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Bringing God's Written Word to You

As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God
Psalm 119:130

At the end of this year, our key word is not 'Lockdown' but "LOOK UP". Jesus told his disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest." (John 4:35) In spite of the pandemic and broken postal service, new doors are opening and God is stirring new workers. Every month new people are finding LIFE through God's Written Word.

Once in a while we are blessed by receiving letters from a radically changed life. This is an excerpt from one prisoner, Bongani, in Bloemfontein: *"Thank you so much for bringing me closer to God and for knowing that He is the One in my life. I didn't want to hear anything about him, I knew only how to kill. Since I got to know you I decided to accept God as the Saviour of my life and I will never look back. I will take this gospel and give it to others. Thank you my brothers for the love, and thank you for changing my life, I am grateful."*

After a very slow start this year, lessons have been finding their way to students hungry for God's Word. Despite widespread fear, rising travel costs and no real postal service we have recorded almost 20,000 lessons received since January. This is due largely to the hard work of our EP volunteer 'reps' who distribute lessons, coordinating with students to get their papers back to us for marking.

Three weeks ago I was privileged to speak to a church of 50 people about using our simple lessons as a tool to reach friends and relatives with the love of Jesus Christ. Add in the enthusiasm of a new volunteer 'coordinator' to help facilitate this, and you have a church coming alive in God's love. A week later a friend in the northern Limpopo called to enrol as a Coordinator, giving us forty names to enrol on our basic Discipleship Course. Then, a pastor near Jo'burg phoned, asking for help for new converts; he wants our course to teach people the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how to live right.

As we shared in our October Newsletter, we continue to renew and increase our range of lessons for new believers. Every new student begins with the "basic" course and progresses to Reaching People For Jesus as a primary step for new disciples. (Matt.28:19) The next two courses are the Gospels of Mark and John, before progressing to the book of Acts in a new 14 lesson course. The new Introduction to The Holy Spirit course provides a biblical grounding on this important person. A new Foundation Truths will soon supercede the present



*Use Your Head!
Calvin with 23kgs of
lessons ready for dispatch.*

Doctrine course, to include more necessary elements for every new believer. We anticipate a new Young Discipleship Course will be ready for the start of the 2022 school year.

Another large nugget of good news is the agreement between Emmanuel Press and World in Need International to work together to bring God's Word to the nations. Members of both boards are thanking God for a new and effectual door opening to hundreds of new disciples for Jesus Christ across Africa and beyond.

Last month Peter and Kay were honoured to visit 'old friends' of The Press in their Pretoria home - Max & Christobel Ansell. Max wrote our Reaching People for Jesus course. They were the leading EP heroes in the Kruger Park for Jesus and continue to 'Reach People for Jesus' where they live.

As I write, the Omicron virus has caused another wave of disruption to the world. Corruption, confusion and conspiracies abound, as counterfeit 'comforts' try to win people's hearts. The need to teach new disciples to obey all the commands that Jesus Christ has given is still our calling from The One who is The Way, The Truth and The Life.

Please continue to pray for:

WORKERS to be sent into the harvest fields;

PURITY and persistence on the workers;

WISDOM to do the right works of faith.

I conclude with a simple end-of-year request. We want to increase our newsletter circulation to more prayerful disciples. Do you know of another missions-hearted believer who would be happy to receive these updates and pray for us?

Please forward this, encouraging them to send us an email so that we can include them too.

Thank you for your loving interest and prayerful support.

On behalf of the EP Team,

Peter



Good friends with the team at The Press



Max and Christobel are longstanding friends of EP

When you pray, say:

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

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