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Bringing God's Written Word to You

As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God
Psalm 119:130

Greetings from White River where our premises have a new look; the old rusty perimeter fence has finally given way to a smart new protective concrete wall. It will soon be topped with an electric fence, which is the new normal in town.



We are again “opening doors” into prisons in our area, with volunteers offering to take our courses to those incarcerated. A local Christian businessman has committed to weekly visits to teach inmates and staff in Lydenburg. Similarly, another brother has offered to reopen links into the Barberton Correctional Centre. The written word and the preached word are spreading God’s forgiveness and truth with others who, we pray, will make a difference to yet others in coming days.

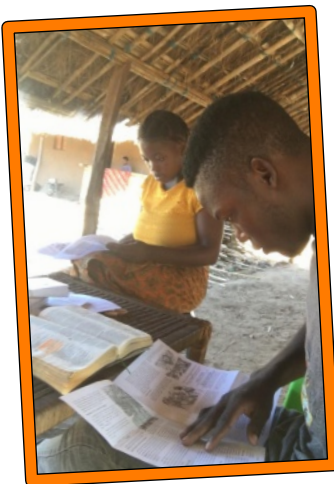
It is great that, not only are we making new contacts within South Africa, but there are sounds of harvest from other countries too. Through our link with WIN (World in Need) we

can report new doors are opening for the study of God’s Word for many people. WIN are currently running our Basic Discipleship Course for 49 key leaders in Kenya, 75 in Uganda, and 30 in The Philippines, with plans for them to then run the courses in their areas.

A pastor from Botswana also busy with courses in prisons, clinics, schools and orphanages writes with an encouragement and a challenge:

“I praise God for all your labour and sacrifice spreading the word of God in various countries. I have seen many of your literature and Bible correspondence courses in various prisons in Botswana. They are excellent materials. Many inmates are requesting more courses. We want to do it for all inmates who are interested in all prisons in Botswana.”

Unfortunately we are hampered by a very uncertain postal service; please pray for wisdom in how to manage this spiritual hunger.



Studying The Word aided by an Emmanuel Press lesson.

Domingos writes from Mozambique:

“We have over 1200 students registered, with several more requests from the churches to receive materials. However the months of February and March were marked by natural disasters. Heavy rains and winds left roads flooded with roads and bridges broken and unpassable. This meant the price for sending material by aeroplane increased. My plans to visit the centre of the country, to encourage our coordinators did not happen due to Cyclone Freddy which affected three provinces. Some students lost their houses and all they had. But in spite of everything, the work of the Lord has not stopped. Please pray for us”



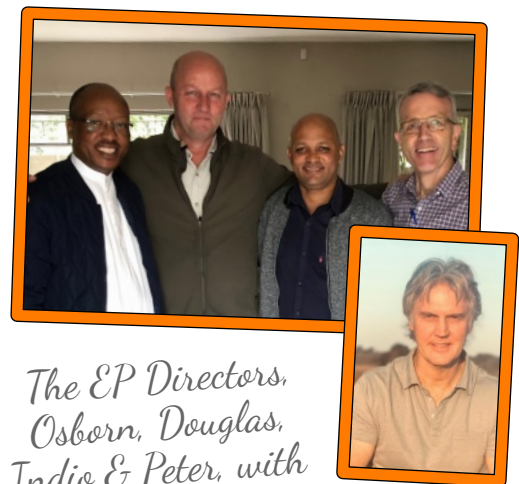
Domingos with the WIN CEO, David, on his recent visit to EP

Let me turn from the wider picture to a personal cameo.

A man walked into Reception the other day asking if there was any voluntary work he could help with whilst staying here with relatives. He'd heard about our work and wanted to make good use of his time. He was introduced to our literature and enthusiastically took several tracts and then signed up to the Basic Discipleship Course for himself. We pray he will soon find the blessing of being a Jesus follower and become a true disciple-maker himself.

As we hear of fresh “outpourings” of God’s Holy Spirit this year, it only whets our appetite for Him to touch us all, and the work that He has called us to. Never more than today do we need demonstrations of the power and presence of God’s Holy Spirit to saturate every part of this ministry.

Thank you for your ongoing interest, prayer and partnership in “The Great Commission” from here.



The EP Directors, Osborn, Douglas, Indio & Peter, with Len inset

Peter, on behalf of the EP team.

Please note that going forward this year we hope to send out newsletters once a quarter. Also, take a look at the new EP website, put together recently by one of our directors www.emmanuelpress.org



When you pray, say:

“Our Father Let you Kingdom Come and may Your Name be glorified as Your Word goes forth.”

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