

Hot off The Press

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

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Here is our October offering to bid you 'Hello' and keep you in touch with some of the happenings and developments in the lives of two intrepid 're-tired' hopeful healthy hostages unable to consider a visit to UK because of SA government's view of the pandemics' effect in England. With virus cases high in the UK and SA boasting low numbers, they're hoping to keep any British visitors at bay.

Recently we visited a place of breathtaking views and awesome grandeur: God's Window. I couldn't resist taking a picture of one of the rubbish bins... it's a preacher's gift. In days when life can be so uncertain, and many are struggling with stress and pressure, there has never been a time when it is more vital to keep the lines of communication open between oneself and our Maker Redeemer. I couldn't have said it clearer; KEEP HIS WINDOW CLEAN. The day has come for every person ever born to make peace with God. Jesus is the only way. That is why we are here, confident we have the message for all, in a world crying out for certainties. Jesus is our answer. We know our 'visas for eternity' are stamped and validated.

As you may recall, for some weeks I have been focussed on rewriting, and refreshing lessons. My study theme recently has been of things concerning the future: the Christian's sure hope of being ready for the return of Jesus Christ. It's been an exciting and challenging study. So many unknowns, but enough clarity to excite and affect our "now".



Taking in the view from God's Window



The sign on the rubbish bin at God's Window



The bridge to take us from here to there seems so small at times... Yet we're caught in the middle and our feet seem hardly to touch the ground.

Kay can now boast she is officially 'retired' in SA but has to wait another year until that's true in England. We celebrated Kay's birthday with a meal, then enjoyed a birthday cake (that I baked) with our study group and eventually Kay was delighted to receive her new Bible. Kay will be found at her 'Reception' desk every morning, and slowly she is finding busyness grows. Ordering and selling Bibles, marking lessons that are sent or brought in, proof reading my efforts, answering the phone and generally being the sweet coordinator for all who pass through the reception area in a day.

A good friend reminded me last week of God's words through Isaiah: "So shall my Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose". We are trusting God to do what we cannot do. A few lines from "October" by Paul L. Dunbar, also echo the concept of 'returns' but I envisage it in a spiritual sense.

October is the treasurer of the year,
and all the months pay bounty to her store;
The fields and orchards still their tribute bear,
and fill her brimming coffers more and more.
But she, with youthful lavishness,
Spends all her wealth in gaudy dress,
And decks herself in garments bold,
Of scarlet, purple, red, and gold.
She heedeth not how swift the hours fly,
But smiles and sings her happy life along;
She only sees above a shining sky;
She only hears the breezes' voice in song...



We keep a song in our hearts, and purpose to keep Jesus at the centre of our days. Again we want to bring our thanks for your support, and request your continued prayer for us. We are grateful. God who knew 2020 before we ever got near it, is with us. So with that in mind, please pray that we continue here in complete trust, confident faith and do all with a cheerful heart. (Proverbs 17:22) Maybe even the first words in Mark 7:37 might echo from here: And they were astonished beyond measure, saying: "The Lord has done all things well."

Thank you for being "with" us.

With our love and appreciation,

Peter & Kay