

Hot off The Press

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

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Remember, remember The Press in November, The Gospel, our reason to stop... here. It's been a challenging couple of months back in South Africa, coping with a variety of issues that are not always easy to put down at the end of the day. We miss family and friends back in the UK, but we're kept busy with life and teased with a raft of run-of-the-mill issues.

We visited a small church group who had no electricity following a storm the previous night; Two full days with no fresh water as a the town's main supply pipe burst 5km away; Four weeks to get a problem with our car sorted; Handling relationships that weigh heavy; The national postal service limping from bad to worse. These are a few of the challenges as we seek to further the work God has called us to do. Besides broad shoulders, we find that wisdom, patience and love are needed daily. But we're progressing and encouragements filter through...

I took the decision to have a large tree in the EP carpark area removed recently. Within days of the tree being felled kind friends had removed all the branches from the site. Oh that all issues could be sorted so swiftly.

With the three new Board members we're making new plans. Netanya hopes to lead a new schools team for outreach in 2022. Kay and I plan to visit Len and Zelna in Pretoria to discuss wider outreaches for developing new contacts. After that I'll visit Philip who, as well as leading a large church in



Before...



... and during the felling

Soweto near Jo'burg, oversees many AoG churches across SA, with the prospect of helping and supporting other ministries through Emmanuel Press.

When you live-on-the-job it can sometimes be hard to take time-out and free the mind. Last weekend our friend & fellow Board member Indio and his wife Des invited us to a genuine Namibian Braai (BBQ). We enjoyed a few hours away from the office with big hearted hospitality. It was a blessing to be among happy families with good helpings of food, fun and laughter. Recently Kay helped me to a decision to find a new outlet to interest me. Not too old to start a new challenge, I am now the proud owner of a modest classical guitar. As I set about learning to play, I'm promising myself 5 minutes a day to see what progress I can make.



We recently passed this Driving instructor's car parked at the shopping mall. It brought a smile but also reminded us that amidst the different lifestyles and values here, there is a subliminal awareness of God's Grace and love in everyday living.

Last week I took the decision to revise one of our old lessons. It had been on my mind for some time but if it were only a case of re-writing a few paragraphs it would have been

done months ago. Having made the decision to go ahead I must now find suitable translators to help with the other 12 languages the course is written in. Please pray I find them soon and the task is completed well.

As I write local elections are under way and so today is a national holiday. This was a government decree to encourage voters to go the polls; we shall see in time whether it has the desired effect. On that note, please pray for this country. Nothing less than a miracle of revival will lift it out of its sad state. Space limits more explanation, but suffice it to say: As much as ever, South Africa needs an interruption of God's mercy and power for the sake of millions caught in ancient animism or religious rituals devoid of LIFE.

Remember remember, God's love and truth this November.

Thanks for your friendship and focus on our situation.

God bless you.

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