

Hot off The Press

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



As the weather gets cooler here we are enjoying a warmth of fellowship at EP. This month started with an exciting development as we continue to wait on the Lord as His purposes are unfurled. Sometimes it seems God has a way of bringing events to us, and we just need to see it. Let me explain. From the beginning of May, all our residents' flats are occupied with Christian friends. We have known the latest couple to join the "family" for a few

years; Cliffie and Estelle asked to move here, convinced that God was guiding them and within a few weeks endeared themselves to the EP Team. What's more, Cliffie and I enjoy a similar sense of humour.

Since the start of the Covid pandemic we have not been able to visit any of the local prisons, however, on Tuesday 4th May Cliffie and I were invited to meet with the SA Correctional Services of the province. It looks very hopeful that Cliffie will become our new 'Prisons Visitor' as we have been officially welcomed by the SA Prison Authorities to restart our visits. Further afield, just this week we received interest in our courses from Brazil. God is good!

Whilst Gillian is taking a 2 month break in the UK, Kay is the mainstay in the office and bookshop reception. She is as busy as ever with all that needs to be done, in addition to writing a second children's course. Domingos, from Maputo, is house sitting for Gillian for some weeks and we have appreciated having him in the office too. Netanja is often here



With Cliffie and Estelle



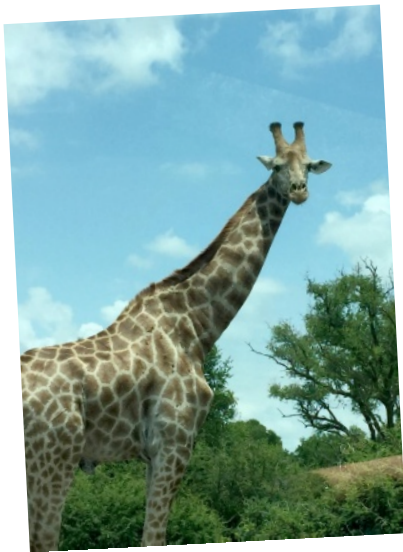
An orchid growing in a tree close to our flat.

marking lessons after her school visits. Last Wednesday Cliffie and I enjoyed a 5 hour journey to rendezvous with a friend to collect a new print-run of hymnbooks for us to sell to friends and congregations across South Africa.

On May 7th, Kay and I took a trip to Skukuza for the relaunch of the Kruger 4 Jesus initiative. We left early and returned 10hrs later. It was a full day and included preaching and presenting the work of EP, concluding with a



celebration cake & lunch. As we drove home through the park I thought that it's strange how quickly the 'amazing' can become 'ordinary'. I said to Kay, "Hey, I'd love to see a giraffe." Guess what?! 10 minutes later we spotted four beautiful giraffe munching leaves beside the road. How un-English. God has gifted us with so much beauty around in the ordinary of every day. What special enjoyments have become ordinary for you?

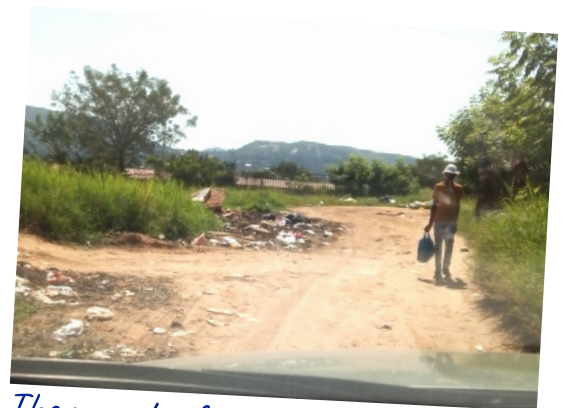


Once a month we have been visiting a church in a rural community about 45 minutes away, helping them navigate difficult times. On occasions the journey to get there can seem more challenging than the situation we've come to help with. After the

rains, the road can be like driving along a rocky riverbed. We are grateful to have a car with a strong engine, good shock-absorbers and high suspension.

We have an EP Board meeting on Friday 20th this month, looking particularly at progressing our working links with World In Need. One of the greatest emphases for believers these days is that we work in unity, in heart and in practicalities, because that is what God will bless when we do it HIS way.

Thank you once again for your loyalty and support. We live in a broken world; road hijacks and child kidnappings are too frequent (even during daytimes), thefts and break-ins are common... and there are still challenges to our mission – broken postal service, poor phone connectivity. BUT GOD! Your continued prayer & faith and the commitment of the team here are making fruitfulness a reality.



The mounds of rubble and rubbish are the "repairs" to the road

With thanks and love, *Peter & Kay*

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