

January 2017 Latvia, Cold Snap, Bible Commentary, UK Press Advert, Conference

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 17 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://christadelphia.net/audio/mt17a.mp3>

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

COLD SNAP

The cold snap has been indeed very cold in **Eastern Europe**. **Moscow** has had its lowest temperatures for 120 years... Much of **Russia** is now at -40 C , which is -40 F. You literally can't survive in those temperatures. Our refugee brethren in **Italy** and elsewhere are also affected, if they are not in state provided accommodation; and some in Italy are trying to work their way further north, their welfare provision by the Italian Government having now expired. Do pray for them all. The work at the **Riga Bible Center** is really so necessary- providing a warm hall, coffee, food, as well as Bible teaching. People were even arriving an hour ahead of opening time in the hope of being allowed in to escape the cold:



We need to soon pay the annual property tax on the hall, which comes to about 2000 Euro. This whole work really does need lots of support and we are open to your donations towards this.

LATVIA

This week we were able with joy to baptize OLEG, VITALY and SANDRA. Each had come through hard experiences to think deeply about life, and had not found standard religion much of a help. They each appreciated the Christ-centred teaching they had found at the *Bible Center*, and the encouragement to systematically study the Bible for themselves using the Russian *NEV Bible* and *Bible Basics*. We continue distributing clothes, firewood and other welfare; sister Sandra is wearing clothes she got from the clothes box at the back of the hall:

Here are some stills from it, including Anne with the jelly and cream:



BIBLE COMMENTARY

Carelinks and the *Christadelphian Advancement Trust* publish the *NEV Bible* with commentary printed on each page. But we have also produced an in-depth commentary on each book and verse of the New Testament. You can download this in various forms and formats, from the left hand side of www.n-e-v.info . It is also available as an e-sword and MySword module. We have produced it in a form which can be used on Apple iPad, fixing the bugs in a previous version, at http://n-e-v.info/cm/nec_new_testament.cmti, but we are struggling to make it a self-extracting file; and also struggling to make it download onto iPhones. If anyone has expertise in

this area, maybe they could contact us.

UK PRESS ADVERT

For the last few years, we have placed an advertisement for the *NEV Bible* with commentary in the *Daily Mail*, the widest circulating daily newspaper in the UK. We have received over 1000 replies each year, several of whom have been baptized. We'd like to do this again this year. The cost is about 4000 pounds. Every year, people get baptized from this work, and in any case, the truth spreads to hundreds of people through this outreach. It all goes to show that there really is interest in the West. But again we do need your donations for it all to keep going. This really is a proven way of spending money which results in response.

UK CONFERENCE

This is looking to be a wonderful event, with special guests brother Donald from China and brother Joseph from Italy. There will also be presentations by other brothers and sisters including: Roger Beck, Yvonne Dube, David Fenton, Duncan Heaster, Liz Hemingray and Dee Ward. And we'll be wrapping up Bibles for posting out as well.

Do come along- *Saturday, 25 Feb 2017: 10.30am to 7pm. God willing, St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 8DD*

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the continued work of the *Riga Bible Centre*
- For those recently baptized
- For those affected by the cold snap, especially the refugee brethren
- For the continued spread of the Gospel through the *NEV Bible* and commentary

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks