

April 2019 China, Israel, Australia, Latvia, France

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Ephesians 5 and 6 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/eph56.mp3>

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Download the *NEV Bible* with commentary and *Bible Companion* bookmarks at <http://n-e-v.info/NEVBIBLE.pdf>

Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

Numbers <http://n-e-v.info/numcomm.pdf>

Proverbs <http://n-e-v.info/proverbs.pdf>

John <http://n-e-v.info/NEVJohnCommentary.pdf>

CHINA

We're pleased to report the Gospel in another very remote area, hardly touched by the Christian message and certainly not by the Truth as we understand it. This is more reason to believe that the the Lord's return is near, seeing that the Lord taught that the Gospel must go into all the world and then "the end" would come. Brother Donald reports on a few days spent in the Uygur region near Mongolia, which is largely Muslim and the scene of recent terrorist acts. He met, taught and baptized a contact there and also tried to distribute tracts and Bibles:

*"I baptized brother YAO in Urumqi. He had been given an old Chinese Bible from his grandparents and this is what made him interested. I gave him an English **NEV Version Bible** for reference. He knows the Bible and was able to quote Bible verse and knew all the Bible history. We talked much about the nearness of Christ's return and how the kingdom will be established here on earth. We talked about "What shall be the sign of your coming?". The wars, the disease and disasters, earthquake, false prophets etc. We both were convinced that Jesus will be coming soon.*

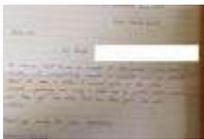
Uygur is the main ethnic group in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. There are other ethnic groups, including Han, Kazakh, Kirgiz, Mongolia, Russia and Tatar. Because Uygurs are the main ethnic group in Xinjiang Region, and they all believe in Islam in terms of religion. They consider themselves to be Turkic rather than Chinese and are behaving rather aggressively as they seek independence from China. There have been various terrorist attacks, in a recent incident, there were more than 1700 injuries and 197 deaths. 331 shops were burned, violent terrorists smashed buses, vans. I was saw Police checkpoints every 2km and armed police on the streets, all people have to get through the security checks in hotels, buses, schools etc. We distributed Bibles etc., but one Uygur woman refused the book and made a problem, so the civilian patrol came and told us it was not allowed to distribute leaflets in this city. it was very hard to preach there. But brother Yao will let me know if anyone there is wishing to get Bible. God bless".

We do need to pray for brother Yao in that very difficult situation and area. Here are photos of our new brother and his Bible, but we remind you that these are not to be shared publically in any form. They are to focus our prayers.



AUSTRALIA

The *2019 Creation Calendars* continue to bear fruit amongst women in Australia jails; some who have received them have requested **NEV Bibles**, which they have now received and are reading. One woman writes of how she has witnessed women praying in their cells and reading the Bible we sent them- and she would like one. This is a wonderful triumph for the word of God in such dark and depressive places. Another woman writes of how she hopes to leave prison in May and to meet up with us; our hope of course is that she will be baptized. And there are other contacts in Australia we hope will also soon be baptized. Please pray for them all.



ISRAEL

We continue in touch with our contacts there, and one husband and wife want to be baptized. We hope to do this in May God willing, and to do some more feeding and street preaching work too. We'd appreciate your donations towards this work in God's special land.

LATVIA

Although the Winter feeding program is over, Duncan and Cindy continue feeding at the Bible Center and holding a breaking of bread meeting attended by about 60 baptized brothers and sisters. We're open to your donations towards the cost of this. With their young children to care for and Cindy working full time, this is quite a stress on them. Duncan makes a special appeal for the weekend of Sunday May 12 God willing: "Cindy will be away this weekend, and for me to do all the cooking, serving, teaching etc. as well as care for the three children is going to be very difficult. I wonder if anyone would like to come over for that weekend? If we cancel the meetings, we risk losing momentum; those who attend typically don't have much mobile communication, aren't online at all, and to get the word out to them that the meeting is cancelled is almost impossible. So we will by all means seek to continue the meetings. But that weekend I'd really appreciate some help. The idea might suit someone in the UK who'd like a weekend break- the old town of **Riga** is really very cute and a worthy city break tourist destination. Let us know if that need is your call. It might suit someone getting involved in such work for the first time.

There is real spiritual growth amongst those who attend. Until attending our meetings some years ago, Robert suffered with depression and alcoholism, but now he has been sober for several years and attends all meetings without fail, and is our official reader of the chapters at the start of the meetings. And there are many such stories.



As the more elderly fall asleep in the Lord Jesus, we feel that our part in the Lord's mission for them has indeed been accomplished. Please do continue to support this wonderfully blessed work.



FRANCE

We're pleased to tell you of the baptism of AXEL in central France. He came to us from the *NEV Bible* material, and has read much of our material and is an enthusiastic daily reader of the *NEV Bible* and commentary. He is a true convert to Christ from a very secular non religious background. He has attended other churches but seen through them and become very sceptical of how both Protestants and Catholics see baptism as effectively into their denomination rather than into Jesus. He's a smart young university student, and has already started talking with others and asks our prayers that his mum will see the light and also be baptized. Axel is very interested in signs of the times. He is a reminder that young people are asking the right questions, and some are looking in the right places for the answers... but they are all very turned off "religion", as they see it. This is something we increasingly have to live with as we take the Gospel to European youth.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the spread of the Gospel in remote areas like Urumqi
- For the women in Australian prisons who are responding
- For the ongoing work in Riga, Latvia

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