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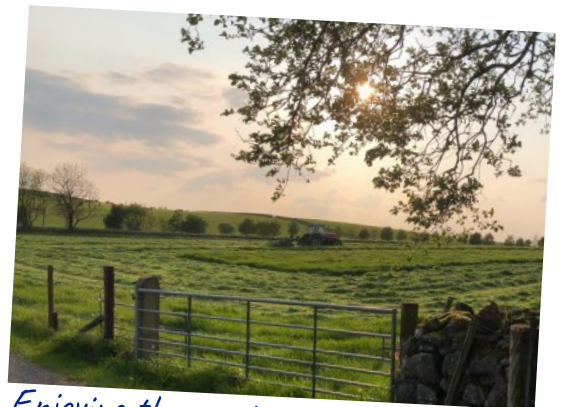


Dear Friends, Yes we're still here, in England's green and pleasant land. In fact we are soon to board our flight from Heathrow taking us back to Johannesburg for our next chapter in White River.

This issue comes as a little catch-up to apprise you of latest news on our missions front. It's been good being at home here in Cranbrook, but we have made quite a number of outings during these 2-3 months in England. We have visited several churches and, as we hoped, managed 2 weeks away in May for a very welcome holiday in the Peak District. It was so good to 'blob' and relax... just as the SA and UK doctors had ordered.

Being able to travel up country, visiting friends as well as taking time out, seemed a luxury and seeing the wider family has been special too. A definite highlight was having all the family together singing Happy Birthday for the new septuagenarian! Balancing R&R with home and garden duties, wanting to meet dear friends and have time with family can prove to be a delicate skill; hopefully it will become easier towards the latter part of this year.

In our previous Newsletter we had intimated that the hoped-for successor to enter the frame into Emmanuel Press was beginning to come into focus. But only last week after a hearty and helpful conversation we heard this was not to be. Sad in one respect but yet relieved that what was not flowering into peace and positivity, was now concluded. Yes, for us and



Enjoying the evening sun in the Peaks



The whole clan gathered for a 70th celebration

all involved we know that God's way will always show the hallmarks of peace, comfort and a sure sense of 'rightness'. So please continue to pray that God's good way, will guide us forwards in unity and peace. We are convinced that The LORD will provide all that is necessary and good. The faithful words of Hudson Taylor of the 19th century are still true today: "God's work done in God's way never lacks God's supply."

Six years ago, by faith in God, we stepped out on our South African mission. Now, by the same token, we both believe that we are soon to conclude our time of being on-location in SA. We are so very grateful for you who have stood, and continue to stand with us during these years. You have proved to be a vital part of our going and being and serving. Some of Paul's New Testament writings have come alive in a new way since we have experienced being away from home and familiarity. If I could use one of his letters to convey what we mean I would turn to his letter to the Believers in Philippi, "Every time we think of you we give thanks to our God!" (Phil.1:3ff). If you take 20mins, you can read his complete letter and it will be a relevant blessing.

Yes we have enjoyed being here in England for this springtime period, but we must return to where Father has called us to be for this next 3 months; bags are nearly packed; goodbyes have brought that familiar ache to the heart; our minds are racing ahead to happy friendly faces waiting for us, and God is working good things in you as you continue to pray His power to work in our lives. Thank you. Thank you and again we say, THANK YOU!

Paul's concluding words to the believers in Philippi will be the perfect way for us to end this brief letter to you: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

Peter & Kay



We made it home in time for the woodland bluebells nearby



and even managed a quick visit to The New Forest



A trip to Scotney Castle is one of our favourite local walks