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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

Hello again from a happy but high humidity White River. It's been a month of making some useful connections with some significant steps forward.

This is IT - In February we welcomed Michael from CVGlobal (in Cape Town) to assess our current situation regarding all things technical and media, and then advise us in our IT vision, network setup and our pursuit of an online learning platform. Michael stayed two days and left us with a comprehensive report with action points aplenty. Rejoice with us for his visit, and we're grateful to our heavenly Father that his visit was a gift to us from CVGlobal.

Since Michael's visit, we are happy to report our IT network has been simplified and upgraded to a respectable level of efficiency. Intermittent WiFi is history! Being 'non-techy', I am grateful for Tobogo (our most IT savvy team member), and now together we are asking God for the next step in engaging the best personnel for our projects.

The photocopier saga has been testing us with waiting and discussing about toner supplies, contracts, costs and servicing, but we are getting sorted in this now. We have a new company who are helping to resolve our problems!

Churches Building People - I visited a pastor friend's church and addressed the gathered leaders about our material and responses have started to appear. A few weeks ago we hosted the local Church leaders' fraternal meeting here at The Press, further sharing our vision to spread God's Word. "Imagine a tool to equip your church members to reach out to lead their friends to Jesus... It's free, versatile and simple." Several leaders are seeing the possibilities.

We increasingly want to work with local churches to support and supplement their efforts. Whereas in past decades The Press used the postal service for outreach, we are now seeing the New Testament way of disciples reaching out to 'go and make disciples' for themselves in the context of their home church.

Our good friend Domingos, has arrived back from Maputo with good news of new disciples, hungry hearts and steady appetites for more Bible courses. Onwards in Mozambique in the name of Jesus!



Tobogo with Michael from CVGlobal



IT installation in progress

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Life at Calvary Place - At the beginning of March we welcomed new tenants into the three vacant flats. I like to call them co-supporters and helpers in the The Press family. We all gathered at our home (Flat 3) for introductions, a cuppa and to pray together. We are now 12 living on site and, although only three of these are full-time EP workers, we surely have supportive and interested others that call this their home.

Our UK Support Team is undergoing major change. Our very grateful thanks to those who have carried the baton for so long! We salute John & Elsie Tait who pioneered the UK team and have now 'retired'. Thanks too to Sybil Warrington, a faithful warrior for Jesus for decades. It's also goodbye and sincere thanks to Martin & Sharon Buckle who have served well in recent years as treasurer and secretary. PRAY a vibrant, passionate team will take up the baton to be a catalyst for The Press, in the UK.

Testimonies are always encouraging for us. This week two prisoners wrote, "I like and appreciate your courses because they help me so much and I am able to read a bible and understand and study it." from Semelo in Bloemfontein.

From Sianton in Kimberly, "to my brothers and sisters at Emmanuel Press, it was a wonderful time that I have spent with the Bible Discipleship Course and I have learnt a lot. Thanks to God and to you also... This is the year that I am going home. In December I will be outside!"

Life Sentences - This month Ezekiah and I joined Dumisane, our Prisons Visitor, to award certificates to inmates completing the BDC in Barberton high security men's prison and Lydenburg Correctional Centre. We returned with lists of students wanting to start our courses.

It was inspiring being with these inmates, men changed by Jesus Christ, both seeing them testifying and hearing them pray... "they lifted their voices to God in prayer." God is still changing men's lives through the power of His Word and The Holy Spirit! They are SO hungry for God's Word. Oh how I wish we had more helpers to visit these places!



April begins with our annual Board Meeting, then whilst Kay & I spend 6 weeks in the UK visiting family and friends of EP, Dean & Wendy Skinner will be here to assist until our return 19th May. Gillian will take 7 weeks back home in The UK once we're back in SA.

In Acts 8:29 the Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." We here at The Press want to hear the Spirit directing us to the right 'chariot' and see the power of God's Word bringing life changing results!

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Peter, on behalf of the great team at Emmanuel Press.

THANK YOU! A sincere and BIG thank you for your interest, support and prayer! The key issues in all this is the power and presence of The Holy Spirit; Jesus who inspires those involved in the work, and the army of praying saints called to encourage and intercede.