

Hot off The Press

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

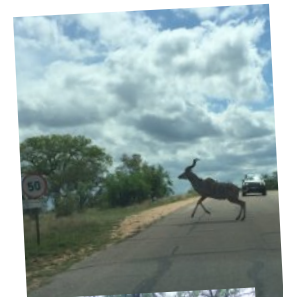


Dear Friends, when you read this I will still be busy here in White River, whilst Kay has a different focus for the moment. We all view our landscape from a different vantage point, and we are all aware of changes happening with almost staggering speed, both individually and perhaps globally. If ever we have been grateful to know

God personally it is in these days of sometimes fierce and perhaps frequent change. In the Bible we read, “the fear of The Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. Yes, we can easily testify that it all starts with HIM. It is all manageable in HIM. It all ultimately makes sense because of HIM. JESUS still initiates and perfects our faith!

Last weekend we visited two small groups of believers in Kruger, encouraging them from God’s Word and enjoying the opportunity to drive through the very green scenery; numberless impala, and once saw a zebra crossing! We were very tired after a busy few days, so it was a welcome change. Life is full. Helping friends; teaching leaders and offering advice; writing courses and leading the team.

In the early hours of 11th November Kay was winging her way back to England. Her focus, to meet God’s blessing of our latest grandchild to be born to our favourite daughter and husband. Five weeks later I fly home, one week before Christmas. Those weeks for Kay will be a time to enjoy being grandma and mum, chatting with friends, and tasting life in The Vine. Here in White River, I’m discovering those hidden culinary skills and continuing to lead



Our accomodation and some wildlife in Kruger National Park

the team here, until we close for a 3 week break. We return on the first office-day of 2023 – Monday 9th January.

We cannot help but reflect on the past 5 years, back to when we were preparing to move to South Africa. So much change and many unknowns lay head, but so much love and encouragement came with support in many practical and prayerful ways from dear friends back home; thank you. Oh! How those years have raced by. These months now as we approach the new year are a time for considering the future and knowing God's peace for the next steps...



During a little down-time we visited a car museum and found a Morris Traveller, much like I used to own.

We have quietly believed that God is directing our steps, and are sure that HE is providing the person to succeed us when next year we anticipate that we will begin to spend more months in England as we release our 'home' here in White River. We'll return to England for Easter when our long-term visas expire, and believe that will be the fulcrum for adjusting our time to be domiciled more in England. On short-term visits we can still be engaged with life at The Press, but there's a call to be spreading the EP word back in the homeland.

Our arrival at Emmanuel Press in Feb 2018 happened fairly swiftly. The introduction was barely two weeks before we were left 'holding the baby' as the baton of leadership was thrust upon us. Our prayer of faith has been that when we pass the baton, it will be careful and purposeful. I want to see a man who carries a passion for the local church and a desire to see young people taught well. There are a few men I have met in this category, but an African who holds these values will probably already very busy. Just today I was chatting with 2 African brothers who both love EP but are fully engaged in their own calling and missions.



A photo call after one of our recent Board meetings

Conversations often reveal hungry hearts, and one realises the heritage of having had so much over so many years. We are daily challenged to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly. Suffice to say: Thank you for your love and giving, your thoughtfulness and praying, and for staying "with us" through another unique year!

Peter & Kay