October 2013 update from Ken Millwood

Dear All,

Welcome to the October update.

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who read and responded to the August update, or more specifically the extract from Chapter 5. I really appreciate all your comments, the encouragement I received to keep up the good work and several offers of help with spelling and proofreading; one of which I am actively pursuing.

I have done a little bit of work on the book since I last wrote, however the main part of this update is about the two major changes in my life since August: namely a change of church and change of employment status.

To take these in reverse order. I have had a growing desire since the start of this year that I need to be 'out there' where the non-church people are so I can share the good news of Jesus more easily. It's great working for a Christian ministry, but it's very hard to share your faith with work colleagues who are already believers. After much prayer I took the bold step to hand in my notice and then leave KCM at the end of September. I applied for a few jobs before I left, all without success. It now means I am putting the book's theme in practise – and depending on God – in this case to help me find a job where I can share my faith. Not in a Bible-bashing kind of way, but, more in a normal type of "What do you do outside of work?" [I do Christian puppet shows...] "Where did you work last?" [I worked for a Bible teaching ministry...] answering-questions-which-opens-up-other-questions type of way.

Some of the things I will miss about KCM (apart from the great people I worked with) are the prayer times and faith-filled Bible-teaching I was privileged to receive. One of the ways I will be filling that gap is that - after 17 years at Keynsham Elim - I have recently moved to a church in South Bristol which teaches the Bible and prays in a style similar to KCM. A big change which I believe is right for me at this time.

This is therefore a new season for me. A new church, getting to know new people, and looking for new work (temporary or permanent – I don't mind) trusting God in it all.

I'm aiming to get one more update out before the end of the year.

Kind Regards,

Ken

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