

April 2014 Holland, Belgium, Kenya, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 3 and 4 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts34.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; *Carelinks Bible Radio* is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at 08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at www.carelinks.net [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat, use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries

UKRAINE

As you may have seen from the news, the town of **Slavyansk** has been in the midst of major conflicts between Ukrainian and pro-Russian forces... and we have a family of 3 baptized members there, they have a young child. They are right in the center and I know the town quite well. So please do pray for them. There are other baptized members in the surrounding villages, as well as Donetsk, Lugansk Obl. and Krasny Liman. Please do pray for them all. The Ukrainian attacks so far have been repelled by the Russians, they burnt a huge number of tyres to create a smokescreen through which they fired. It just makes life pretty unbearable with that amount of toxic smoke around you when you have little children to care for. So please do continue praying for them.

HOLLAND

This week we made a visit to **Belgium** and **Holland**, and are delighted to report four wonderful baptisms. In **Amsterdam**, VIRGILLIA came from Islam to the Jehovah's Witnesses, thence to visiting various churches, and finally to the Truth. She has a wonderful balance between carefully searching for Biblical truth, and being a true Christ-focused Christian. Despite health issues she distributes tracts on the streets and has even tried to rent a local community center to hold meetings with her contacts. We cannot speak highly enough of her faith, appreciation and understanding. Her friend HARVEY likewise came from a Jehovah's Witness background and left them taking with him a clear understanding of the unity of God [rather than a Trinity] , the death state and the coming of the Kingdom on earth. Both of them have been impressed with the *NEV Bible*. Here you can see us after breaking bread together. We believe and pray that this couple will take God's truth to many more people in their area.



Our work with ex-JWs is bearing a lot of fruit, and there are so many people around who have had some level of contact with this organization, learned some true doctrines but are now alone and floundering. You could direct such folks to our website for them at www.exjw.org.uk

BELGIUM

The community of immigrant brethren here continue witnessing and we're delighted to report that on a visit there this week, FARID and AMIR were baptized into the Lord Jesus. They are both mature men who have carefully and sincerely come to the decision to reject the Moslem religion and culture of their homeland [Iran]. They have family and loved ones in Iran whom they may never see again.

Please do continue to support our efforts to support such sincere brethren. Both Amir and Farid are fearless in witnessing for their new faith and wished to make a public statement on the open

internet about it, as did brother Sorena last year. Farid explained how his baptism was a culmination of 20 years interest in Jesus, reading the Bible and searching for relationship with Him, although he previously had had no chance to be baptized. You can see their brief video messages [both in English] at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vx1W0iaykbc>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T5XG0xyc0>

After their baptisms they both expressed how they felt they were truly born again and felt as new people and as newborn children.



KENYA

Brothers John and Daniel Aldersely have just done a trip to Kenya to visit and work with Brothers Joshua and Amos Kisuya and family.

The reason we travelled to Kenya was at the invitation of Brother Amos who I met in South Sudan last November while doing a mission trip there. Amos has been in the truth for years having been taught by his parents who have also been in the truth for several decades. I took my son Daniel who is 15 years old and a baptised believer and has already a strong understanding of the truth. He is a musician and plays sax and ukulele which we brought with us. We arrived in Nairobi 8/4 and met with 5 friends of Amos and showed a power point presentation on the Kingdom of God. The scriptures speak for themselves and constantly affirm that we shall inherit the earth when Jesus comes. We sang some spiritual choruses led by Daniel on the ukulele in our hotel room that night. The next day we took a 10 hour bus drive to Western Kenya to stay just outside a town called Chwele with Brother Joshua and sister Rosemary who are the parents of Amos. They are strong in the truth and we enjoyed their wonderful hospitality and spiritual discussions. This was our base, and we travelled from here to various villages and towns to do Bible teaching.

11/4 – Travelled to Kisumu and on to Homa Bay / Kendu Bay where we met Wycliffe who I had met when in Kenya 2 years ago. He is a Pastor keen to know the truth and he took us into the mountains via some very rough tracks to visit 3 small village churches. I love visiting these places as the people are warm and receptive – hard working farmers who ask for nothing, but actually gave us drinks, biscuits and pineapples to take away for our further travels. We stayed that night in Homa Bay.

12/4 – Travelled back early in the morning to one of the village churches in the hills as we had arrived there on dark the day before and they were keen to learn more, Had a few hours there doing power point on the kingdom and playing music. Left for Rongo about 9 am. Spent the day in a small church in Rongo which is Wycliffe's hometown doing power points on the kingdom, the nature of the devil. The body language of the listeners to the kingdom talk was gratifying as it is obvious the "penny has dropped" as to our hope being on earth. They said the devil and demons talk was going to take them a bit more thought but they are open to learn. We spent some good time answering questions and discussing the traditional alternatives. The generator worked well and allowed us to use the power point talks and for Daniel's accompanying music

for his sax tunes. We have committed to supplying around 40 Luo language bibles for those who do not have bibles.

13/4 – Attended church with Joshua, Amos and Family. Daniel played ukulele choruses for the Sunday school children and in church as well as sax music. This involved a full day of fellowship with lunch of rice, Ugale (maize flour dough), meat stew. We distributed English bibles to those who spoke English which is most, and also reading spectacles donated from sister Helen Pyper in NZ.

14/4 – Drove to a town called Eldoret – about 2 hours drive. Amos had arranged for a gathering of about 40 Pastors. Gave power points on The Kingdom and also biblical leadership and eldership – a subject they had requested. Daniel played sax as well. They were extremely excited about learning about the Kingdom and requested the notes so they could learn more and teach their churches. We will send them each a book on the subject.

15/4 – Drove up into the Elgon hills to a small village called Kopsiro. A Pastor who is one of Amos' customers in his internet café had invited us to do teaching. It was not a great distance – about 20 kms from Chwele, but an extremely steep and potholed drive and took about 1 hour. Again the people were very welcoming, and we gave power point on The Kingdom, and Daniel played sax and ukulele. The small church was packed with people – about 40. Over lunch I discussed with the four Pastors from 1 Cor 14 in relation to tongues. We have committed to supplying Swahili bibles. There is a need for several hundred so we will supply over time.

16/4 Went for an hour walk up the dirt track near Joshua's house and met Evelyn on her motorbike on the way. She had been at church on Sunday but really wanted a bible but had missed out due to working in the kitchen making lunch. So we told her to come to the house and Daniel gave her his *NEV Bible* – she really ended up with the best one – a nice purple one. An example that when we really desire God, he opens the way for us – and we met “by design” on a remote dirt track so she could have her desire met. That afternoon, a young man who is a trainee teacher came to visit Esther who is also a trainee teacher and stays with Joshua's family due to the death of her parents early in her life. We talked about the bible and we gave him an *Introducing Bible Basics* to read. He said we are the first white people he has ever interacted with!

17/4 Amos and Joshua bought 83 Swahili bibles in town to distribute to Kipsoro. God blessed the trip and gave us the opportunity to teach about 200 people more of his truth, and we pray for further follow up and growth in those whom we have met. For those of us who have known the truth for some time, it is easy to forget how it impacted us when we first heard it. I am reminded of the impact when I see the faces, the smiles, the nods, the general body language of those who have received the truth in Kenya. We have made a point of going to the common people – as Jesus did – the gospel went to the poor (Luke 4 v 18), but also secondly targeting those who are the recognised teachers; as this opens up potential large scale coverage.



CARELINKS NEW ZEALAND

Our love and support is with Br Glynn & Sis Helen Pyper, our NZ representatives, in the falling

asleep in Christ of their son brother Jonathan. May the Father comfort this wonderful family at this time.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks