to next teaching session and a bigger venue too.
2. A new couple to come and be with us to assist at The Press.
3. The e-learning project to be up and running by 2020.
4. We're hoping to have a new Cranbrook home by Christmas...

Thank you for your love and interest, your prayers and sacrifice, which make you a living-link in The Lord's work with us here!



*Busy writing Hot Off The Press*

*Peter & Kay*