

## April 2019 UK, Australia, Latvia, Readers Needed

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Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

**Deuteronomy** <http://n-e-v.info/deutcomm.pdf>

**Ecclesiastes** <http://n-e-v.info/ecclesiastes.pdf>

**Acts** <http://n-e-v.info/NEVActsCommentary.pdf>

### UK

Many years of distributing our literature throughout the UK have resulted in thousands of contacts reading it on and off and thinking about it, and at times this seed sown comes to fruition in baptism. We're delighted therefore to report the following baptisms this week in the London area: HASSAN, AVSHIN and AMIR

Some of these are settled immigrants who have regular jobs and homes; others are part of the ever growing underclass of people whose process has stalled, and they are left without state support and unable to legally work. They have a very hard time, especially in London where accommodation prices are so high. In an otherwise dead end situation, often far from their homeland and extended family, these folks will turn to God. And yet they find standard churches not giving them the answers to their questions, nor much of a welcome. And so the Lord Jesus, who is ever active in so many human lives, sends them to us. Do pray for them in their very difficult existence.

A picture of their difficult situation was seen in the baptisms in a large house now split up into small rooms, with three Iranians in one room. They work a 12 hour shift in a restaurant and food production company for 20 UK pound. This is of course black market work. They have nowhere to cook and just get food from their workplace. The room is nice enough, but with just a small sink in a corner; there is a communal toilet and bath tub. All they have is a kettle which they can use to make cup soups and coffee. And they have an iron, and after the baptism they had to iron their shirts to go back to the next shift. In the photo you can see a brother ironing his brother's shirt on the carpet, with his *NEV Bible* and *Farsi Bible Basics* to his right and the much used kettle on the right; and another brother wearing the now ironed shirt. They sleep on the floor. Amir first had contact with us in 2016 through the migrant center in Dulwich which we have often preached in, and we are delighted to see this long term fruit of distributing *Bible Basics* in Farsi now followed up by the soft copy of the *NEV New Testament* and commentary in Farsi. Their smartphones are about all they have in this world.



We're also pleased to say that the thousands of 2019 *Creation Calendars*, which include a statement of the Gospel and summary of Bible teaching, are being well used in UK prisons. A chaplain from a prison in Yorkshire writes:

*"Dear Marcus, Thank you for the Colour Calendars, very much appreciated. Should you decide to print next year we would appreciate 100 to 200. Prisoners really appreciate having colour photographs in their cells and of course the Scriptures verses are always there to remind them of the love of God for them and that there is a way forward. Thank you. God bless"*

Marcus is already at work producing a *Creation Calendar* for 2020.

## **AUSTRALIA**

Sister Katie continues cycling around with her "*Free Bibles*" vest and distributing Bibles to folks in the **Ipswich**, QLD area. And Mike Betty have been delivering their "*Free Bible*" postcards in **Bundaberg**, and so far have been getting 1 reply for every 500 distributed door to door. This is an incredible response. There really is interest out there, but one has to go out and engage with it- "Go into all the world", rather than waiting for them to 'come' to us.



## **LATVIA**

We need to repeat our appeal for folks to come and work in the kitchen, either just for a weekend from now until October, or for a week or more at a time from October 2019-March 2020 God willing. Do please try to support our work here, in prayer, financially and by coming over and helping if possible.

## **READERS NEEDED**

In connection with the apps being developed, we still need to expand our team of very faithful, hard working readers. If you can read Bible chapters onto your phone or device and save as an mp3 file, do get in touch with us.

## **ISRAEL**

We hope to be baptizing some contacts there God willing over the weekend of 3-5 May and also doing some feeding work. Do support this work in prayer, donations and of course your presence at the baptisms and handing out food is most welcome.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- For those recently baptized
- For those migrants and asylum seekers with apparently no way forward in their live, for whom existence is a daily struggle
- For our contacts in Belgium and Israel interested in baptism
- For more workers to come and help in Riga, Latvia-

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