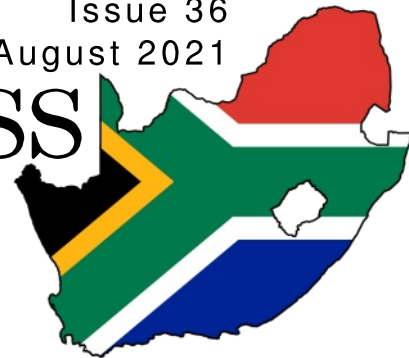


Hot off The Press

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

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With wonderings, a wedding and winds of change, AUGUST is the month. After being with dear friends in their bereavements, it's been a contrasting joyous moment to witness the marriage of our daughter Joy, to Jon. It was a special day that brings to an end our eight month stay in England. We've endured flight

cancellation four times

but are now set to fly next Thursday 2nd Sept. All we need now is to pass a 'Fit to fly' PCR test, then off we go.

What a year! What a test and what a roller coaster of events so many of us have travelled. We have hoped and prayed. We've cried with friends and felt the parting of their loved-ones. We have travelled the length of England and met friends who continue to stand with us through disappointments, sadness and uncertainties. We've listened, talked and gently tried to share something of the love of Jesus. My keyhole hernia operation was a success last month and I almost managed to refrain from lifting or carrying for some days.

Wonderfully, our delay here in the UK has seen encouraging possibilities appearing for the widening ministry of Emmanuel Press. I see a new day dawning. A famous English 16th century poet once wrote: "What light from yonder window breaks? It is... the sun". But twenty centuries earlier Malachi wrote these immortal words: "The Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings." And then Paul wrote to believers in



Corinth with this wonderful truth: 'For God who said, "Let there be light in the darkness", has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.' We are serving at EP for this purpose; to see the opening of a door for God's Glory, that many will see the light shining in their hearts as they come to know Jesus Christ. During these months of being 'locked in' the U.K. we have seen how God has opened doors of opportunity and connection for us. A door of opportunity is opening, enabling us to bring our courses to many new groups of people but more of that in a future newsletter.



The local orchards are almost ready for the harvest.

Several of you have asked the inevitable question of when we expect to return... Well, let us tell you all how it is. Our return flight to UK is scheduled for December 2021 but we do not expect to make it by then due to it being quite close to our present departure, not to mention the prohibitive cost of quarantining in a London hotel. Our colleague Gillian would like to see the UK

again and she is due an opportunity before our return. Above all that is the need to pursue the vision God has given to do the work of raising up a team equipped to carry the good work of EP forward. So it may be six or nine months, or possibly longer before we return. We will



prayerfully and carefully consider when seems right nearer the time.

Thank you for praying and thank you so very sincerely for standing with us... with your ongoing gifts, your prayerfulness and your valued friendship. It's not been easy walking these uncertain months; we have SO appreciated your friendship and every expression of love. THANK YOU for standing with us as we embark on the next chapter.

A few more inoculation renewals, tablets for this and that, repacking of suitcases and a final tidy up of the house we've made a home... and we're set to go.

"T H A N K Y O U" says it all - with truth, with tears and with tugs on our hearts.



On a walk in the countryside, reminded we're following God's path ahead.

Peter & Kay