

# Hot off The Press

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

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Hello dear friends, as I write this update we're in the high twenties after 5 days of coolness and a little rain. With the triumph for the SA Rugby team, people are in good spirits here! It's been a full-on month and today feels like the first 'chill' time for some days. With Kay away visiting England for 12 days, it's home-alone time, just 'being' and letting me catch up with myself.

Kay flew to England on Tuesday 29th Oct. arriving in Cranbrook early on Wednesday morning. That same day we exchanged contracts on The Barn. Praise the Lord! The following day she viewed a house on the edge of Sissinghurst, just 1.5 miles from The Barn. She gave it the thumbs up, and our offer to buy was accepted. The next day she agreed purchase of the carpets & curtains etc. so we forge ahead to a hoped-for completion of purchase by the end of this month. It's a smaller house, and as intended, a home requiring less maintenance and attention, especially whilst we are here in South Africa. As prophesied 2 years ago, the Lord goes before us in all these practical matters.



*It's a thumbs-up for our new Cranbrook home!*

The last weekend of October was a special time. On the Saturday, here in White River, I convened a wonderful baptism service. Jesus commanded that His followers be baptised as a sign of true commitment; Solomon has a remarkable testimony and asked me to baptise him. Twenty other believers, between the ages of 12 and 60yrs, also requested to be baptised having confessed their decision to follow Jesus. On the Sunday we drove to Zwelisha, a community about 45mins away,



*At the baptisms in a garden pool*



*Praying for Solomon and Eva*

where Solomon leads a new church. We commissioned and prayed for him. God has clearly gifted him as an evangelist as we see him leading people to Jesus; healing many of disease and illnesses, and casting out demons (too many terrible evidences here). Then, I preached God's Word in the packed new building. What a great weekend we had as a hundred people gathered in expectation and newness of life, in temperatures of nearly 40°.

Perhaps another time I will tell you a little of our new friendship with Solomon and his wife, Eva: two remarkable lovers of God, passionate about sharing Jesus' power to set people free from sin, sickness and the devil's hold.

Just yesterday (2nd) I spoke at our 2nd Leaders' teaching event. Great enthusiasm, great heart and genuine gratitude. They frequently asked questions like: Why don't we do this more than once a month? Why only 2 hours? Why can't we have others joining us? Why hasn't Emmanuel Press done this before? Will you come and speak at my church? It was exhausting but exciting. The fields are ready for harvest; more workers are needed!



*Enjoying a break after the teaching*

On Friday 18th Oct. we held a Board meeting with all five of us present in sweet unity. Jason, a member of the board for over 20 years, said afterwards, "The best ever Peter, God is with us!" Two days later Kay and I drove to Lower Sabie to meet and encourage a group of believers in the staff quarters of one of the Kruger Park camps. Despite us not speaking Siswati, we were so blessed to be with them. Jesus has some lovely members in His global family. The scary part was driving home in the dark - at least *we* had lights!

Well, space brings me to a conclusion. I close with an AMEN from our hearts, and we shall BOTH be back in Cranbrook in six weeks today!

A – Applaud God for His faithfulness: a new house there, and provision here.

M – Make an effort to Read God's Word daily... it's powerful when believed.

E – Emmanuel Press is trying something new and it's working with Leaders.

N – Never stop asking God to guide us and to know Him better.



*Sunday church at Lower Sabie with Pastor Widick on the right*

Love from us both to you!

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