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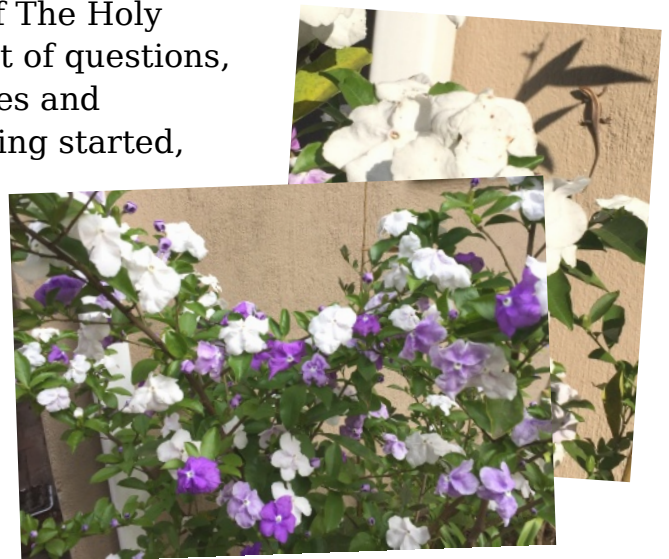
Hello again from White River where this week heralds the first days of Springtime in S.A. We began September with grey drizzling rain and temps below 10 degrees but today we're enjoying the sunshine. We've been imagining... will it be September Surprises, Startup September or even Supernatural September? Maybe we could make it a Singing September!

Whatever our speculating, we're hoping for something to steer us out of the winter waiting. It's been one of the coldest Augusts we've ever known and feels more so by seeing the temperatures rising high in England. Apparently its been the coldest winter in White River for over ten years... some even say 30 years. That being said, the winter bird songs and beautiful flowers are lovely.



We used some firewood to make a sign to let people on Facebook know that we're open.

As you may recall, I have rewritten our John's Gospel Course. Today I finished our new "Acts of The Holy Spirit" course. Previously just a pamphlet of questions, this new course is over fifty pages of notes and commentary with related questions. Having started, one realises there is scope for so much more and I hope to start the next project within a week or so. Once I have written the script, I pass it on to Kay for proof reading, comments and suggestions. She passes it on to Gillian for further inspection and critique before it heads to Tebogo's office for lay-out on her DTP program ready for printing and sending to our volunteer 'guinea pigs'.



"Yesterday, today, forever" flowers, and a lizard in the background.



A view of the Freeway from my office window - the curfew makes little difference to the continual flow of traffic.

Our Sunday morning gatherings under the carport continue to be blessed and a slightly different mix of friends gather on Tuesday evenings for 2hrs of fellowship, Bible study & coffee.

Kay is keeping busy with her hospitality gifting as we often have guests for a meal. Evenings are taken up with her knitting knack and we may choose to watch something inspiring on Youtube. But let me share this with you; she has stepped up to

a new challenge. Because we occasionally receive students' contacts in French and there is no-one here fluent in such, she has started learning Francais! She is keen to learn the more common language here which is Afrikaans, so she recently acquired her own 'Die Bybel'. Please be impressed! BUT, that is not all... these are days of unprecedented happenings... Much to the amusement of Calvin, our longest serving member of staff, Kay is attempting to communicate in Zulu! Yebo! I have discovered that this little English rose I married 45 years ago... is now embarking on a journey to be a multi-lingual receptionist who drinks coffee daily in English, French, Zulu and Afrikaans! Siswati and Portuguese may be just around the corner!?



Let us say a sincere September "Thank you" for your love, interest and support. We do SO appreciate your care from miles away. Please pray for us as we investigate the visa renewal process. (expires Jan.2021) As I write, their offices are still closed but we want to have completed renewal applications submitted & accepted before we book flights home. Like for so many dear friends, the unknown future is safe in our heavenly Father's hands and we trust Him for everything.

Having plied my way carefully through the book of Acts, there have been many points of challenge and encouragement. I leave you with these words from Paul to his fellow sailors, "So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as He said" (Acts 27)

We take courage and commit ourselves to our Lord and God who loves, who saves and does all things well!

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The new sign in the reception area, along with some beautiful orchids we were given