

August 2026 Israel, UK

ISRAEL

We continue advertising the Hebrew Bible Companion app and Israelis keep downloading it. Do keep praying for response there. This week we had some chats with one of the users of the app, a young woman currently serving in the IDF [as all women with less than 5 kids have to], using the app in down time whilst on guard duties. We marvel at all the different people the Lord is reaching out to worldwide...

UK

We had a really bumper attendance at Pub Church in Croydon on Sunday, sermon on Psalms 127-129 Jesus is our representative and we represent Him, at https://youtu.be/JCRZKBUKK_Y. So good to see serious conversations, comfort and teaching of others before and after the talks:



And thanks as ever to Evia, this time helped by Ieva, for doing the food... and Sis for the singing.



Afterwards we had another folks back to our place for the happy baptism of MICHAEL, a Croydon roadsweeper / street cleaner. Mike is of the old school, despite shaking with Parkinson's [like our brother Sean], he likes to keep working, and he's rightly proud of his "South London Waste Partnership" uniform he wears to church. He really is doing something for society by keeping on working.



One day he was taking a bread sitting on one of the benches in the pedestrian area near our meeting place in central Croydon, and our wonderful sister Cis likewise took a break, sitting down there as she had some heavy bags. And they got talking. Cis told Mike she attends a church... and Mike decided to come along. He had been to Sunday School as a youngster, but only now in his older age did he start thinking of God and Jesus again. And that "chance" meeting [there is no chance in our lives as believers!] with Cis was just what he needed. He has attended our meetings for some time now, quietly listening and learning, with Cis and others teaching him more. And then he quietly asked for baptism. What a joy it was to baptize him, to hear his story, and Cis and Tony telling their stories as well, all of God's saving grace and Truth. Do have a listen to the video at <https://youtu.be/MvdMgj7zEu8> And praise God and our active Lord, Jesus, for their work in saving yet another ordinary but lovely bloke from South London.





Great to have brother Tim Geddes with us helping in Croydon. On Friday evening we were so happy to baptize ROB, again, in the usual well used bath tub at The Woodfields. We thank the Lord for His continued outreach into the lives of local folk here in Croydon and ask Him to even expand it. Rob lives just down the hill from Duncan & Cindy's place.





And there's been great response elsewhere in the UK. Some months ago, brother Billy baptized his friend Max, and Max and Billy this week baptized Max's 87 year old grandmother GILL in York. Then there was MO in western England and finally LEIGH who's currently in Birmingham. He had quite the story. He progressed from the typical young British guy who just wanted to be a nice guy. But when the war started, that led him to volunteer to go to Ukraine as part of the International Legion, and having played too much "Call of Duty" he thought war would be fun. So he went to Ukraine, and his photo was in tabloid newspapers as he was bodyguard to visiting British politicians. He was sent to the front, and saw so much death and destruction, narrowly escaping death himself, that he re-thought life and everything. He concluded that he needed a relationship with God and Jesus and to go their way, rather than fighting. And so he served his contract and returned to UK where he diligently sought the Lord and it was a great pleasure to baptize him. His testimony about the war and his path to the Lord is at <https://youtu.be/nuXBo0f8UIA> . The International Legion has now been disbanded- most of the early volunteers are now either dead, maimed or have returned home. He has a tattoo of his membership in the International Legion for the Defence of Ukraine tattooed on his chest, along with "Slava Ukrainy", 'Glory to Ukraine'. He now regrets having had those tattoos, and for the last part of his service was terrified he might be captured alive by Russian forces. Years in Russian prisons with those tattoos would have been a fate worse than death. So amazing how the Lord so actively works to bring so many to Himself through His mysterious ways of Providence.





By the way, the water you can see is all that is left of Edgbaston Reservoir, the drought has dried up so much. Usually water is up to the trees you can see.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For wisdom as Mark & Duncan plan their next trip to Ukraine departing August 24, Lord willing
- For our Israeli contacts to get over the many social barriers they see as obstacles to responding to the call of accepting Yashua, Jesus, as their Messiah

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