

July 2019 Latvia, Sri Lanka, Australia, UK

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 8 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/mt8.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://christadelphia.net/audio.htm> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

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

Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

1 Samuel <http://n-e-v.info/1samcomm.pdf>

Isaiah <http://n-e-v.info/NEVIsaiah.pdf>

Matthew <http://n-e-v.info/NEVMatthewCommentary.pdf>

LATVIA

Cindy ran a well blessed women and children's camp in northern Latvia. Thank you all so much for enabling her to do this. Several whom she has baptized were there with their children. She writes: "Thank you for your support for our women and children's camp. We enjoyed our time together reading bible stories and enjoying God's creation. This year we focused on the parables about the lost coin and the pearl of great price, and enjoyed games of hide and seek finding each other."



Meanwhile the work continues in **Riga**, and brother Max and his wife sister Vika, along with their young daughter, have been helping at the *Bible Center*. We're pleased to report the baptisms of VIKTOR and LUDMILA. Both are typical of folks now in later life, with whom the Lord has been working many years to bring to Himself in spirit and truth. Viktor was raised in the USSR, in Belarus, by deeply religious Christian parents who were underground Baptists. It was known in the village that they were underground believers, and that they practiced adult immersion. He was therefore bullied at school. When he was about 8 years old, although he had not been baptized by his parents, the local youth dragged him to a high bridge over the river in the village and threw him off it. He survived, but spent the rest of his youth hating every appearance of Christianity and swearing he'd never be baptized. His parents were arrested and disappeared, never to be seen again. He was raised in a boarding school. He was then drafted into the Red Army, and sent to Afghanistan to fight for the USSR. He had many amazing deliverances, which were clearly the hand of God, but, as he says, half of him accepted that, and the other half denied it and comforted himself in Soviet atheism. But the struggle of truth and error went on all his life, until now in later life he began attending our meetings- with the happy result that finally he accepted the Jesus who has been seeking him from early childhood. Here he is, with his bread and soup, explaining his life:



LUDMILA lives in the high rise blocks at the end of the street where our hall is located. She began searching for God also in later life, and having tried reading the Bible, attended various

churches in the hope they would explain the Bible to her. She attended one church where the pastor refused to answer her questions and she objected, but another member there gave her a copy of *Bible Basics* which 'for some reason' he had come into possession of, although he said he'd never read the book. She read it- and then discovered we meet just at the end of her street. It was a great joy for Max, Vika and Duncan to baptize her whilst Cindy was running her camp for women and children in northern Latvia. She has limited mobility, depending heavily upon a walking stick. You can see a picture of her approaching the crumbling 9 storey Soviet era block where she lives, where the lift often doesn't work, and she has to slowly drag herself up many flights of stairs:



SRI LANKA

As mentioned before, brethren we baptized in Pakistan in 2002 have had to flee the country because of Islamic persecution and are now in Sri Lanka in a very difficult situation, along with many other such refugees. We plan to visit those brethren and assist them with baptizing significant numbers of their interested contacts who have been studying *Bible Basics* with them. Please pray for our wisdom and blessing, to God's glory, despite many contrary factors. And we will greatly appreciate donations towards the work in hand there.

AUSTRALIA

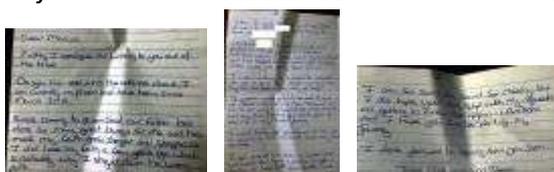
A reminder of the *Carelinks Australia* conference on Sunday, August 11 2019 God willing. There will be a breaking of bread at 10 a.m. at the *Pine Rivers ecclesia, Glenwood Community Centre, Glasshouse Circuit, Dakabin, Queensland, 4506 QLD* and then a lunch, followed by a talk by brother Duncan at 1:00 PM. For more info, contact sister Ruth Stibbs
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Great to hear from *Taree ecclesia* that they are planning on distributing the *NEV New Testaments*, and have printed out these cards to put out with them:



UK

Marcus is very encouraged by the kind of response seen below from the 2019 *creation calendars*; let's pray for further such response. Marcus has just received the 2020 *creation calendars*. Distributing them is a great way to spread the Gospel as the calendars serve as a daily reminder to folks. In due course he'll announce the cost and ordering details:



PRAYER POINTS:

- For all those under persecution especially the Pakistani brethren who have fled to Sri Lanka

- For those recently baptized
- For the ongoing work in Riga, Latvia
- For all the distribution of Bibles and Bible calendars going on

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks