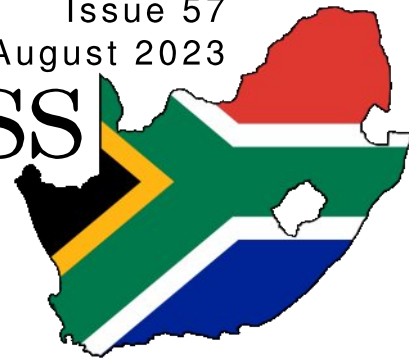


Hot off The Press

News from Peter and Kay Goodchild at
Emmanuel Press in South Africa

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Hello from a slowly warming climate here in White River. Spring is in the air but, much like in England, it's sometimes difficult to guess a day ahead. We are so grateful to have had electricity these past 3 weeks... politics is responsible for so much in this world, even electricity it would seem.

As I look over my shoulder I catch a glimpse of 6 years ago; we were gathering our minds, belongings, visas and vision to embark on an unknown chapter. Now it seems we're about to turn the page. But just a minute, let's complete this page first...

After we returned here on July 3rd our good friend and fellow board member Indio, invited Kay and me to supper with him and Des on 14th to meet some long-time friends of theirs. Why they hadn't introduced us before, they weren't sure but I think God knew. And so, we met France & Teresa and within five weeks they were unanimously accepted as our successors by the EP Board.

In early 2018 we left the UK with an encouraging word of scripture from a dear prophetic friend, Reinhard, serving the Lord in Brazil. The verse, from Haggai 2, encouraged us deeply. Now 5½ years later France tells me that God has given him a word of scripture for the future of Emmanuel Press. Yes, you guessed it: Haggai 2:9. Wow! Out of over 30,000 verses in the Bible the Holy Spirit confirmed and encouraged us with a matching 'Amen'. France and I 'clicked' in friendship, in passion for God's Gospel and in



Kay with Teresa and France



France with the EP Board

the need for Holy Spirit leading in the future mission of EP. So many other details have just fitted into place and we thank The Lord that He is leading the changes for this new chapter.

France will officially shadow me from 4th September and together we'll share the detail of weekly activity. On Friday 22nd Sept I will officially hand on the baton, as we gather to pray for him in his new role as the Director of EP. Then, after an SA public holiday weekend, we'll say our farewells, pack our cases and be ready to leave on the Tuesday morning.

These weeks of preparing to leave are colouring the routine ongoing responsibilities of EP office life for us both. Kay is kept busy in reception, and although daily walk-in visitors are down in numbers, there's still plenty to occupy. Weekends are opportunities to visit local churches to promote EP, and attend to minor household repairs etc. The other weekend we visited a local church to present certificates to EP students as the pastor was keen to promote our courses for others to take up the challenge.

An August highlight was celebrating with our longest serving employee. Calvin started working at EP way back in 1983. Kay baked a cake and other goodies, and we presented him with a beautiful Bible and a framed certificate for forty years faithfulness. He was quietly delighted.

So with this penultimate issue of HOTP, let me conclude with our heartfelt thanks to you for your support and prayer and interest in our lives in this African calling. Please feel free to write to us before we sign off from this email address in a month's time. We will be writing to those of you who have especially blessed us with your practical support through this journey.

With love,

Peter & Kay



Contending with the local wildlife



Celebrating Calvin with cake and a certificate