

January 2017 Italy, Latvia, UK

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ITALY

There have been many references in *Carelinks* messages to the great work being done feeding and preaching to African migrants in Italy, with brother Joseph doing great follow up work. Thank you all so much for donating to enable us to continue sending literature and Bibles there to support Joseph's ongoing preaching and pastoral work. He will hopefully be giving a talk at the *Carelinks UK Conference* on Saturday 25 February God willing. Do come and hear him. He sends us a photo of his apartment packed with contacts and those we've baptized. House meetings are really a great way to go; and also the following email, also sharing the good news that he and his wife are now expecting a baby, after 8 years of failed IVF attempts and having given up with IVF- we did ask for prayers for their getting pregnant in a previous *Carelink*:

"I receive 2 package of bible's and book sent from you. Thanks it's really needed because most of the new brethren don't really have and I was already exhausted of stocks.

Concerning the baby, by God grace we heard the heart beat last week friday, which is a good news, we saw the movement from the ultrascan, it's very positive. Do not relent in prayers for us, the Lord has turned my our sorrow and mourning into happiness and joy.

The Lord be magnified, his wonders endures and last forever, he has always promise and surely he has proven to me that he never fails, he said that he will never let us pass through any affliction or pain that is beyond what we can bear, at a time when i was depressed and sad, he overturned what looks impossible into possibility.

I can't forget your support and courage, with all the materials needed for evangelism outreach, i appreciate all your effort, above all, last year the greatest thing that makes me happy is to see many brethren here got baptised and i always as much as possible speak to them after the baptism about Christ and about holding on to God inspite of their difficult situation.

I pray and hope that this year be another great year of harvest for the Lord"

More are preparing for baptism in Italy, do pray for them, and do continue donating towards this ongoing work.



LATVIA

The feeding program and meetings continue, with very good attendance. We're pleased to announce the baptism of MAREK this week; he is very thin and like so many, in genuine need of the food we give. Really it's the only meal many of these brethren and visitors receive each day. Thank you so much for enabling it so far and do please continue.



UK

We had a great house church meeting this week, again teaching our visitors through *Bible Basics* powerpoint presentations in English and Farsi, displayed on the lounge wall; and we held other teaching sessions at a refugee arrival centre in central London. Some who came were still practicing Muslims. We were able to baptize SAJAD:



Please pray for one young Eastern European woman who attended. As a young naive person needing money, she was promised a job in London by an "agency" in her town, but was enslaved by a people smuggling gang, who forced her to work as a prostitute and tried to make her addicted to drugs. She was rescued by the Police and now the Home Office have put her into a hostel as they decide what to do with her, as she's not from the EU and cannot otherwise remain in the UK; although she fears to return to her home as the gang members who run the "employment agency" are still around in the town. Once she was free of the UK gang and in relative safety, she turned to God and reacted extremely against her Orthodox Christian background, noting that the men running the gang were nominally Orthodox Christians. She became a Muslim, attracted by the ideas of purity, separation of men and women, of covered bodies, of strict morality. It was a classic case of psychological reaction, from one extreme to another. There were Middle Eastern people in her hostel, some of whom had quit Islam and were reading *Bible Basics* and coming to our house church. They made her think. She had never made much sense of the Trinity and Mary being the mother of God, and she thought Christianity was all about kissing icons, as practiced in Russian Orthodoxy. She is now amazed to see that these ideas aren't in the Bible, and Biblical Christianity isn't what she had experienced in Orthodoxy, and which she had reacted against. She absolutely loved being with us, she felt very safe with us and quite begged us for more contact. We've put her in touch with a sister from an ecclesia nearer to her than our house church and hopefully they can have tea together and some further good chats. Do pray for her. There are awful things going on in this world, including in the suburbs of western cities like London UK. And the Lord can save the damaged baggage that is created by them; but He works through all of us, His body in this world.

Our next house church meeting in **Croydon** is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon February 5th God willing. Why not come along and meet some of these folks if you're in the area. You can call Duncan [07481122558] or Cindy [07481120989] for more info. And do remember our *Carelinks UK Conference* in Selsdon on Saturday 25 February God willing.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For the Ukraine Bible School which is currently ongoing, especially for those having to return through the block posts into occupied Eastern Ukraine.

- For the folks attending the house churches in Italy, UK and all over the world, and for the brothers and sisters trying to start them and running them
- For those working hard at the feeding program in **Riga**

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks