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Emmanuel Press

Bringing God's Written Word to You

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

Like much of the world, it's very quiet here at Emmanuel Press. During the last week of March office closures were enforced in South Africa as part of the national lock-down in response to the Covid pandemic. Now, a month later, we are trying to understand when we can officially open our offices & Bible bookshop. We hope to clarify and open our doors to those who want to come as soon as we are able.

At the start of March we were preparing to launch our new on-line e-learning facility but the lock-down brought us to a standstill. With no post arriving much of our usual work has dried up. That said, the social distancing rules have allowed some limited work to continue. Three of us live on-site and have been able to attend to some office matters like paying bills and responding to emails etc. Gillian has popped in for a few essential matters and some technical problems have been resolved by our IT consultants.

After 5 weeks of the Covid lock-down there are signs of a return to activity, but let me share some anecdotes from the past month:

I am happy to confirm the old out-of-date website is being replaced with a more helpful site, complete with the new e-learning portal, at emmanuelpress.org. Importantly, we can manage and update this new site ourselves.

You may remember Domingos was looking to buy a home with scope for use as an EP office in Maputo. We are eagerly expecting the confirmation any day now that the purchase of 'Emmanuel House' has completed.

As we are unable to hold the leaders' teaching sessions I have been sending out a half hour audio teachings by Whatsapp to a few local leaders. This past month's focus has been "God's Plan of Salvation".

We have updated the Emmanuel Press Facebook page each day with scripture and encouragement. From the comments we've received, this has been a blessing to many of those who follow us.



Our new website is now online and includes an e-learning portal.

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The garden has enjoyed some attention with a captive workforce on site, and our neighbours may have enjoyed hearing our voices raised in song twice each week. Sounds of 'Because He lives... Bless The Lord Oh my soul...' may have wafted across fences as we have met outside in the carport.

These days of closure have opened a door of God's appointment and refreshing in His Word, and this is echoed by brother Joseph Mpakanyane as he writes in an open letter from his home in Lesotho during these lockdown days. "Our prayers ought to be for a close, personal relationship with God. This is much more important than our ministry work. Our worship flows from a place of relational security in Him and will cause us to see our work in a different light. May we grab this opportunity given to us during these tough times."

During these 'quiet days' Kay and I have purposed to soak ourselves in God's Written Word, spending time daily to read His Word aloud, letting it dwell in us. God will have His way. We stand still to see the salvation of Our God. We are renewed in the words of God's Spirit from Zechariah 4:6 "This is what The Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force or by strength, but by My Spirit, says The Lord"... God will have His way as we enter a new day at The Press.

So, thank you for praying for us. Thank you for thinking of us. And thank you for standing in faith that we will see greater things as God brings His Written Word to people, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

In lock-down we kneel down to break down the barriers to His Renown!

From Peter on behalf of the workers in waiting.



One of our newly renovated flower beds



EP residents gathering on a chilly Sunday morning to join with a church live-stream



Photo call after an outdoor worship time with the EP residents

When you pray, say:

"Our Father Let your Kingdom Come and may Your Name be glorified as Your Word goes forth."

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