

## August 2017 UK, Italy

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Mark 15 and there's an MP3 about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/mk15.mp3>

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### UK

Our house church meetings continue on quite a roll, reaching out to young Kurdish migrants and also now to a group of Iranian ex-JWs. They were initially attracted to the JW's by their denial of the Trinity, but then found the many other problems there are with that group. They really love our teaching. We were able to baptize MAJID, after a careful study of the Bible and *Bible Basics*:



Last Sunday we had a very nice house church in Bexleyheath. It is clearly God's wisdom to bring us down, that He may exalt us in due time, at the Lord's return. We all have to be humbled in some way before we are truly ready for His way. And so it was with an Iranian professional footballer, KIMA. He suffered various injuries which led to his career coming to a close, and during his time of pain and frustration, he turned to Christianity and became involved with the underground church in Iran. He came to the **UK** as an asylum seeker and met a friend of one of our Iranian brethren, who was able to put him on the right track towards the Truth and baptism. We were joined at house church by some other Iranian believers, and it was a really very dynamic and positive few hours we spent together. Everyone talked of how they feel the Lord working in their lives, and how He has worked. There was an energy and "live" atmosphere that can only be explained by saying that the spirit of Christ was there. We prayed together, read the Bible together, discussed together and all rejoiced in Kima's baptism. He had prepared a statement which he wanted to read at his baptism, and you can see it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLHzHD12ZZc>



There will now be a regular house church on Sunday afternoons for those recently baptized in *Kent* and we pray it takes off, to the Lord's glory.

### ITALY

Our feeding scheme is now in full swing and everyone working hard to provide food twice / day

to various camps, as well as several hours Bible teaching / discussion every day with groups and individuals. It's really a great way to follow the Lord's example of using meals and domestic situations as a springboard to doctrinal teaching and sharing the basic message of the Gospel. We rented a basement in the town centre where we held some meetings; after feeding, Liz gave a short talk about the Lord's human nature. You can see the cooking pots behind her. Italy is struggling to cope with the thousands arriving every week. They are accommodated for 3 months but it's over to local authorities and charities to provide food if they wish. They can work, but after those 3 months they are not accommodated any more; and this is in the more wealthy northern part of Italy, the situation in Sicily is far worse as we have reported previously. We've been buying yams imported from Ghana [they cost about 100 Euros / box] to try to add an African flavour to our menus.



Some of the camps we can enter freely, others we pass hot food over the gates to those inside.



We cook the food at the villa we've rented and then wrap it in blankets to keep it warm and take it out to the camps every morning and evening, as well as inviting those nearby to the villa. One camp is in a disused school far up a mountain, about 8 miles walk up very steep terrain. There is no way the inmates are going to find any work, and there's no bus service down to the town. Some of the folks in the camps are clearly genuinely hungry and never eat meat or a hot meal apart from what we give them. In scenes more suggestive of Africa than rural Italy, you can see Dave & Liz, Roy & Jane and others preparing and passing out the food in a video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt-R\\_-XExlU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt-R_-XExlU)

Constantly we seek to mesh all this welfare work with Bible distribution and preaching, and many are responding. We hope to report next week several baptisms. Brother Joseph is a wonderful support to us, constantly visiting contacts and arranging things in the day time whilst working night shift at a factory all night.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- For those recently baptized
- For the house church meetings in Kent, UK
- For the work ongoing in Italy: for our wisdom, energy, and for the many suffering people to see through their immediate issues to those which are eternal, in spirit and truth.

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