

August 2016 UK, Latvia, Italy

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Mark 2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mk2.mp3>

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

LATVIA

The *Bible study centre* and feeding scheme in Riga is the outcome of the Lord's blessing and guidance on over 25 years of work in that city. Now it's functioning just so well, not just feeding people [mainly baptized brethren and sisters] but also giving hours of Bible teaching to them and others every week. We believe this is exactly in line with the Lord's attitude to material need- providing loaves and fishes to those who came out to hear His word. This week we are pleased to report the baptism of IMANTS, a Latvian man who has been attending our meetings.



ITALY

We reported last week the baptism of a number of contacts near Bologna, and the outreach we made to some of the many newly arrived immigrants. We made the point that Italy is now the biggest arrival area for migrants now that Greece has been closed off. Italy allows migrants to remain for some months, providing them only with accomodation in camps or hostels. They are given no food, clothing or other assistance. The hope is that they will move northwards into other western European countries perceived as more migrant friendly.

Italy has a huge problem on their hands, with thousands of migrants and refugees arriving on their shores each week. The route to Italy / Sicily is far more dangerous than the relatively short crossing to Greece from Turkey. It is estimated up to 20% of those attempting the crossing from Libya to Italy die en route. All we spoke to have horrendous stories.

So as in Latvia, this is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to desperate people, both with basic food and clothing, and also most importantly with the Gospel. The sea crossing [and for many, the Sahara crossing before that] was so traumatic, they all said they had vowed to seek God if He brought them through safely. And their encounter with our outreach is surely a Divinely intended opportunity for them to carry through with this.

So we are planning a week of preparing food and outreach to these dear folks 26 September - 2 October God willing. This would be a great opportunity to ease yourself in to such outreach work. There are plenty of hotels and bed & breakfast places along the coast and inland, which is very picturesque. Let us know if you'd like to come along. Anyone interested in 'just' coming along as to shoot video would be much appreciated, as there are really amazing stories to be captured on film.

We have now produced videos of our last trip. Here you can see us buying food for the newly arrived migrants, their testimonies, and the baptisms:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Gz3bNep8g>

Just the baptisms are at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PKA1KziFJw>

And please do pray, and if you can, donate to enable this work to happen. We could use a few thousand Euro but whatever can be provided. You can donate to our usual representatives, or by *PayPal* to tiybible@yahoo.com [tax deductible within the USA].

They had all been involved in scenes like this- and now they are learning the Gospel from the Bibles and Bible Basics we are giving them:



UK

We look forward to another house church meeting in Croydon next Sunday 14th August God willing; do come along!

Finally, we include a photo you may like to upload to social media or share with your friends in order to provoke discussion leading to a witness to the Truth:



PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For the work in Latvia
- For our plans to feed the refugee brethren in Italy and the new group there
- For the work of our house church in Croydon

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks