

As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God

"Greetings" as we approach the final straight of this remarkable year. We know that today and the future is held by God Almighty. Remember Paul's words in Acts 17: "God created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God ..."

May I encourage you with our current situation:

Recently we received an email from a state prison in Botswana; 28 named inmates were requesting to start our Basic Discipleship Course. Earlier this week we received an envelope that had taken 3 months to arrive from another prison in Botswana, returning completed lessons for marking.

Last week we had a visit from Allan & Madeleine Campbell from Phalaborwa. They have been working with Christian staff in The Kruger Park rest camps. Although lockdown has meant restrictions on tourism, their pastoral efforts are producing fruit. It was great to be able to load them with fresh supplies and certificates for students.

On my desk I have 3 letters from inmates at a Correctional Centre in Bloemfontein, all requesting help and encouragement in their faith. "I want to know more about the Word of God... so that I can change." Then "What a wonderful gift Jesus is. ...and Thank you for sending the nice certificate." Then a request for a Bible and literature... "I'm hoping you will accept my request as an inmate who is serving life imprisonment for crimes I did not commit." Some requests we can help with whilst others we can only encourage and pray for.

We received a picture of several ladies in a local church, who recently completed one of our courses. See them proudly holding their new E.P. certificates.

Then an occurrence which is becoming not uncommon... a student started in 1999 and intermittently continued for a few years, but no contact since 2007... until last month: "I would like to continue with the Bible studies... hoping you can forgive me for abandoning the lessons." We welcomed him back and sent the next lesson.



Kay hands over a supply of new lesson materials to Allan and Madeleine for use in KNP





Our usual Sunday car-port gathering recently had a few visitors join us!

There is a great need to teach Bible truth against a tide of African cultural habits and dark practices. It is an exceedingly difficult for people and 'pastors' to forsake their animistic rituals and customs. Our challenge is to provide teaching that can help in this respect.

Contact with Domingos in Mozambique is only by phone at the moment, as any proposed border crossings by him are fraught with conflicting obstructions and hiked 'Covid-costs'.

As within many countries around the globe, restrictions can be heavy, changeable and at times seem unreasonable. Visitor entrance to schools or prisons is

still beyond us and footfall into our Bible bookshop is minimal. So we continue with improving the lessons for learners and lovers of God's Written Word.

We approach the year end with gratitude to God for His faithfulness in testing times: We have happy residents in every flat; we continue to meet twice weekly for fellowship, Bible study and worshipping Jesus; the EP board have continued in gentle supportive unity; British and S.A. donations have continued sufficient to enable us to retain our team of workers who print and send literature as requested. The light still is shining from Emmanuel Press and Jesus Christ is being glorified.

I conclude with sincere thanks to you for your interest and support. God is providing, and drawing us to lean on Jesus – The Word, The Truth, The Way, The Life and The Hope.

Please pray with us that:-

- 1. Our Father's Name will be kept Holy, and His Kingdom will come.
- 2. Teaching lessons will be successfully sent and received.
- 3. There will be increased hunger and love for God's true Word.
- 4. We'll be believers in the "God of the impossible".

'Thank you' from us all here, as we wish you well and God's blessing over the holiday season into the new year.

Peter, on behalf of the Emmanuel Press Team.



A quick photo-op with all the EP staff at the White River office.

When you pray, say:

"Our Father Let you Kingdom Come and may Your Name be glorified as Your Word goes forth."

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