

January 2021 Latvia, Iranians, Benin

We strongly recommend you download the "*Bible Companion*" app, from where you can access *Carelinks* messages, daily Bible readings, *Bible Basics*, commentary on every verse of the Bible and audio exhortations on every chapter of the Bible.

For Android / Google Play at

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.carelinks.bc>

and on the App Store for Apple / iOS at

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bible-companion/id1475914490>

You can break bread live online as follows:

Sunday mornings GMT on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/69292278377>

Sundays at 3:00 PM New Zealand time. That's 1 PM in Sydney Australia; 10 PM in New York, USA on Saturday evening [run by Br John Aldersley in New Zealand]

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81842718993?pwd=YWY1K0dDOW8yVCs2MDh4Mm80YWdoZz09>

Sundays at 10am North American Eastern Time [3 PM UK GMT time, 11 PM Sydney Australia time]. Run by Br Jim Barton in Canada.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9123758179>

Meeting ID: 912 375 8179

LATVIA

This has been a very demanding week, with temperatures down to -30 C. Without warmth and food, human beings cannot survive at this temperature. For the rough sleepers, this has been a critical time. We've been taking food, clothing and firewood out as before. Taking clothes, food and warmth to people is actually lifesaving at these temperatures.



Here you can see video of a large firewood delivery

<https://youtu.be/remdAAXF-To>

and here's a photo of the bags of wood



Some of the homeless are coming in to the supermarket entrance area and just standing there with their plastic bags of possessions, just to have the warmth from the hot air jets which come out near the sliding entry doors. We did take some video of these folks; here's a still from it:



IRANIANS

Liz Hemingray from UK did a lovely baptism talk for the online baptism of ALIREZA.

We have now finally released the Farsi Bible Companion app on IOS [i.e. on the App Store, for iPhone and iPad users]. The link is at

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/modern-persian-farsi-bible/id1547942979>

Thank you to all who contributed to enable this.

BENIN

EDGAR is more fruit from the French app. He lives in a remote village in rural Benin, West Africa. He has a very strong desire to do the right thing before God and the Lord Jesus. It was a pleasure to witness his baptism- and a wider range of witnesses it would be hard to imagine. Mark Lisa in Perth, Western Australia showed us the temperature on their screen- +34 C, with John Thatcher in Sydney not much cooler. Whilst it was -20 in Latvia. Our French speakers too were as varied as could be- from Betty Flaherty on her and Mike's boat moored off Queensland, Australia, to Craig and Miriam in France- and Edgard in his sun soaked, red-earth mud hut village in Africa. We can only thank God for the spread of the Gospel and the way we are being drawn together from all over the planet.



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For wisdom as we continue developing the apps for Apple / iOS
- For those enduring the very low temperatures in Eastern Europe at the moment

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks