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For some Divine reason, there's been a quite disproportionate response from our internet work in Belgium. We have over 50 contacts there in this small country. A visit was made recently, culminating in the interview and baptism of MARKUS, a long time contact who lives near Brussels. Markus is simply full of love for the Lord and the doctrines of the Truth, sensing keenly his responsibility to share them as far as he can. Brother Graham came over from the UK to meet up with Duncan and Cindy from Latvia, and brother Markus gave an excellent, detailed and lively confession of faith to Graham and local brother David. He was interviewed from the 288 questions in the Teach me Thy way instruction handbook, moving us all with his passion for the Lord displayed in his responses.

Markus had been in contact with many Christadelphians world-wide for some time, and there was a whole group of brethren and sisters- at the very least the entire CCM group world-wide- who were keeping in touch throughout the interview, and some of them called Markus immediately after the baptism and just before the breaking of bread. It was an amazing experience of fellowship. The sheer joy of Markus on baptism will surely remain in the memories of us all, reminding us each of the need to "hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end". Those present in the hotel bathroom and later at the memorial meeting in the restaurant were joined in spirit by phone calls and text messages from such as John in Brisbane, Linda in Tasmania, Steve in Sydney, Robin & Steve in Menai, Marcus in Croydon, Liz in London, Lindsey in Luxembourg...

The amazing unity brought about by the true Gospel of Jesus is perhaps the greatest witness to the truth of the doctrines we believe. Markus has been an ardent non-trinitarian for some time, with an excellent knowledge and fluency with the Scriptures. He's been trying to form a non-trinitarian group in Belgium, and already has a Flemish language website up.

The baptism was performed under the auspices of the CCM with help from brethren from the Walton ecclesia, UK. Markus is now a small but bright lightstand in his area, and is committed to working, as the Lord leads him, to build up a group of people in this area ready to meet the Lord. We've let him have details of all contacts in Belgium and we look forward to working with him to follow them up. If any of you have contacts in Belgium who might be interested in hearing the Gospel, please do let us know their contact details. Our aim is to glorify the Lord's Name through the establishment of an ecclesia here, where currently there is none. We ask for your prayers in this, and also your thankful praise to the Father for bringing one more earnest and sincere heart to Him.

Your brothers and sisters of CCM

Photos:



Markus in full flow, responding to a question



Graham and David interviewing Markus



Markus just after baptism- pure joy!



Markus, Duncan, Cindy, Graham, David and Ben at the breaking of bread in a restaurant



Brothers in arms- Duncan, Markus, Cindy, Graham and Ben