

Hot off The Press

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

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We send greetings to you with a mixed bag of detail to share with you this month. A line from Shakespeare comes to mind: "From you have I been absent in the spring, When proud pied April, dressed in all his trim, Hath put a spirit of youth in everything..." Well, dreaming has its beauty. But hey, we're living in a world of such contrasts and large complications.

I start with my long weekend in Mozambique. My driver and I travelled the 230km (140m) from White River, including the teasing border control, and eventually arrived in Maputo. Then a 'miracle' meeting with Domingos on the street. We were lost and without phone communication when we suddenly saw him walking one of the busy streets of this sprawling city, "Oh there he is!" I shouted.

We were greeted at his home, where he's building a church meeting place, by a singing welcoming committee. The weekend held some glorious moments of lively worship, teaching and fellowship. At the final service they presented me with a celebration shirt & hat. Though poor in possessions, their hunger for God's Word was palpable and their appreciation profuse and humbling. Although tiring, the trip was very moving, and helped me see the significance of EP's impact in Mozambique.

The day after returning home was a 'holiday' but attending to premises crises with water cuts, faulty water heaters and plumbers etc. soon dissolved any free time and chance of rest.



As we consider our future here, and EP's desire for more links across Africa, it was great to welcome our friend Rob, CEO of WIN (World in Need International) for a brief visit just before Easter. We met in England last year, and are prayerfully seeking to develop partnership.



Please also pray for ongoing links with church leaders here in our area. We are aware that God has purposes that go way beyond our present contacts and channels of communications for teaching God's Word. The plethora of wacky and fake doctrines across this massive continent makes our mission to teach The Eternal Truth of the Bible so much more important. Kay recently completed the production of our latest children's course in time for Netanja to take it into local schools and youth groups, with over 600 enrolments in the first week.



Netanja about to head out to local schools with our courses

As we carry the varied responsibilities here, please pray for the right doors to open. We've seen God do this in a measure and trust Him to lead us forward. The challenge is always to know how to deal with the pressures that face us. I must add what you are probably also thinking... whatever our trials pressures and disappointments, they're NOTHING compared to the tribulations that our brothers & sisters are enduring in Ukraine. As we pray, we remember Paul's words; "our present troubles...

won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!" 2 Corinth.4:17

Our co-worker Gillian flies back to England at the end of April for a well-earned break after working full-on here for 3yrs. She expects to return in late June, so we have made plans to fly home for a visit on July 16th. Caring family and friends tell us, 'You must rest', and whilst agreeing, we want to see and embrace several old friends... we'll find a balance and trust it works out.



Enjoying dreaming at new motor museum near our usual coffee shop

As we always want to say: "Thank you for your love, your support, your giving and your prayer on our behalf." We are so conscious of this when loneliness whispers. May The Lord bless you and encourage you with the reality of His love,

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