



The Word, His Word - still works... and it's still free

Despite changeable postal service across South Africa, we are continuing to receive letters, visitors, and what we call 'walk-in' students as well as some coordinators; those who live relatively close by, who come bearing papers to be marked and requesting further studies, or those coming to visit the Bible bookshop in our reception area. Again, despite obstacles of various sizes, the schools continue to produce work and good interest as our dedicated 'schools visitors' ply us with more requests, exams to mark and new recruits. The need for more schools workers, prison visitors and general "Word" carriers is becoming a poignant prayer request. "Lord send more labourers".

White River News

As we are now into the second quarter of the year, it's good to let you know that 'The Word' continues to be sent out to enthusiastic readers who love to keep in touch with The Press and grow as disciples of Jesus.

One keen student presented us with a few good questions that may be relevant to many believers around the globe: "Why are there so many churches today?" and "What does the Bible teach regarding denominations?" And in a world that is increasingly confused, and there are so many weird as well as wonderful expressions of church, we can understand why this question: "Is it safe to have membership in a denomination?"!

We trust our simple answers helped this man in his quest for more truth.

In March The team here welcomed two new members of staff: Peter + Kay Goodchild from the U.K. Suffice to say, they are enjoying a varied introduction into the wonders of The Press. They had been here less than 3 weeks when Wendy Skinner received news of her aged mum's sudden deterioration in Canada. Wendy's flight was quickly booked and she returned home (a month earlier than planned) and Dean followed 3 days later, hearing of mum's imminent home call to heaven. The funeral was a time of great thanksgiving for all the family and many good friends over the years. Dean and Wendy expect to return early August to cover others' away-leave.

As to life back at Emmanuel Press... we'll share more that and other staff developments at our White River offices in our next Newsletter planned for June! We praise God for His amazing provision in wonderful ways.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8+9.

His Holy purposes are forever sure!

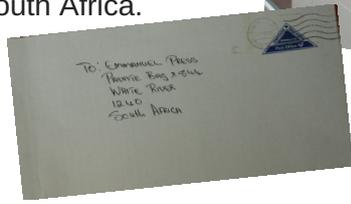
Uganda News

A Visit from the Executive Director...In late January Dean Skinner, Executive Director of Emmanuel Press Africa visited our offices in Kampala to encourage and support the ministry of Emmanuel Press East Africa. This office has been open now for over two years, and we thank God for His gracious provision through generous hearts. Thanks to the generosity of prayerful friends they now have their own computers, printers and photocopier! Assisting Linda Duncalfe there is Eva in the office and Peter who also serves onsite and to pastors across the country.



It was a packed schedule for a busy 5 days of visiting, preaching and speaking to leaders. Dean preached at the church of one of our Coordinators who teaches our discipleship course to 70 inmates in the largest prison there in Kampala. A quick trip to Gulu in northern Uganda was also included, where they met with about 60 pastors and ministry leaders. Over and over they heard pastors expressing appreciation for this free resource which helps them make disciples and brings life and transformation to their communities.

Just yesterday we received a letter in the post from a very grateful student, a prisoner in Fichard Park Penitentiary, Bloemfontein, South Africa.



He writes... "I don't have enough words to say to you but there are things that I want to tell you. Sometimes when I read your teaching, I feel the presence of God and that shows me that I am a child of God. I feel good every time when I read the book of God, that we call The Bible. When I am in my cell I feel the glory of God and I sing and praise God. I like God and I believe in the Son of God who takes care of me. I thank God for everything he does for me..."



The premises here in Hennie Van Till Street, White River continues to require maintenance and this past month, as the weather allows, has seen a painter hard at work,. Heavy downpours are welcome and refreshing but make it a rest day for the outside workers!

You would be impressed with flat No.9 undergoing a kitchen refurbishment. Join us in praying for a new resident; who is 'called of God' to be servant @ Emmanuel Press!



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