

Hot off The Press

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“Here I stand I can do no other, so help me God!”
These words, originally used for a greater cause than our present predicament, were, as tradition has it, uttered by Martin Luther uttered in defence of his stance on his being justified by faith alone, not by his own efforts to secure his innocence before the Almighty Judge of all. We agree with his audacious confession as we find ourselves still in England’s green and pleasant

land, when we want to be ‘over there’. Yet the countdown is on; hopefully in about 80 days we’ll be around the world, back in White River!

It’s been lovely to say ‘Hi’, to meet with, eat with or even cautiously hug some of you whilst we enjoy our extended stay in Britannia. Yet at the same time it has been heart wrenching to share the grief and sorrows of dear ones in recent weeks and months. Above the heartaches we hear the chorus ring out “God is good, His love endures forever!” Underneath the sadnesses which have troubled so many, our feet touch the solid foundations of God’s unchanging Word, His love letter.

So, “What’s your news?” I hear you ask. Well, here are some pointers... Our flight is booked for 30th August to take us to Jo’burg, and on 1st September we will be back in the White River offices. Before then, we are encouraged with a few notable advances:

- I am in discussions with a keen Christian contact here in the UK regarding openings in Malawi where we may have a base to distribute our Basic Discipleship Course and other related teaching subjects.
- A doorway is opening whereby we may be able to assist an excellent Christian charity working in several Central and West African countries. This



could extend to some Asian contacts, but we shall see. It is a wonderful thing when “brothers join together in unity” and God’s work can make stronger strides for His glory and Kingdom.

- We, the board of EP directors, are seeking key persons to complement our ranks in order to be better equipped for the task ahead. Gentle progress is being made here too.

Now for something a little different... this may seem either harmful or hilarious depending on your compassion for such as I. Almost 4 weeks ago I managed to step out my front door and fracture my left foot. Hopefully the ‘boot of beauty’ will be history before long. We *were* making strides with aspects of house and garden here, but with the boot on the other foot, reading ,writing and resting take precedence.



With all the restrictions we have known over past weeks it has been wonderful to actually meet weekly with our home church without prohibitions. Now able to sing, greet and be together, and that with the bonus of sitting in the open under mostly blue skies. When did you last listen to preaching with just a little rain to whet your determination and commitment? We could hear the birds singing as we sang, all to a backcloth of beautiful trees and green grass. It brings a fresh meaning to ‘open meetings’.



Back at base-camp in White River our IT worker has just been blessed with a new baby boy, Micah, born on 1st June. Mum, dad and 4yr old big brother, are all doing fine. A WhatsApp call this week reminded us that we are currently enjoying warmer weather in Kent than our team of friends in White River as they step deeper into winter.

Pray for us as we ‘re-imagine’ the shape and strategy of Emmanuel Press. Relying on the Post Office is past as it is increasingly ineffective. Using people to tell, take and train is very 1st century, but I see it working in 21st century living. God’s church is His avenue of telling and teaching. Please also pray that we learn to adapt and sync

with other worthy organisations aiming for similar fruitfulness in God’s purposes.

Finally, thank you again for helping us pursue this vision. “Working from home” has its challenges when its half way round the world, but we are persisting and see signs of encouragement.



Singing under a sunny Sunday sky with The Vine Church

With our love,

Peter & Kay