

Hot off The Press

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Greetings once again from a hot South Africa. Within 24hrs we had said goodbye to Englishness and now, in temperatures over 20 degrees higher, we're adjusting to the norms of life here. It was lovely to be home, albeit for a short time, but our focus is once again on this important chapter here at The Press. So with great certainty... welcome to HOT off the Press.

Aside from looking forward to a family-trio visit to us 12 days in February, today we are focussed on a new-year chapter of considering EP succession. We're also adjusting to a season of change with a friend becoming involved in the outreach aspects of The Press and, underlying it all, we are trusting God to complete a 'new personnel picture' for EP leadership management.

Within a week of being back we have several Sunday engagements booked in to visit churches, we have welcomed one of the EP employees as a new resident in an EP flat. Kay has restocked the fridge after our UK visit, and shared pics of our newest granddaughter to many "Oohs!" and "Aahs". I've preached in a men's prison, and... unfortunately received a speeding fine from December.

There have been a flurry of adjustments for us to make and this month is dominated by the many administrative duties. Our hearts are to do the right thing in the right way, especially concerning God's kingdom and His purposes for the future of this unique organisation when the baton will begin to be passed. If we as a couple can say that, when all is said and done, we have been true to God and His purposes here for the future, that is surely good and is the recipe for peace in our hearts for what lies ahead. In other words, "To



We arrived back on the 9th of Jan and hit the ground running...

God only be the glory forever” is the foundation in our being here. (See Romans 11:36)

So what of this first month of 2023? Last week Henry took our car to Jo’burg for 6 days where, amongst other appointments, he sought to forge a link with an Ethiopian student group to carry EP Courses to many others in their churches near and far.

Some days I will be at my desk, organising a schedule or preparing to speak somewhere; other days I’m seeking to plan and write more lessons for a Bible course. Kay will usually be at reception, marking lessons, greeting customers in the bookshop, or keeping on top of the finances. I must oversee our team; in the print room, or the IT office where they are marking lessons or responding to coordinators from far away, or even outside with the gardener. There’s always something that needs to be fixed or receive attention. Whether I’m busy in the office, on the ‘phone or writing emails, talking with a visitor about church, theology or an issue with their lessons, or even those who come begging for money, the days are never the same. Daily plans are frequently being ‘re-shaped’ and there’s no risk of boredom.

We believe it is so important that time is given daily to sharing God’s Word and praying together and, of course, for both of us personally too. It takes discipline, desire and at times is a pure delight. We pray daily for guidance and Father’s peace to direct us, even when the pressure rises high. I believe the whole picture of our year ahead will become much clearer in the next couple of months or so.

Finally, the words that flow easiest from our hearts are always to those of you who express your loving care and support to us regularly, and to those of you committed to pray for us and this ministry. You are truly helping us to do and to be what God has called us to; thank you so very much.

With our love and thanks,

Peter & Kay

We’re trusting God for the road ahead

