

AMERICA, ISRAEL & LEBANON, JULY 2006

We're delighted to report that the good response from North America to our online preaching and offer of Bible Basics continues. About a year ago, a visit was made to a high security where TROY DAVIS has been studying with us as well as the ASK team. Visitors aren't allowed to perform baptisms, they have to be performed by the chaplain. Troy spends his time searching the Scriptures and is utterly convinced of the basic truths of the Gospel, and has seen through the false doctrines of the trinity, immortal soul, hell fire etc. He wrote a long letter explaining how he was finally baptized, and how he made a public witness to his doctrinal understanding before all. You can read extracts as follows- it's very inspiring reading:



On a recent visit to North America, we were able to contact a number of those who are studying Bible Basics, and are happy to report the baptism of BARBARA, our first convert from a Native American background. Our sister spends two hours each morning in Bible study, and although in isolation, the Vancouver WA ecclesia will keep in touch with her. This leads us to share wonderful news with you about the progress in Vancouver WA. Thanks to the zealous efforts of Bro Mike Warren in this area, a number of people have been studying Bible Basics and other material and have now accepted the Truth. Along with Sis Carol Schulz & Bro Mark Schulz and Bro Mike Warren from Portland OR ecclesia, the new ecclesia comprises: CORI, AZALEEN, WAYNE, JILL, AMANDA, JOHNNY and RHONDA. We give them a very warm welcome into the family of faith. We're grateful to members of the Portland OR ecclesia for visiting, encouraging and breaking bread with them. We're very happy to share with you the news of the establishment of an ecclesia here- you can see their website at www.vancouverecclesia.net. Do take a visit and drop them an email of encouragement. Their zeal for the doctrines of the truth is wonderful. Brother Wayne carries a supply of Bible Basics in his car and is always handing them out to folk. He's one of the most well versed and good-at-reasoning critics of the trinity we've encountered. The group have a number of people regularly attending classes with them and are hoping to hold a major campaign shortly. But the great example is the way that they are talking to people, inviting them to their house meetings, and proving to us all that ordinary people are interested in a real, dynamic relationship with God in truth. It was a true inspiration to spend time with them and we wish them God's blessing in their new faith.



Brother Wayne in full flow



Brother Mike Warren at a home study class

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As announced in carelink messages of some years ago, members of CCM have been involved with baptizing contacts in southern Lebanon and also northern Israel- areas now ravaged by violence as you will be aware. Our brother in southern Lebanon and our sister who lives directly on the Israeli-Lebanon border [on the Israeli side] are OK, although the sister spends most of her time in the bomb shelter. Some years ago we reported how the cheapest housing in Israel is in the high rise blocks in the towns along the Lebanese border- and the apartments on the top floors [most prone to being hit by rockets fired from the Lebanese hills facing them] are the cheapest. Most of these apartments and blocks are occupied by Russian immigrants, often single mothers, such as our sister who lives there. We earnestly pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the Lord to continue to preserve His people in these affected areas. We also give thanks for His preservation thus far.

With love and joy from your brothers and sisters of CCM

*If you think you're too small to be effective,
you've never been to bed with a mosquito.*
(Anita Roddick, Founder of the Body Shop)