

## January 2018 Latvia, UK, USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 16 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/mt16.mp3>

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### LATVIA

Jim & Anne, Daniel and Jesse did a great job putting on a special New Year's treat meal for the ecclesia and visitors in **Riga**. They also distributed a large number of scarves lovingly knitted by various brothers and sisters in the Midlands of the **UK**, representing thousands of hours of work. Here you can see a group from the ecclesia posing with them, the meal and distribution of them:



The majority of the hundreds baptized over the years in Riga are the elderly and sick, and quite often they are baptized and then fall asleep in Christ, in sure hope of the resurrection which we preach in that hall almost daily. So we're sad (although in Hope) to report the falling asleep of sister Sandra, wife of brother Vitaly, whom we'll remember for offering to clean the toilets after the meetings- not a pleasant job by the end of an evening after say 80 homeless people have been using them:



Let's continue to pray for our brave young brother Daniel in running the teaching at the *Bible Centre*. It's not at all easy when you don't know Russian. He has John & Edwina supporting in the kitchen at the moment, and looks forward to the arrival soon, God willing, of Brother Sam, his fellow New Zealander.

The cost of heating, electricity and water at the hall is running at about 900 Euro / month in the Winter, plus the cost of the food (about 80 Euro / day) plus we have the annual land tax on the property to pay soon, of about 2000 Euro. Plus the obligatory cleaning, insurance, repairs, broken plates which are all part of running an enterprise such as this. Really your donations, and prayers, are so appreciated. We don't want to write this in red letters, but the needs are there.

### USA

Sister Candice, a great distributor of *Bible Basics* and *NEV Bibles* in Texas, reports:

*"Just to let you know Levi my teenage son has had his baptism today in our home. He had the Bible Basics study over a year & understands everything for his age. I know in other ecclesias they do not baptize them since he's 13 1/2, but he was ready and wanted to. this was taken an hour afterwards. You can share if you want, we are here in Liberty Hill, Texas in our own home ecclesia"*



And meantime, brother Jason in Ohio knocks off work at the gas station he works at, and goes to a university campus to distribute *Bible Basics* and Bibles from a table there. Let's pray for his outreach:



## UK

We continue distributing *NEV New Testaments* on the street, and made a major witness in Croydon, Stratford and around Victoria Station this week. There in central London around that station, one is witnessing to people from every nation. About everyone is there, and so the Gospel truly goes to all the world, before the end shall come. And a lot of homeless as well. Whether or not one quite believes what this man has written on his sign, the point is, if you dig a hole and fall into it, you're still in the hole and need help to get up. And many of these folks have spiritual and mental problems at the root of their homelessness. So we left him a New Testament:



The Iranian sisters baptized recently in Croydon have been moved to Birmingham by the Home Office and had a warm welcome at the *King's Heath* ecclesia. They wrote afterwards: "We are so thankful for everything you've done for us, this morning was really exiting for us. People were so nice and friendly".

This week we were able to baptize ALI and ASADOLLAH in the London area, who came to us through the wonderful hand of providence. They made a traditional Persian meal for us afterwards, of lamb, rice and egg plant, eaten in the Persian style of sitting on the floor:



## PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For blessing on all the literature distributed on the street, whether in the USA, UK or Australia
- For brother Daniel's ministry in Riga

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