

## April 2016 UK, Belarus, Interest

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include John 1 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

### UK

Interest continues to come to fruition in baptisms in South London. We had a lovely house meeting at which LUCINDA was baptized by sisters Shelby, April and Cindy, you can see the movie at [https://youtu.be/z-2K0k\\_mhxU](https://youtu.be/z-2K0k_mhxU)

Later, sister April did a brief breaking of bread service with our new sister. We recorded it, maybe a useful resource for sisters wishing to break bread in isolation with the virtual presence and guidance of another sister- <https://youtu.be/ThkbNMwfa6E>



The day with Lucinda has been such a powerful testament of the Lord's activity through our weak efforts. Lucy had been a lifetime Roman Catholic, but her search for true connection with God and the Lord Jesus left her feeling very guilt tripped by having to confess her sins to a priest, and she wondered how it could really be that relationship with God depended upon attending the Catholic church. She got a Bible and *Bible Basics* from us nearly 5 years ago. Bit by bit the lights started to go on for her as doctrine by doctrine, the truth started to click with her and she saw through Catholicism, leading to her formal resignation from the church. It was just thrilling to listen to her recounting her journey so far. Our sister has six adult children and a very elderly mother who are all online- but she can't get on with technology at all, and responded to one of our press advertisements, which reach out to people like her who are not computer literate and who are rather ignored by society these days.

We have continued visiting the hostels for refugees in south London and holding meetings for those already baptized and those wishing to learn the Gospel. We baptized MASSHOUD , a man so sincere that he was in tears after his baptism, quite overcome with emotion at having made the long awaited connection with the Lord Jesus which he had dreamed of making whilst back in Iran. His wife and teenage children are also interested and we hope they too will accept the Lord in due course. He had read through Bible Basics several times. Here you can see him at one of our home sessions watching the Farsi language presentations we display on the kitchen wall:



In the photo you can see a couple in their late 70s who fled Iran after their youngest son was executed by the regime. The mother carries photos of him and cries 'My baby, my baby'. They lost a nice house and lifestyle and are now in a hostel with nothing. They need major counselling as they are just consumed by grief and anxiety for their grandchildren back in Iran. Cindy made them Iranian food and rice and they wept with gratitude not only for the food but for being able to learn more about the Jesus whom the religious regime are so against:



Again we encourage all who can to get involved with the refugee folk. Many of them are very open to learning the Gospel. Inviting them for a meal and then showing a presentation in their language and holding regular sessions with them, both at home and in the hostels, is emerging as a real 'way to go' in bringing some to know the Gospel of their salvation.

We're pleased to tell you that the procedures on young Angela, daughter of our sister Lara, went well. She has lost sight in one eye but it seems the threat of losing the other eye, and thus going completely blind, has been averted. Thank you for your prayers about this.

### **BELARUS**

Last year we reported the baptism of brother Yuri in this very tightly controlled Communist country, which is the only remaining Soviet-style state in Europe. Yuri really feels a burden to distribute our *NEV Bibles* and *Bible Basics* which brought him to the Truth, and he has made a sandwich board which he wears after he finishes work outside the metro stations in Minsk. We have warned our brother of the likelihood of trouble as a result of this but he feels he just has to advertise the Truth somehow. Please pray for him. And thank you to all who contribute towards the ongoing cost of printing Bibles and *Bible Basics* and the postage- which is all significant.



### **INTEREST**

Each day we get a large number of responses to our printed literature and websites . We have a good team who follow up on these, always aiming to provide a response within a day or so if possible . Please pray for this work. Here are just a few of the wide range of responses we received this week:

*From Bangladesh:* I would just like to read bible out of curiosity and see what actually is inside of it - Gospel of Jesus . Currently no plan to become a Christian but just to see actually what is inside of it - the book I was told not to read- is it really the truth or not ? So, if possible send both English & Arabic ones.

*From USA:* I really need your advice about how to approach my husband and others about biblical teachings about the devil and satan specifically. My husband is heavily into the health wealth gospel - teachers because that's all he knows. I get so angry when I hear him listening to televangelist and even our pastor who is a faith movement teacher. I too was like him until I stumbled upon your book. I have never been the same since. I am so eager to tell him that I've come to learn in my bible studies from Carelink, the NEV Bible I received in the mail, and more. I have been freed since reading your books and listening to many of your teachings. How do I start the conversation with my husband about the belief in a cosmic being and even generational curses in a gentle way. Should I start with Mark 7? Also, if you know of any Christadelphian assembly in the south florida area please let me know. thank you

*From France:* When i recive the bibles can you teach me by skype something like 1 or 2 times

per month?

**PRAYER POINTS**

- For those baptized this week
- For those responding to the interest we receive, and for those receiving their answers
- For brother Yuri in Minsk
- Thanks to God for the good news about young Angela

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**