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Reaching across Africa with God's Written Word



As Your Words are taught, they give light; even the simple can understand them, O God  
Psalm 119:130

The hope of springtime is getting closer here in South Africa. The cold nights and dry sunny days are beginning to give way to milder nights and hopefully spring rains! Despite 'cool' temperatures in the natural, we are seeing the warmth of God's Love opening hearts as the message of His Love spreads. It's been encouraging to see new people approach us, and ongoing enthusiasm to finish the courses to take the 'prize' of a certificate from Emmanuel Press. We pray that 'the prize' of knowing Jesus as Saviour and LORD personally, will be the most coveted possession.

We often receive letters in the post. Read what one brother, who came to Christ through our courses whilst serving 'life' in prison, says:

"Tell everyone that their brother who was missing has now been found! And I would like to join the church so that if I ever get out of this place, I will become a full member of the church. I would like to tell everyone that when I was still outside I never knew the Lord, and because of my ignorance of The Lord I ended up doing things I shouldn't do. My family all turned their backs on me, but I understand that because I wasn't a good example. As I'm writing this letter I hope you will pray for me while I'm still here. From your brother who was lost and now has been found, Bongani"



*This envelope reveals something of the heart that sent it from a prison in Bloemfontein*



*Our Friday morning prayer and praise group*

Another prisoner, Charles, wrote, "I am also grateful to Emmanuel Press Bible School for providing me with help to assist me in prison" Every week there are dozens of inmates who are being taught God's Gospel and many are finding that Jesus is the One who sets them free even while they are kept in these crowded 'Correctional Centres'.

This week I attended the men's top security prison in Barberton with our prison worker Dumisani. The inmates are hungry for God's Word and we see signs as they sit and listen attentively to the preacher. "The teaching of God's Word brings light... and life!" Thank God for the dozens of prisoners finding Jesus Christ in the prisons. Please pray for the power of God's truth in their lives.

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As we work here in the White River Offices, we make time each morning to pray and commit the day and this ministry to Jesus. It's all about HIM and His Glory! It's why we are here. Every Friday we welcome friends in the area to join us and help us lift up JESUS. The other week we sang "Lift JESUS HIGHER..." and that sums up our hearts... Oh that He draws more!

Kay and I travelled into the Kruger Park, to Satara Visitors' Camp, to encourage a group of believers on staff who meet on Sunday afternoons. They loved the Word and welcomed us warmly. Dear Ezrom, their leader, is so enthusiastic for Jesus. As we drove off we spotted a lone hyena gnawing a bone, not far from the excitement of a crowded football match.

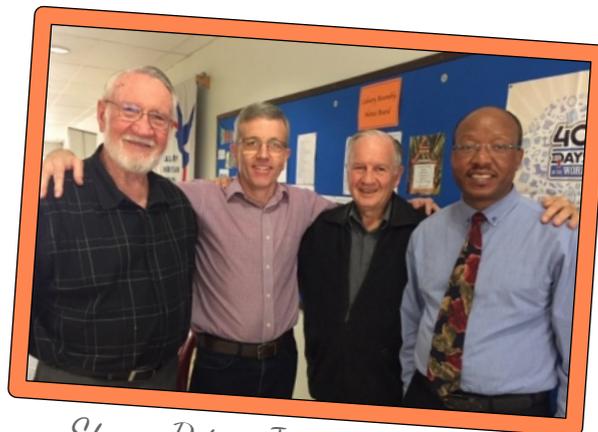


## A Chapter of Change amidst New Growth

The last two months have brought changes on our E.P. Board, but it all casts us on The LORD who is helping us to transition to a 'new' day, with renewed faith and signs of fresh fruit. Jesus said "Without ME you can do nothing"! We must prove HE meant just that: We NEED JESUS for EVERYTHING that can be counted in God's Kingdom Value.

We say goodbye to Ronas and Richard as they leave the board, to focus on new horizons, whilst we welcome a younger brother, Indio Swartz to the team. He and his wife, Desiree, assist us greatly as our new accountants - more about them in our next Newsletter.

This recent picture tells its own story of the unity of four friends together after a recent board meeting. I was reminded of David's words in Ps.119:143 (NLT) As pressure and stress bear down upon me(us), I(we) find joy in your commands!



*Steve, Peter, Jason and Osborn*

**Now here is the best news.** Evidence of fruit on the vine... The number of Discipleship lessons sent out and contacts with new enquirers has been increasing! In June and July we saw an amazing 70% increase compared with any past month of this year. In July we recorded 999 first time contacts that have started our Basic Discipleship Course and over 8,000 lessons sent in the past eight weeks! Let praises to God ring out, and pray for us that we keep our eyes on JESUS, and not the wind and waves that rise high at times.

Our aim is ever to lift Jesus up and see more men and women drawn to HIM; as we are here ultimately, for His glory and His fame!

Thank you for standing in praise, kneeling in prayer and walking in faith with us!

Peter, on behalf of the team at Emmanuel Press.