

Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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We write to you from Cranbrook having arrived home from SA. Our journey took just 24hrs; we were grateful for an uneventful trip, arriving home in the early morning mist on Saturday.

“And whoever wakes in England sees, some morning, unaware, that the lowest boughs, and the brushwood sheaf round the elm tree bole are in tiny leaf, while the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough – in England now.”

Before updating you on the present situation we want to thank you for your love and interest in our African adventure that has extended well over five years now. We believe we are in the final chapter of living in SA but even now the approaching months are not completely clear. We know God is our faithful provider for all things necessary to our calling and work at EP; some of you have been a truly blessed supply-line for our encouragement, prayerful friendship and financial provision, to name but three of our basic necessities.



Three weeks ago the doctor in SA confirmed I had the early stage of pneumonia. His verdict was, 'over tired and stressful workload'. His orders: 'You must rest lots, and take these antibiotics now.' I've been trying to rest, with a limited degree of success, and Kay has been my conscience and dedicated nurse. Our challenge now is to take the needed rest, as well as seeing many dear friends who continue to love and support us. We have not had a proper holiday since 2017, but hopefully we'll find a doable solution in the coming weeks.



One last coffee in White River before heading home

In terms of Emmanuel Press, we are encouraged that a younger South African couple are feeling stirred to rise to the challenge of taking the baton of leadership

for the next chapter. They are currently awaiting God's confirmation in matters regarding their own business and practical issues. We now leave this with the Lord for the next few weeks.

Within a couple of months we will be celebrating my 70th birthday and then we're planning to return to SA in July, probably for 2-3 months, during which time we anticipate the official handover to take place. Hopefully by that time the coming months of this year will be a little clearer. That said, we are expecting that September/ October time will be the finale of our present role of working in South Africa at Emmanuel Press.

As to our future, we are sure our EP involvement will continue, primarily from here in England, as we seek to hold high the high importance of promoting God's written Word amongst the very needy peoples of that vast continent. There is an alarming number of prevailing beliefs and ideologies that have held many thousands in fear and terror for centuries. Jesus still is The way, The Truth and The Life for everyone. John 3v16 still is one of the most powerful statements for everyone alive today.

At the recent EP Board meeting I shared these welcome details, and we received a new board member, Douglas, who joins us enthusiastically. It's also been an encouragement having our friend Henry working part-time with EP. He's unable to be more involved as he oversees two churches in SA.

It's not been easy calculating times or identifying persons and arrangements for us and the ongoing work of The Press, but we believe God is helping us to trust HIM for EVERYTHING. When you walk it, you realise the measure of faith and all that is involved in living this amazing life of faith in Jesus – God's Word. God never intended that any of us should do life without HIM.

Our LOVE and THANKS for your evidenced love and commitment to us. May The LORD and Father of our big family keep blessing and encouraging you daily as you live for Him. It's always good to hear from you whether WhatsApp, email or even a phone call.

Peter & Kay



During March we travelled south to spend a delightful weekend by the sea with friends and extended family in Amanzimtoti

