

August 2017 UK, Ukraine, Italy

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UK

The Gospel continues to spread amongst the Middle Eastern community in south east London and the UK. On Sunday we baptized ARAM, a young Kurdish man from Kent:



And then in the week we visited the group centred around brother Ali, another Kurd, who was baptized in Croydon at our house church but was then moved out of the London area. We reported some time ago the baptism of a Kurdish friend of his, and now it was a joy to visit this group and baptize another Kurd, KORDA. And we're hoping to report the baptism of yet another Kurd at our next house church this Sunday God willing. There are millions of Kurds, a large people without a homeland, many of whom are only nominally Muslim and very open to learning the Gospel. Mike & Betty earlier reported the sowing of the seeds of the Gospel with the migrants in London, which we have been doing for over 2 years now. Those baptized as a result have truly been scattered throughout the UK and thus the Gospel had spread. We have discussed with our young brethren the possibility of producing more literature in Kurdish; it is their first language, although Kurds are scattered throughout Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey and also speak Arabic, Farsi and Turkish, but only as a second language. It is to these forgotten persons and peoples that the Lord seems to particularly extend His saving hand. Flashpoint cities like Mosul and Raqqa are within Kurdish territory; the whole situation in their homeland is fraught with violence and bloodletting. And now in the UK they are living as undocumented migrants which means they have no access to social security and cannot work legally. They long for stability; and so the Gospel is attractive to them. The Kurds generally don't seem to mix freely with Iranians and other Middle Easterners, and now we have won the confidence of this group, the message is spreading amongst them throughout the UK. It's your donations which enable us to publish the literature which is now being spread amongst them- here you can see the group with it:



UKRAINE

The miserable situation continues here for the average Ukrainian. The economy continues in free fall and there seems no hope of any easy end to the war in the east nor the loss of Crimea to Russia. We snapped a video of an old man and woman rummaging for food from rubbish bins, the woman had a knife with which she peeled off rotten parts of vegetables and put what was edible in a plastic bag. It's at <https://youtu.be/FVPM3pQa-d4>



Meantime, old men gather in the park to play chess- a reminder of the old Soviet days before everyone sat at home looking at screens. Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChfyzxXJzD8>

It will give you a flavour of life in the former USSR:



One of the many refugees created by the conflict was Andrej, who fled to Russia and lived there for a bit. He found the true Gospel online and was baptized in Russia as previously reported. He has now returned to Ukraine, has got a job and is trying to rebuild his life from nothing. Our brother is a great reader and Bible student. His wife left him and he raised their son, BOGDAN. But this young man followed his father's passion for the Bible, reading with him the daily *Bible Companion* readings, and a more suitable candidate for baptism it would be hard to imagine. In an age where youth spend their time glued to screens, this young man isn't even interested in Facebook, and has devoted himself to the Lord. We spoke at length of how youth needs radicalism, a challenge to touch the sky, and how devotion to the Lord's cause is the intended channel for that. We reflected how Amos records that God raised up young men as prophets and Nazirites, and how many references there are to young men devoted to the Lord. So it was with joy that we baptized him this week, and afterwards strolled around the historic city of Lvov talking of how to channel his enthusiasm for the Lord:



ITALY

This week God willing begins our major feeding scheme for the migrants; please pray for our work over the next 2 weeks, and those going out to help: Robin & Steve, Roy, Charles, Dave & Liz, Russ & Dawn and Duncan & Cindy.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For the work in Italy
- For the situation in Ukraine
- For our young converts to give their lives in radical devotion to the Lord Jesus as is intended for youth
- For the continued spread of the Gospel amongst Kurdish people

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