

As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023; a new year of new opportunities and openings filled with new hopes and horizons as we raise our Hallelujahs to the Highest One, The Lord of all! In the last newsletter we asked you to pray for a number of matters and we're encouraged as we stand here at the dawn of the year, beginning to see what God will do in these months ahead.

We have been praying for dedicated workers to assist in the prison work. Just this week we spoke to a man who would love to help us spread God's Word in prisons. He has a passion for seeing inmates receive God's Word and already visits prisons, often weekly. Another Christian brother has expressed an interest in taking our courses into a second prison in the area. It's early days, but we see The Lord's hand helping us to be bringers of God's written Word.

Also this week, we opened a conversation with an enthusiastic young man who would love to help us share God's Word in schools in his area. Identifying willing Christian school teachers helps ease the process of effective student engagement. Please continue to pray that we be linked with the right persons; strategic and energized for spreading God's Word to those who are hungry for Truth.

As you may recall from our last Newsletter, WIN (worldinneed.org.uk) is now working on our behalf in the UK to receive and send funds direct to EP here in South Africa. The EPUK bank account has now closed so any gifts should be sent via the WIN account (details below). Accelerated by WIN, our courses continue to be offered for free across the world to grateful students.

Our partnership with WIN has received new impetus and inspiration under their new CEO, David, as they find a growing hunger for the Emmanuel Press Basic Discipleship course with contacts around the globe. David writes, "It is currently being run





This group in Zambia just completed the Basic Discipleship Course



Allan with the Kruger rangers that completed the BDC recently

with groups of students as pilot courses in Kenya, Uganda and the Philippines. So far, the course has been received with great enthusiasm. At the end of these pilot courses, WIN will be reviewing the process with plans to run more in these countries and reaching out to other nations we are involved in." We are looking to translate our Basic Discipleship Course into Amharic, the language of Ethiopia, where there is a good appetite for it. In Malawi, a group of church leaders has taken up the challenge of coordinating the use of our basic course in their churches before they step out to make disciples across their regions.

God's plan for discipleship has always been His Church; Emmanuel Press is here to serve and equip the church to make disciples as Jesus commanded. We thank God that He is opening doors to new contacts and churches, both here in South Africa and across this vast continent. Very down-to-earth challenges face us in the White River offices with uncertain electricity and fresh water supplies. These basic necessities are unpredictable, yet we remind ourselves that to "go and make disciples" is our calling, whatever the circumstances.

So, from all of us involved in the day-to-day life of The Press, THANK YOU for your prayer for Emmanuel Press and for your gifts to support God's great work from here. We believe God is doing a new thing with His timeless truth. It is HIS inspiration that is bringing new individuals to be involved in a new day.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

Peter, on behalf of the EP team.



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