

February 2018 UK, Latvia, Sweden

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Romans 15 and 16 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/rom1516.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>

SWEDEN

Last week we asked for your prayers for our young brothers Daniel and Sam as they sailed 16 hours each way from Riga to Stockholm to meet brethren and contacts. Their trip went well, they met the contact and ran the baptism service with brother Ismail performing the immersion, and used Google translate to communicate, as you can see in the photos. Br Daniel reports: "Just had another baptism of brother EHSAN in Sweden. Meeting with a passionate brother Ismaili and our lovely new brother Ehsan in Christ! Had a great google translate discussion with Ismaili and had a communion service together after the baptism. God provided us with free usage of the pool because they only took card and we had cash. Thank you all for your prayers."



UK

Another reminder of the *Carelinks UK Conference*.

Theme: **The Real Christ** .*There will be a series of talks and personal testimonies, along with practical work of stuffing Bibles in envelopes.*

Saturday 24 Feb 2018 10.30am to 7pm. God willing, St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon CR2 8DD

Cindy shares with us one of her initiatives which could likely be repeated in many areas in order to gain local contacts:

"If you would like to generate interest in your local area, please consider putting an advert for free Bibles on *freecycle.org* or *gumtree.com* in your local area. We'd be happy to post Bibles to them. I've had 3 requests in the last 24 hours from these sites- I'm sure there are people interested in the gospel near to you as well! On *Freecycle* and *Gumtree* people expect to be able to pick the item up, not get directed to a website. I've given away garden pavers etc before so I thought I could give away Bibles too!

In the ad I just said "*Free new Bible*" as a heading, then included 2 photos I had taken of the Bible [which you can download from <http://www.n-e-v.info/publicity/bible1.jpg> and <http://www.n-e-v.info/publicity/bible2.jpg>], then said "*Free NEV Bible with commentary. I can post for free or you can collect it. Please email me. Thanks*".

*God bless,
Cindy*"

In less than a day, Cindy had three people request it be sent by mail, and one woman says she

will drop by us to pick one up. Cindy just did the ad in the Croydon Gumtree zone. The ads are soon swallowed by more recent ads so one has to keep on with it to keep the ad visible.

We're pleased to tell you of the baptisms in Croydon of MOHAMAD and a married couple, ASHKAN & SHADI. Shadi called her mother in Iran right after her baptism, such was her desire to share this wonderful news:



They had been underground Christians in Iran but scared to get baptized or go further in their faith because of the threat of prison and even the death penalty for Muslims who convert to Christianity. They are already distributing copies of Farsi Bible Basics to others. As with many whom we baptize in Croydon, the Home Office soon move them out of London to areas with far lower rent, typically in northern UK or Scotland. Please pray for them in their isolation and instability.

LATVIA

This week Daniel, Sam and Rob & Debbie baptized EDGARS and JANIS at the Riga Bible Center. We then had the final hymn and prayer at the memorial meeting at the Horley ecclesia in the UK transmitted live to the Riga Bible Center by Skype, so all were connected together. It worked out rather well and the timing, thanks to the 2 hour time difference between the UK and Latvia, worked out perfectly. You can see in the photos the good use being made of Google Translate on cell phones in order to communicate, study the Bible together, pray together, and now to baptize. But the language is a major barrier, although as you can see, the Lord has enabled it to be overcome by the technology He has raised up for us to use.



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For those replying to the advertising in the UK on trams and in the Daily Mail newspaper
- For our brothers and sisters labouring under the language barrier to teach and shepherd the Lord's people
- Thanks to God for young brethren like Daniel and Samuel who are coming forward to the great work in hand.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks