

Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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To say that “life is different” is now normal for so many people around the world. The unexpected turn of events has truly affected us and we thought it would be helpful to send you this update. Yes, I’m writing from our UK home where we have now lived for seven weeks since flying home for Christmas and to apply for new visas. Let me put you in the picture...

One week after our flight 17th December, we began to experience viral symptoms. Three days later Kay had recovered well but I was considerably worse. After 2 weeks in bed, I began to show signs of improvement, and gradually over the following weeks my strength has been returning. I’m still trying to balance rest with activity. Thank you to those who have prayed and continued to support us in various ways.



We bought an Oximeter to monitor blood-oxygen levels following our recent episode.

Lockdown has closed the London SA visa office; our January appointment was cancelled, so we wait for the offices to reopen. Then, after their interviews, we’ll wait 3-4 weeks while they process our application. We want to return to White River as soon as possible to embark on the second half of our mission to see Emmanuel Press revived and repurposed. However, at the moment we can only wait for the doors to open.



Nothing quite like being at home in front of a roaring fire with a hot drink when it's icy cold outside

In spite my illness we have much to thank God for. We’re so grateful that Kay only had mild symptoms; for the many friends who have prayed for us during these difficult weeks; for this opportunity to continue sorting and unpacking boxes (from our house move in Dec.

2019) and get used to a home that is still quite new to us.

We are grateful for God's mercies and faithfulness during these weeks. It's been a blessing to participate (virtually) with our home church here at The Vine, and a great blessing to receive the spoken and written love of friends near and far. The Vine's weekly Sunday livestream is good for the soul - God's family is a wonderful creation and we are grateful for so many God given family links.

Two weeks ago South Africa caught the edge of the terrible cyclonic storm that devastated vast areas of Mozambique. The heavy rain and winds caused chaos to many parts but life at The Press continues. The office reopened on 6th January and we are frequently in touch with the team in White River, giving support and guidance. Unsurprisingly, the spreading pandemic has greatly reduced the number of visitors and students coming in. As we look to the future we rest in the wonderful certainty of God's good sovereignty; I hear this both from my fellow S.A. directors and from friends here in England.

As we settle in to our home here, we daily wait upon the Lord for His direction and inspiration for the next chapter in Emmanuel Press. Although happy to enjoy some rest in our 'new' home, we are really looking forward to returning to complete what God has called us to in this chapter of our lives. We are asking The Spirit of God to show us an inspired younger generation of African leaders to spearhead a season of preaching and teaching. God is still God, His Word is still working, and we are called to hand the baton on to see this vision become reality for Africans in Africa.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for your continuing love, support and prayerful interest. We are very aware that many of you have your own struggles to deal with, yet it's the fellowship of caring hearts that brings a unique dimension to encourage and lift us up to see this task fulfilled.

Peter & Kay

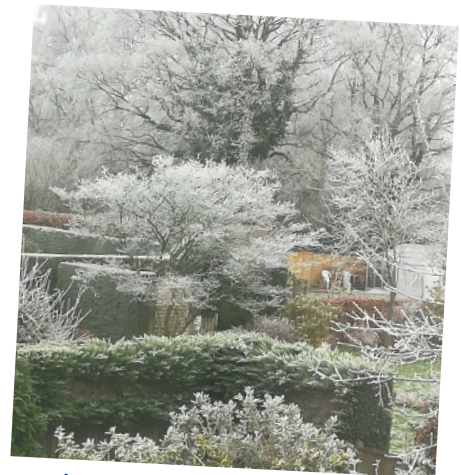
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An aerial shot of some of the flooding in Mozambique



A little closer to SA home, this road is just outside White River.



A wintery view from our home.



Balanced precariously on the top of a ladder again...