

Hot off The Press

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

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Well, here we are, almost 14,000 miles later, back where we started. As we racked up the miles, the clock raced with unbelievable speed. We arrived in England with temperatures in the high 30s and enjoyed time with family and friends both near and far... including a single trip touching

Yorkshire and Northumberland. Now back in White River, signs of spring are beginning to slowly appear. Perhaps we could universally appropriately apply the title 'Changes' to so much these days? And yet there is a welcome routine amidst our living and responsibilities.

Many urged us to rest and chill out, yet everything within us wanted to spend time with family members, friends in the church and other friends who contacted us to say, "Hi!" The balance between wanting to meet up, to visit or receive dear friends and to collapse in inactivity was, at times, a moot point. Maybe this was best expressed in the 48hrs when we became sole guardians of three lively grandchildren (4yrs, 2yrs & 11mths) Suffice it to say the 49 day UK visit came to pass and was both a blessed and busy time.

After a semi-turbulent return flight and unforeseen delays after landing, we were glad of an R&R weekend before being back in the offices. There's always plenty to do as we consider the 'how to' of our calling, and



We enjoyed a visit or two into the English summer countryside

meeting the challenges of change, developments and achieving the goals before us. Something difficult to communicate on paper is the strain of emotions at times... I'll mention just two that have impacted us at times, in the past 2 months... You will easily identify these heart responses:

Sadnesses: I guess where you love, you feel the consequent pain that must accompany that emotion at times; When loved ones are unwell (2 friends with a heart attack; a dear friend's unexpected loss of a family member, ongoing trials of loved-ones miles away) or even news of global catastrophies and communities that you care about, & often, friends who carry such heavy burdens... We have compassion, we care, we love, and do what we can as we pray.

Then there's *Gratitude:* Oh what a sweet contrast that can overwhelm us at times. Dear friends who faithfully stand with you and you know that, despite the distance, they pray for you, love you and express that with a financial commitment. A true "thank you" keeps flowing from our hearts like a bubbling spring of water, to the giver, and to God who oversees it all. A special thank you comes to you who gave to our Mozambique appeal. We asked for £2,500... and received £5925 within 4 weeks. THANK YOU! God has blessed dear Domingos not only materially through you, but he is witnessing spiritual life bursting out as well within the church.

So as we settle into another term of work and witness, typing and teaching, leading and caring, we thank you for the support you help us with. It seems that change is here to stay as we lead the team of workers here, and consider the possibilities and opportunities around us. We long for new doors to open, and want to know the audacity of Elisha's shout at the Jordan River: "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" (2 Kings 2:14) We are praying for new faces, new places, new moments and new miracles. We are here for something much bigger than logic defines.

With our love,

Peter & Kay



Our plane preparing for us to board at LHR



Some of the newly installed windows at Domingos' church



The new facilities are a vast improvement on the old ones