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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

On the first page, “God said, ‘Let there be light’ and there was.” Later David sang, “Your Word is a light to my path.” John wrote, “The light shined, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” Jesus announced, “I AM the light.” Paul said “God, the light... has shined in our hearts,” and he urges us, “Live as people of light.” Peter adds, “we are called into His wonderful light.” The last page of Scripture declares, “The Lamb is its Light.”

Our passion for God’s Word is reiterated in Psalm 119:130, “Your Words O Lord give Light.” As we receive His Word, and worship The Light, the more His light shines. It is wonderful and marvellous to see the power of God’s Word bringing light into darkness.

We were privileged to see the effects of God’s Word changing peoples’ lives when we visited a celebration in Limpopo last month. I preached God’s Word at an elaborate “EP Graduation” ceremony where many came from congregations around. The headman of the villages was invited to greet the crowd; He was impressed with the power of God’s Word on the many young people ‘graduating’ and wants to know more.

A week later I visited Domingos, our worker in Maputo. His evangelistic efforts and his eager distribution of God’s Word with EP lessons is bringing great light. The hunger for God’s written and preached Word was palpable. Despite many challenges, Domingos and fellow workers are seeing the power of God’s Light. The passion to praise God with music and dancing shined brightly in stark contrast to their great poverty. I found bringing an understanding of God’s Word to these people was a very moving moment; truly God’s Word brings light in the darkness.

BBC News recently carried an article on the problems of the “rogue and charlatan preachers of African Christianity”. Paul warns us in 2 Cor.11:14 of inevitable plausible fakes appearing as light, but are darkness. We see it all around. The brief focus on the problems facing the church is a salutary reminder of the massive need. Space does not permit, but suffice to say: teaching the Truth of God’s written Word is vital. ‘Preacher-worship’ is a global pandemic. Emmanuel Press exists to Bring God’s Written Word to those that need it. Oh, let Jesus be glorified! (Phil.2:9)



A snapshot of the graduation taking place under the newly built roof of a church under construction



In Maputu visiting church members in their homes and meeting with some church leaders

Meeting with Len and Rob in Pretoria

We are excited to be reconnecting with schools in our local area. Netanja has joined the team, taking our new “Young Disciples’ Course” to teach the students God’s Word. This is a significant role that will allow the light to shine in schools and other groups that welcome our free offer of light and life.

This week before Easter we welcome the visit of the CEO of WIN (World in Need International). Rob comes to meet us and progress our partnership in spreading the light. Last October, it was exciting as the EP Board agreed to partner with WIN to work in 8 other nations spreading the message of Jesus Christ. The door is opening for EP’s Basic Discipleship Course to be used in partnership with WIN across the world. May The Holy Spirit bless this exciting co-operation for His Light and glory.



Netanja ready for her first day back at school!

I conclude with these light-giving pointers for your prayer:

1. That God sends out more WORKERS with a passion for Jesus into the harvest. Matt.9:38
2. That new believers will be HUNGRY for God’s pure truth. Matthew 5:6
3. That believers will discern TRUTH as distinct from subtle heresies. Galatians 1:67
4. That more CHURCHES will use our free materials to shine the light. Matt.28:18

And finally... That God will BLESS those who keep praying for us. Thank you.

On behalf of the team,

Peter

When you pray, say:

“Our Father Let you Kingdom Come and may Your Name be glorified as Your Word goes forth.”

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