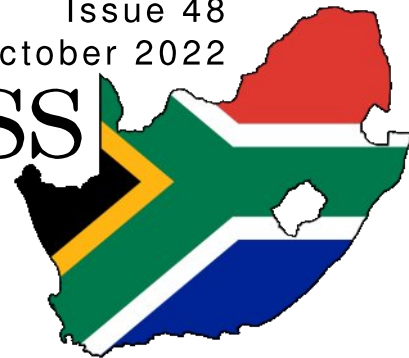


# Hot off The Press

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Welcome to our October newsletter. As we look back into September, who would have guessed the changes and events of the month: a global moment for the royal family which touched the world, and then, for many, wondering nervously about rising costs and facing new situations over this season; but having hope in God who never changes. With those thoughts and because I have a petit

penchant for poetry, I pondered on the relevance of a few lines snatched from William Wordsworth's "October".

"These times strike monied worldlings with dismay:

Even rich men, brave by nature, taint the air  
With words of apprehension and despair: ...  
And minds not stinted or untilled are given,  
Sound, healthy, children of the God of heaven,  
Are cheerful as the rising sun in May.  
What do we gather hence but firmer faith  
That every gift of noble origin, is breathed upon by  
Hope's perpetual breath..."

I won't offer an interpretation but remind us all that we who trust in God have a hope, a "firmer faith", because of God's great promise in our Saviour and Lord. Our faith in God needs to be real as we are faced with challenges too much for us. Two weeks ago, Cliffie, our prison-visitor since April, suffered a serious heart attack. After a stay in hospital he was called home to be with His Lord. He was ready to go, but of course has left a sadness and a hole in EP. We stand by his dear wife with love in these emotional days.



*With Cliffie and Estelle earlier  
in the year*

The variety here keeps boredom far away:

Following repairs, I had to collect my car from Nelspruit, so last week I had my first South African taxi experience. If you want a clue as to what that means, imagine a mini-bus crammed full with more than the legal number of passengers. Taxi drivers make their own rules on the road. No, perhaps they don't have any? Thankfully, I survived.



*The wanderer returns carrying our weekly supplies*

Electrical power cuts across the nation meant that White River has intermittently suffered with no water being pumped from nearby reservoirs over recent weeks. Try not using any taps or cisterns in your house for 3 days and you'll understand what it's been like for us.

For two days last week the taxi drivers went on strike, blocking every road to and from major towns in the area. Not surprisingly, chaos ensued.

The last two Sundays we visited churches 15-20 miles from here, grateful that our car is again road-worthy for roads that are not. Happily, power-cuts allowed us to enjoy African voices singing â cappella in the absence of the amplification systems. God's preached word was received by enthusiastic open hearts and lives were changed.

We keep busy in the routine of life at The Press. Lessons marked and sent; camaraderie within the team; food shopping; meeting with our residents; and keeping premises in order. My brief: fix a leaking loo; write a new study course; replace fluorescent tubes; lead devotions; make coffee. And on a lighter note for young readers, look who I found hanging around on our washing-line....



We are ever aware of faithful financial support and want to say again, 'Thank you' for the love expressions that keep coming our way. We trust in God with thanksgiving, and are sending our very real thanks to you. When faced with extra unplanned expenses - new brakes for the car or helping Estelle in her bereavement, and rising living costs, it's your commitment to help us that we find so moving. THANK YOU.

Wordsworth reminds us, "we're children of the God of heaven... cheerful as the rising sun in May." We close with a request as you pray for us, that our focus & faith in God be firmer and we'll see HIS purpose for EP in this season.

God bless you as you live with the eternal in mind.

*Peter & Kay*