

April 2019 UK, Belgium, USA, Israel

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 5 and 6 and there is an MP3 file about this at http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/Acts6_2016.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:

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

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

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

BELGIUM

Over 40 years ago, YUSUF was born into a typical **Moroccan** family, as a nominal Muslim. He trained as an accountant and one evening in Casablanca met an American who gave him a New Testament, and reading this persuaded him of the truth of Christ. Open conversion to Christianity was hard given the Islamic society. Like many educated Moroccans, he emigrated to Europe and settled in Belgium, although his accountancy qualification wasn't recognized. He went through a period of being a homeless new hopeful migrant, and the memories of that period remained with him. He retrained as a nurse and now has his own very nice apartment in a small town. So sitting in his nice apartment, he began thinking again about his Christian faith. He began attending a church but it divided over internal squabbles. He realized there was something not quite right in big church Christianity and decided to look for the Truth of true Christianity as it is in the Bible. He encountered our videos of doing welfare work with the homeless, and recalled how once he had been in that category. He then requested an *NEV Bible* from us and studied Bible Basics. He has his Bibles and *Bible Basics* in a special corner of his lounge:



It was with much joy that he was baptized and cooked a nice Moroccan meal for us:



We prayed together several times and he was extremely grateful to God for Europe accepting him and how his life has worked out. We mention this because when dealing with homeless or desperate migrants, or giving out New Testaments on the street [we've been doing this again in **Croydon UK** this week], one can wonder whether any of the seeds will ever germinate. Such folks appear in such a hard situation. But our new brother is encouragement that seeds do germinate and grow even if it takes time. We thank God for that harvest, to His glory.

UK

The baptisms of JOSEPH and his wife ALICE in the East Midlands rather continues the story of the other Joseph (Yusuf) in Belgium. They too were migrants, in their case from **Ghana**, who

came to Europe. In their case they went firstly to Italy, where the situation is just untenable for Africans as we have often reported on our work there. They managed to get to the UK, where Joseph got a degree, a job and a house- where they live with their four young children. They attended a church but began to have questions about the emphasis upon giving money, the promised blessings of wealth which never materialize and which seem inappropriate for those who seek to "naked follow the naked Christ"; and were particularly thoughtful about all the emphasis upon the devil and demons. And so they came to us online, got an *NEV Bible* and also *Bible Basics* and *The Real Devil*, which they found an eyeopener and was teaching them what they had already intuitively started to figure out. So it was with great joy, and as the fruit of much searching for "spirit and truth", that this couple were baptized in their own bath tub this week:



It was a wonderful time spent together, hours flew past, and then Joe had to go to work. We left them with a box of Bibles and other literature they are keen to distribute to their friends, and we are confident that the Lord will lead them further in their desire to bring others to Him in spirit and truth:



USA

We get a steady stream of requests for literature from people in the USA driven to search after God due to changed life situations. These seem the moments when people are truly looking, and if we can intersect with them at those points, we can bring them more easily to a commitment to the Lord in spirit and truth. Here's just a sample of what we receive:

"I understand you can't guarantee a copy to me but I ask you to please consider it I'm a new believer and recently lost my own Bible and everything else when my fiance tried to kill me and I became homeless I just recently found an income based apartment for victims of domestic violence but I'm still rebuilding my life and my financial stability If you could provide a copy of your Bible with Commentary I promise to save and repay you somehow If not I understand and thank you for helping others Your beliefs are very intriguing to me and I would love to learn more as I learn the Bible's true teachings... [later] ?? Thank you very much!!! My address is below and again I want to say thank you for everything you do!!

I recently moved into my own room at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) located at the address below. If both my name and room number are in the address, the custodian will know where to find me. Bless you!!"

Her name is Kira and she's in Alabama, let us know if you're a sister who'd like to be in contact with her to help her towards the Truth.

ISRAEL

Next weekend God willing we plan some baptisms and outreach work in Israel, and appreciate your prayers- and any willing to join us are welcome

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For our migrant and refugee brethren, that they might be able to come to a more stable life
- For all those reading our material in whatever form, that they might come to the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth
- For the upcoming trip to Israel

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks