

August 2015 Cyprus, Car Stickers, UK Gathering

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CAR STICKERS

We've now received a nice design for the car sticker idea- advertising the free *NEV Bible with commentary*. But we'd like to hear from you- whether you'd like bumper stickers, or window stickers; and whether you'd prefer self-adhesive stickers, or the static cling ones, which can be repositioned easily, but don't stick so well. It's just that by ordering in bulk there are massive discounts, and we want to order what folks are going to find the most useful. Let us know at info@carelinks.net

CYPRUS

Carelinks began in the 1990s as a prayer request service for missionary work, and this remains our essence. We've asked for the last few weeks for prayers for a long planned attempt to gather Iranian contacts together in northern Cyprus, the Turkish held part, which has a relatively open visa regime, and to where many refugees are coming by boat. Thank you so much for those prayers.

A total of five candidates for baptism came from Iran, and a Persian speaking brother and his wife came over from Belgium to translate where necessary, indeed our brother played the major role in coordinating this very complicated plan of getting everyone into Cyprus at the same time. These people had all been studying the Gospel on the internet and by reading PDF files in Iran.

Two abiding impressions remain from our time together- their intense interest and rapt attention to our teaching, and the power of prayer; both yours and theirs. Nothing is nicer than to teach and discuss the principles of the Gospel with people who keenly listen to every word and are clearly intensely absorbing the message. The photos reflect this intensity:



When it came to finally asking them whether they believed the things about the Kingdom of God and name of Jesus Christ, the "Yes I do" was very heartfelt and had clearly been arrived at through Bible reading, believing the Gospel from the heart, and personal prayer:



Likewise, we prayed together, and before each baptism and after each individual came out of the water.



The commitment of these people was wonderful; they had come to northern Cyprus [which has a relatively open visa regime for Iranians] in order to be baptized, at their own expense; and so their attention to the Gospel and prayerfulness was understandably very intense.

They now return to a very difficult life in Iran, where conversion from Islam to any other religion, such as Christianity, merits the death sentence. Absence from the Mosque is noticeable, as social life is lived very much in the public domain, and the Mosques serve as a point of social meeting as well as places for religious worship. Our cameraman couldn't help but notice our tears after two of the baptisms, really the Lord was in that place, and we knew it, surely pleased that His death 2000 years ago was not in vain. And our hope and prayer is that He will look upon the travail of His soul and be satisfied, in the lives of DANIEL and MEHRAN, and then MAIJAR, ELMIRA and BATAN who through baptism dedicated their hearts and lives to Him:



Again, this work is made humanly possible by your continued support, and by the free availability of Bibles , *Bible Basics* and other material in Persian, both hard and soft copies. This time we were able to take out Persian Bibles bought by the *Bibles Worldwide Trust*, which has more recently been set up by Carelinks supporters to be another channel of support for this work:



GERMANY and BELGIUM

Please pray for a trip planned this week to meet up with contacts, including some more Iranians, who seek to be baptized in Germany and Belgium.

EX-JWs

As we have mentioned previously, we invite you to attend our Carelinks Conference in Hebden Bridge, UK on September 19th, Lord willing, where there will be several ex-JWs present.

Here's another email from Chriss, please pray for all such lovely folk as they move towards the truth which is in Jesus.

Dear Brothers,

I just received my first email from you and was surprised & delighted that my email to you was included. What a shocker that was! But, what Joy I feel in finding that Ex-Jehovah's Witnesses are finding the Truth and being baptized.

It is my hope to progress spiritually and to minister to others and assist them in the Truth of God's word in the Real Hope for mankind as outlined in the scriptures. I can hardly wait to being ministering. The thing I miss most about being a Witness (and I have shed many tears in this regard) has been in the loss of my ministry. I so felt that God had given me each of the ones I

called on to share the scripture about the kingdom, and not to sell magazines and books. I was not a 'good-enough' Witness because I did not place 'sell' enough literature. I loved sharing the kingdom hope.

I hope that God can use me in a mighty way. I want to learn and share all that I can. Please pray that I progress spiritually so as to make God's heart glad and to use the fruit of my lips to the full in his service. (Hebrews 13:15)

Are there publications that I can use to start to minister to others? I would love to have something I can share in a systematic way to help others. I hope that one day soon I am able to travel where you are to meet the many. I would love to attend a convention so that I can widen out in love with fellow worshipers.

I have been 'walking' for three years away from error toward 'freedom in Christ.' (John 8:36) The entire time I have been praying to God to lead me to where I should be. Daily, it is being confirmed to me that this is the Truth.

Contact me as you are able.

Sincerely,

Chriss

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the newly baptized Iranians as they return to Iran or continue their journey to religious freedom in Christ
- For others living under oppressive Islamic regimes who wish to be baptized
- For wisdom to help these dear people
- For all the ex- Jehovah's Witnesses we're in contact with who likewise wish to know freedom in Christ
- For the contacts desiring baptism in Germany and Belgium this week