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Reaching all of Africa with the Written Word



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

Thank you for receiving this Newsletter. We dedicate this issue to a team role call and simply ask that you pray for each one, and that God will add to our numbers those whom He is calling to be part of the next chapter here in White River.

After a challenging few months during 2016, Jeff & Teri Mazik returned to Canada later that year, and 2017 turned out to be a quiet year. By contrast, 2018 has already seen some significant changes.

During February we were sorry to say goodbye to **Cecilia Engelbrecht**. For 4 years, Cecilia had been involved with the office administration, primarily overseeing the finances. We honour and appreciate her dedicated service. She and her husband, Nico, continue to visit schools in the area on a weekly basis, assisting students in completing our Discipleship Courses. She leaves us to assist her husband in secretarial work as they pastor a church in White River.

In March, we welcomed **Cynthia Bakker** to help us each Wednesday in her accountancy role. She has lived in the community for many years and runs her own bookkeeping business. We are thankful to have her on board. We note here that Gillian ably assists with day-to-day finances.



Kay & Peter

We are delighted to welcome **Peter and Kay Goodchild**. They arrived early in 2018 after pastoring in England for over 40 years. During that time they hosted many connected to the Press including David and Loreen Newington. Their long association and awareness of this ministry has culminated in moving to South Africa to help guide us in “Reaching all of Africa with the written Word.” We are thankful for the many in the UK who are partnering with them in prayer and finances to enable them to work here full-time.

Peter and Kay's involvement allows **Dean and Wendy Skinner** to be more involved in the bigger picture of EP, raising funds and the profile of our ministry, especially in Canada. After 13 years based in White River, they plan to spend only a few months each year here in South Africa, and more time overseas.

Gillian Harris has now been at EP for four years, having spent over 20 years of ministry in Mozambique. Fluent in Portuguese, she covers many areas in the main office, where her Christ-like spirit is a great blessing. Her experience, adaptability and reliability make her an invaluable member of the team.



Dean & Wendy

Most recently, **Cindy Smith** bids us all farewell at the end of July this year. After over a decade of committed

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service at EP, Cindy is moving to a new area of ministry in August. She will be assisting pastoral training institutions across Africa, under the Canadian Assemblies Global Education program. During her time at EP she has moved us a tremendous distance in the computer and technology realm, allowing for easier translation, formatting and tracking of students and lessons. We wish her well in multiplying these efforts across Africa. We place on record our true thanks for her many years of service.



Cindy

We cannot fail to mention the other members of the team here at Emmanuel Press - servants of Jesus Christ:



Kay, Calvin, Gillian and Tobogo outside the office.

Tebogo Akongse is an energetic and sharp young woman whose willing and happy approach to life, and the things of the Lord Jesus, are appreciated by all who meet her. She is always busy with students' lessons and certificates, keeping various databases checked and up-to-date. Having worked alongside Cindy for 5 years she will take over some of her responsibilities. Tebogo lives here on-site with her husband, Divine (a school teacher) & super little son Afeseh (2 yrs old).

Calvin Khosa is our longest serving team member and, with almost 35 years here, he has witnessed many changes! He has mastered the in-house printing of all our tracts and lessons, while continuing to run the tract office, which includes packaging and posting across the continent. His delivery to the Post Office and return with the post bag is a daily highlight anticipated by all. He is a true warrior for Jesus and here for the long run.



Sophie

Dumisane Ndlovu has been associated with us for nearly 6 years since his meeting with Jesus who changed his life radically whilst in prison. His weekly visits to two prisons and schools visits provide the office staff with plenty of lessons to mark and send!



Ezekiah

Space fails us to tell more of **Sophie** our singing cleaner and **Ezekiah** our keen young gardener; both work for us part-time but are full hearted in their very visible and helpful contribution to the well-being of all.

Finally, THANK YOU for your faithful support and prayers for all of Emmanuel Press and the staff who are serving Jesus here. We are blessed by your prayerful support. Jesus reminded us in Luke 10:2-3, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray and ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Please pray on!

Co-scripted by Dean & Peter

For our next issue we hope to include details from the team in Uganda, as well as other news from Emmanuel Press in Africa, as we seek "To reach and disciple the people of Africa with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."