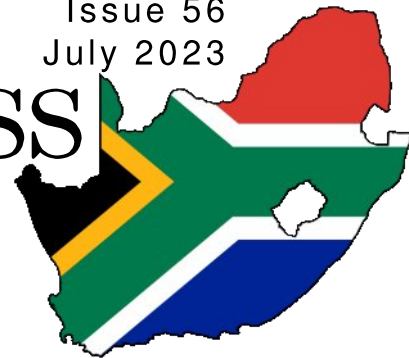


Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
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Dear Friends, greetings from a rather too cool climate in White River. This evening I write by candlelight, with a jumper on, while Kay is sporting a blanket over chilly feet as we adjust to a colder-than-the-UK climate and, uncharacteristically for SA winters, days of heavy rain and strong winds. The coldness gets to your bones and, together with daily 'load-shedding' power cuts, has made it an endurance test for us both. Coughs & colds have only added to a winter-feel. You'll understand our hope for a warm October when we're back in England.

We are glad to be back into a busy schedule of activity both in and out of the EP office. If there is one word to summarise these past 3 weeks, it would be, "Encounters".

At Jo'burg airport we were met by our good friend Len who sped us to his home in Pretoria where we stayed for 24hrs. Len and Zelna are great hosts and we enjoyed time together talking about God's Kingdom happenings. We boarded the bus and arrived in White River on Tuesday evening. It was good to be back with the EP team on Wednesday morning and to meet friends again at Nelspruit church at the weekend. We had the pleasure of meeting a couple Indio & Des were keen to introduce us to, they have recently returned to the area.



Enjoying lunch in the garden during a surprisingly rare moment of sunshine

Although we usually have advanced notification, the 3+ hour power cuts, sometimes multiple times a day, are incredibly frustrating both for business and for general living. It obviously has an impact upon what can be done in offices and kitchens alike. But when you have to, one learns to adjust to the

new normal. Getting up at 5.30am to manually restart our flat's heat-pump has become part of that normal. Kay is developing her cooking styles to cater for quick meals and our slow-cooker is proving very useful indeed.

It's been encouraging to meet new friends of EP – some are new whilst others have had connection with this mission for years. As the news of our planned September departure begins to filter out we sense it will make the goodbyes that much more difficult. Already friends are pressing with questions as to when we might be visiting again.

Now, regarding our prayed-for successors we have encouraging news. I mentioned in our last newsletter that God's ways will always show a sense of rightness and His peace in our hearts... and God makes His will plain at the right time. We asked the Lord for a couple whose home is here, and are passionate for God's Word. Well, 3 weeks ago, we were introduced to a lovely couple who we believe are called by God to be here. They have a passion for God and His Word. They are well qualified in terms of gifting and skills.

France and Teresa, from Zimbabwe, are 10 years our junior with a burden to spread & teach God's Good News of Jesus. They've lived in Nelspruit for over 20 years but only recently become available for this calling. France has spent most of his working life in management but with a growing burden to be spreading God's Word. We've spent time together over these weeks and each time are encouraged by their love for God and this mission. We've discovered several other areas of commonality; he loves the piano, good humour; love family; see the need for unity and good relationships, etc. They both have skills in admin, IT and practical matters too. So, we see the coming weeks for holding the baton together as we plan for the future.

Thank you so much for your continued strong and caring support. Please pray for France and Teresa, and for us, as we walk this path together. Hey, in less than 2 months we're flying again. Thank you as we wait for the sun and walk with The Son.

With love,

Peter & Kay



An unusual flower we spotted on a recent outing.



At lunch with Indio & Des and France & Teresa