

April 2017 UK, Belgium, Italy, Ukraine, Turk

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UK

Our house church meetings continue, and we're pleased to tell you that ARMIN was baptized this week. The photos make it look like a fairly standard scene- going through the *Bible Basics* Powerpoint material with him on the computer, with another Iranian brother assisting with translation, and then after the service going to the bath tub for the baptism.



But looking closer, you'll see our brother has a glass eye. It was removed by fanatic religious extremists in his country of origin, where removal of eyes is on the statute book as legal punishment, and where Sharia law is practised- which stipulates that eyes can be removed as religious punishment. Fundamentalist Islam considers the New Testament to be 'spiritual pornography', and the eye which views it must be removed. There is no lack of evidence of this online. Realizing this, we felt before our new brother that "I have need to be baptized of you". It's very humbling to realize what some have gone through, and others are going through, for the sake of their faith in the Lord Jesus.



BELGIUM

We recently reported the baptism of brother Kwame in Belgium. He has spread our literature to other disillusioned Pentecostals in the African community in his area, and we spent a pleasant time with KWAKU, whom we baptized after a truly wonderful discussion. He was so relieved not to have to fear demons, witch doctors, spells and the like- these ideas are promulgated and widely believed in amongst many African immigrants, and are pushed by the Pentecostal churches they attend.



Life for these migrants is often difficult, even after they receive proper residency documents. They typically work in factories doing hard work for long hours, but on temporary contracts, meaning that they don't get the longer term pension and welfare benefits which go with stable

employment; and they live in tiny one room flats often sharing with other such workers. So much of Europe's economy is built upon such cheap, minimum wage labour. And many of these folks are then kidded that if they donate their spare cash to the pastor, the Lord will in the end make them rich. The prosperity Gospel is really the opposite of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Our blessings are spiritual and not material. Our new brothers and their families are keen for us to teach a seminar about wealth, blessing and prosperity in its Biblical context. Let us know if you'd like to come to Belgium for a few days to assist.

TURKEY

One of the Iranian brothers baptized already has family in Iran who'd like to be baptized. They are willing to come to Istanbul, Turkey at their own expense for this. *Would anyone like to go to Istanbul and do this?* Do let us know.

UKRAINE

We are again appealing for any who'd be able to speak at the *Summer Bible School in Kiev*, Lord willing

ITALY

We are now firming up our plans for the Summer feeding scheme in Italy, maybe last week in June, and more definitely, the period August 10-20 God willing. Let us know if you'd like to come. There are hundreds of migrants arriving on the beaches of Italy each day, and this number is set to increase over the Summer, when the Mediterranean crossing is perceived as safer.

PRAYER POINTS

- For our plans for Italy and the Ukraine
- For those recently baptized
- For all those undergoing real persecution at the hands of fundamentalist Islam
- For several contacts we have who are hovering at this time on edge of committing to the Lord in baptism

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks