

## February 2017 UK, Ukraine, Italy, Conference

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Corinthians 10 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/1cor10.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://christadelphia.net/audio.htm> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

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

### UKRAINE

We're delighted to report the baptism of YURI, one of our contacts who was unable to attend the recent Bible School, but who visited the house church of brother Igor and his family and was baptized there, whilst the *Carelinks UK Conference* was ongoing. Our brother was disillusioned by the war and subsequent politics in the Ukraine and turned with all his heart to find the Lord in spirit and truth:



We continue supporting our Ukrainian brother Maxim who is currently in Riga playing a large role in the feeding and teaching program there. Currently the only way he can legally be there is to be a registered student and so we have to pay his tuition fees and related expenses. Please do consider donating towards this as he plays such a vital role in the work at this time.

### UK

We've continued holding meetings at the migrant centre in South London, taking brother Joseph from Italy there whilst he visited the UK for the conference. One of the Iraqi brothers baptized in Croydon has now been moved to South Wales, and along with brother Andy we were able to visit and support him as he now preaches to others there. Here is Andy, who himself was baptized after reading *Bible Basics*, using the English version of the book to discuss with others, one holding the Arabic version and the other the Farsi version of the book- as Andy went through basic Christian teaching with them in a Costa coffee shop. This is one advantage of the *Bible Basics* material; it's the same content covering all the basic teachings, but parallel in various languages:



Brother Masoud has various basic needs which aren't met by Government support and we assisted him with them financially; we are open to your donations towards such brethren, who through no fault of their own, find themselves in situations which need assistance.

Our **Conference in the UK** was a great success. Both attendance and inspirational, spiritual content of the talks was unsurpassed. About 70 came along at various times throughout the day. Clearly the Lord is at work, thanks to your prayers and donations. Not all the talks were recorded, but those that were are at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPHDmR\\_yTpDDSmcW516lg3mIOW9Yx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPHDmR_yTpDDSmcW516lg3mIOW9Yx) Some from our house church in Croydon gave powerful presentations; sister Foozie spoke of

her conversion from Islam and very eloquently and passionately expressed her simple love of the Lord Jesus. We hope to provide audio of this next Carelink. Also from Croydon, Sister Dee gave a very powerful presentation, opening up about the sexual abuse she had suffered earlier in life and how it was baptism into Jesus and grasping the real truths of the Gospel which empowered her to forgive and reclaim her life- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjV6n2mJ4DA>

Sister Yvonne , one of our early converts in Zimbabwe in the 1980s, then spoke powerfully of her conversion from Catholicism to the truth of

Christ- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ra7RRHRj8dc>

Brother Donald came over from China; we so often report his work in baptizing people, all the more impressive as he works in a professional capacity in the materialistic Chinese society, with little free time; his witness is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC13\\_j74dYs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC13_j74dYs)

Brother Joseph came from Italy to tell us of all the baptisms there and the outreach going on there to the many newly arrived migrants who turn up on the beaches every night; his testimony to his own conversion from nominal to passionate faith, in which our baptism of him played a part, is very encouraging- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hw--GedB84o>

We wrapped up by framing in Biblical terms what all these various testimonies were saying loud and clear- that whilst we don't possess the miraculous gifts of the Spirit, the Lord through His Spirit is extremely active in human lives and hearts

today- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A37CvOCSbW8&t=734s>

In the afternoon session, we packed Bibles and wrote personal notes to the 550 or so replies we received this last week from our "Get a free Bible" ad in the *Daily Mail*. This is all evidence enough that there is widespread interest in our message in white working class Britain [i.e. the *Daily Mail* readership] . Roger and David then helpfully guided us in their experience of using the internet and social media to engage folks with the Gospel.

There was a wonderful spirit of connection and fellowship. Brother Darek, who speaks only Polish and Italian as he lives in Italy, came over; and was delighted to talk to brother Joseph in Italian. Sister Sami also gave a presentation about her conversion to Jesus and there were two other Iranian converts present. It was great to all work together to pack Bibles. Others also attended who aren't yet baptized but we hope soon will be:



We'd like to remind you of the major appeal made to reprint the Bibles; and then there is cost of postage. Please do respond as you can.

## ITALY

We plan a visit to the brethren and contacts there, as well as to reach out to the newly arrived migrants. Hundreds if not thousands are arriving on the beaches of Italy every night. And hundreds are drowning. All who make it have tales of Divine providence, and they naturally are turning to God. So there's a wonderful opportunity to reach out materially as well as spiritually, meshing the Gospel with food and clothing. Let us know if you want to come along; and we plan a longer feeding scheme later in the year. Again, sorry to say it, but all this requires your support

materially. But really, do thank God for all He is doing and ask His continued blessing. We can all do that.

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For brother Yuri and others recently baptized
- For all the hundreds of people in the UK receiving their NEV Bibles and Introducing Bible Basics this week
- For the work in Italy
- Simple thanksgiving for all the Lord has done and sought to do through us His servants

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**