

February 2019 UK, Latvia Boiler, France, App Appeal, Israel, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Corinthians 7 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/1cor7.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>

Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

Exodus <http://n-e-v.info/exoduscomm.pdf>

Psalms <http://n-e-v.info/psalms.pdf>

1 Corinthians <http://n-e-v.info/NEV1CorinthiansCommentary.pdf>

SPECIAL APPEAL

A reminder about last week's special appeal for significant funds to pay for a Bible app to be built, for free distribution and availability [without adverts] to everyone.

UK

A reminder that our *Carelinks* conference is set for this Saturday February 23 God willing at the usual venue in Croydon. Do come- you never know what interesting people you might meet. So, *Saturday 23 Feb 2019: 10.30am to 7pm*. God willing, St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 8DD. Special Reminder: If possible, please bring some cake and / or fruit.

WALES

We spent an amazing two days with brother Steve sis Gail in a small town in the Welsh valleys. The large extended family have been eagerly corresponding with us and watching our live broadcasts from Riga for some months now and reading our literature. They were just so keen for baptism and commitment to the the Lord Jesus. Gail has been herself teaching them for years, along with her 16 grandchildren who assemble on Sundays in her small terraced house. So we baptized Gail's grandson CALEB, her daughter LEEANNE and her daughter JOANNE along with Joanne's husband KRISTIAN. It was just amazing to see ordinary British folks so switched on to the Gospel message. There were so many packed into the small home that there was only standing room for the breaking of bread and baptism. They were keen to distribute New Testaments on the street of the nearest big town, Merthyr Tydfil, and how wonderful it was to see grandmother, daughter and grandson enthusiastically out on the streets with the Gospel. They are distributing our literature to neighbours and friends, and two neighbouring women attended the baptisms. It was just... amazing to hear ordinary British folks chatting with no reserve about the Gospel and spiritual things, and being so clear about all the basic doctrines of the Truth. We had a breaking of bread together, again standing room only. It gives us great encouragement that the Gospel is still of such power to ordinary Anglo Saxon folks. If you want a real shot in the arm, go visit this wonderful family to fellowship and break bread with them:



and here's our wonderful sister Gail, such a wonderful preacher of the Truth, so fluent with the

scriptures, able to discuss with Trinitarian Baptists, heaven going believers... warn the Catholics... and get the druggies at ease so they accepted a New Testament... what a wonderful preacher and person



You can see a video of the complete story at <https://youtu.be/VX46MF7fhhw> and just the street preaching <https://youtu.be/viz6PPyucTI> and baptismal interviews <https://youtu.be/qus-kgVow3k>

LATVIA

The boiler in the kitchen is shot... and needs replacing, despite Max's best efforts with it. As regular *Carelinks* readers will know, we're feeding and teaching large numbers of people at the *Riga Bible Center* every week. Cost may be around 300 Euro and we are open to your contributions towards that:



Mike & Betty Flaherty continue on in *Latvia*, as Denis Jackie return to the UK. Mike comments: "The homeless and poor in Latvia struggle just to cover their basic needs. The welfare program at the *Bible Centre* provides more than great food and a welcoming atmosphere it also provides a community of believers that includes even those who are suspicious of church groups or any group for that matter, even families. Abandonment by the state religion of communism that promised to care for them from the cradle to the grave, fragmentation of family and trust by the same system, has left a people who have had to rely on their own dwindling strength and resources. In brokenness we all learn to truly appreciate the love of God and His provision for our needs. He is the perfect Father who will never abandon or neglect us."

ISRAEL

We did some limited Facebook advertising focused on Israel and had around 20 replies. We were most encouraged. Here's a video of our team in Riga packing the Bibles and praying over them as they were sent out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdcuCqKdgws>



Do pray for response there in that special country and people. We already have quite a few interested contacts there.

UKRAINE

We were so happy to have a call from brother Sergej telling us he baptized MARIA, his grandmother, near Odessa. His other grandmother, sister Lidia, has had a stroke and is expected to fall asleep in the Lord any time now. Let's pray for that family.

FRANCE

We're delighted to report that sister Diana and her baby have arrived safely in France from Mayotte. They are now in emergency accommodation in Lille, where brother Nicolas [also ex-Mayotte] is located. Nicolas is preaching the Gospel there and is open to any visits. He doesn't know English however. Diana was so vulnerable in Mayotte and we are so thankful she's now safer.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the contacts in Israel
- For those recently baptized and the large house church in Wales
- For the continued work in Latvia
- For wisdom in our plan for the Bible app
- For the refugee brothers and sisters now arriving in France

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks