

December 2018 Latvia, Australia, Mayotte, USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 John 1,2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/1jn12.mp3>

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

Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

Job <http://n-e-v.info/NEVJob.pdf>

Zechariah <http://n-e-v.info/zechnevcom.pdf>

Revelation <http://n-e-v.info/NEVRevelationCommentary.pdf>

LATVIA

We're so sorry to have dear brother Daniel Aldersley return to **New Zealand** after nearly 3 months wonderful service with us. From cleaning the toilets after soup kitchen [the highest value work in God's sight] to leading meetings and doing singing, Daniel has been such a huge help. We hope more will come forward like he did.



This week we were delighted to baptize IGOR. In running a soup kitchen there are always going to be a few drug addicts and alcoholics who come in, and we don't turn them away if they are sober. Igor was one of a group of heroin addicts who started dropping in last year. But then he started coming on his own, without the group. And he started changing. Recently he came in with a brand new warm tracksuit and trainers. He'd spent his wages not on drugs but on buying these things in his new passion for exercise. It's been a long long road from heroin addiction to the truth of Jesus Christ, but Igor says we were the ones who helped him read the Bible, pray and really come to God, realizing that temptation is from within us, not the popular "devil", and being spiritually minded is the essence of true Christianity.



Our work in Latvia isn't only in **Riga**. For over 25 years now there has been an ecclesia in western Latvia and it's wonderful to see their spiritual growth and maturity now. They are true converts to the Lord Jesus, and it's always such a joy to go and read the day's portions from the *Bible Companion* with them, discuss them for ages and then to break bread together in sister Vija's farmhouse.



MAYOTTE

It's always a joy when converts preach themselves and then baptize contacts themselves. The group of *Congolese* refugees stranded on the tiny island of Mayotte hold regular meetings for breaking of bread and share the truth of the Gospel with others too. They were able to baptize

ANDALA this week and hope to baptize some more soon Lord willing.



They continue in a terrible situation with inadequate food and no health care. We must keep praying they get the right documents in order to attempt emigration to France "metropole", **France** itself, as Mayotte is only an overseas "departement" of France. More baby milk has been sent to sister Diane, who was raped on the Comoros Islands before the group fled from there by dug out canoe to Mayotte. She recorded another very touching message of thanks to all who are supporting them all there in various ways.

It's in French, at <https://youtu.be/oh0G8QhRMS8>

USA

Encouraged by the photos of young folks distributing *NEV Bibles*, the young people in Springfield, Vermont went out doing the same- in very low temperatures. May these photos in turn inspire others to get out there on the streets with the Gospel:



AUSTRALIA

Following the huge success of offering the 2019 *Creation Calendars* to UK prisons, the same offer has been made to Australian prisons and there has been some take up. We received the following from the chaplain of Emu Plains Correctional Centre in NSW:

"Thank you for your kind offer of calendars. At this time, all correctional centres receive a 'Christmas Pack' from the Salvation Army for distribution to all inmates at their centre. These packs include a calendar. However, as these are distributed just before Christmas, as the year progresses we have nothing to give to the new arrivals. So I would appreciate perhaps 20 of your calendars for distribution throughout the year. Also I note that you offer Bibles, which we are often in need of. So if you were also able to provide some of these, I can always find a good home for them.

Once again thank you for your interest and support for inmates"

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the brethren in Mayotte
- For all the distribution of the *NEV Bibles* and *Bible Basics*
- For all the prisoners in the UK and Australia who are receiving our creation calendars