

## July 2016 UK, Germany, Russia, Latvia

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

### UK / RUSSIA

In temperatures up to 33 degrees C , we've been putting our fliers on the Phipps Bridge Estate in South London, a veritable concrete jungle. Please pray for response from the thousands of fliers delivered and to the seminar planned in the community centre there in the middle of the estate. Five adults and three children slogged away on Saturday- but with an encouraging break for us all.

KONSTANTIN is a contact in Siberia, Russia. The new Russian legislation against unregistered religious work means that preaching work, baptisms etc. are technically illegal if performed by any apart from the Orthodox Church and a few others. After hours chatting on *Skype*, thinking of all manner of possible alternatives, he decided he would baptize himself. Our brother had read most of our literature and spent many hours watching our *YouTube* material in Russian. So we took a break from our billing to call him from a bench in the playground of the estate; through *Skype* we read Romans 6, prayed together and had a short baptismal service. He then went and immersed himself, and we called back and continued fellowship.

We have produced material in Russian about self-baptism as it seems that the current legislation is now putting fear into the hearts of many when it comes to baptism and openly joining an illegal group. We are considering a form of registration which would be a long, costly process of appeal which may not have any very positive outcome. Please pray for us to have wisdom in all this.

And please don't place publically online any part of Carelinks messages; these messages are sent to you so you can pray over these matters and support / get involved practically as far as you can. You can see a screen shot of our new brother Konstantin from our *Skype* fellowship. His wife was scared about the whole thing and went out of their flat for the duration. There are other contacts in Russia interested in baptism despite the regulations; please pray for us to have wisdom in dealing with these situations.



A group of us sitting on a bench during a campaign on a South London housing estate, helping in an online baptism out in Siberia, Russia... is a powerful testimony to the uniting power of technology. And in this may be part of the answer. We have developed plenty of online resources in Russian regarding breaking bread alone and self-baptism.

And back in the UK and the Western world, response continues to come in.

One applicant for a Bible writes:

*"I send to you on the grounds that I am a new believer that needed to turn to Christianity to find good in our current world. Waking every day to constant bombardment of sad, angry or evil doings via the media was having a really significant affect on me. I have turned to the Lord for*

*help, love and peace as I cannot bear much more of the current world affairs. Why can't we all just be happy. Thank you for your time and what you represent.*  
Sean"

## **GERMANY**

AMIN, MOSTAFA and SHAHRAM are some of the many asylum seekers / migrants now in Germany. The country seems bursting with them in places. They are housed along with many hardline Muslims in a once derelict wing of a psychiatric hospital; not that they are at all unwell, but because every spare public accommodation in hospitals, schools and halls of residence is being filled with Muslim migrants. Our new brethren are among the minority of Christians amongst them. The wing is crowded, with the Muslims aggressive towards any spreading of the Christian faith or any Muslim leaving Islam for any other faith, such as Christianity.

You can see our three brethren with their *Bible Basics*; and there was such energy and joy visible on their faces as they emerged from the bath tub where we performed the baptisms. Please pray they will receive asylum in Germany; and if you can, do donate towards our costs in assisting so many like them. One of them had marks on his back from whippings received in his country of origin. All the work with these dear folks is taking the Gospel to areas we could never have reached by any other method than the Lord bringing these people to Europe for us to preach to.



## **LATVIA**

We repeat our previous appeal to support the work of the feeding scheme here especially over the period October-April, God willing. Brother Maxim reports the baptism of another regular visitor, VLADIMIR.



## **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For those recently baptized
- For the brotherhood in Russia and wisdom to know how best to respond to the situation there
- For the campaign in South London
- For all our former Muslim brethren who are appealing for asylum

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