

July 2019 Sri Lanka UK, Creation Calendars, Australia, Mayotte, Turkey

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 22 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/jer4.mp3>

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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:

2 Samuel <http://n-e-v.info/2samcomm.pdf>

Jeremiah <http://n-e-v.info/JeremiahNEVCommentary.pdf>

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

MAYOTTE

Readers may recall our work with the group of **Congolese** refugees almost literally marooned on this tiny rocky outcrop in the Indian Ocean. One by one, they are making it to **France** where they're being cared for to some degree by French social services and being settled in the Lille area. We're grateful to the CBM for now taking over the support of those remaining on Mayotte, and happy to hear from the brethren on Mayotte of another two baptisms.

SRI LANKA

Last week we reported the baptisms of 12 Pakistani Christian asylum seekers in Sri Lanka, and the wonderful fruit to the work of baptizing brother Shahzad in Pakistan in 2002. We've had some heart warming messages of appreciation from those baptized:

Happy to hear from you for wishing us. First we are very grateful to almighty God of our father.

And also Deeply we are very thankful to you for your efforts for us. We can not forget this pleasure moment of baptizing us. It was joyful experience where we could feel the real presence of Jesus Christ. Please keep on praying for us. We also remember you in our prayers. God bless you . From your brother and sister , Michael and Chanda

I am very happy to meet you and I will pray to God to bless this work and make this work very progressive, God bless you for all of us. And God is with you. Br Nabeel

We are glad to see you here. We are very happy after taking baptism . my all family is very happy. Because through you we have come to close Jesus. We will try bring more people towards to Jesus Christ . we are missing you. Hope meet you again according to will of God. May God bless you. Br Khurram

Thank you for your email, and thanks great God which send you for us. Please keep me in ur prayers. I miss you. God bless you. Your sister in Jesus, Shazia

Their situation is of course very difficult, and they need our prayers, not least regarding offers of monthly support if they agree to be rebaptized. This puts new converts in a really very difficult situation.

2020 CREATION CALENDARS

We have regularly reported on the success of the 2019 *Creation Calendars*, which make great gifts and serve as a regular reminder of God's message; the 2020 Calendar is now printed, and has an extended section at the back regarding our beliefs, two more pages than last time; and also with some new photos and explanations of the wonders of creation. Marcus has worked day and night on his project, with huge help from a sister doing the layout for him. They're now

available from Marcus, at roughly similar cost to last year.

You can email him and tell him how many you want, and he'll calculate the cost and postage to wherever you are- bible.basics2020@gmail.com .

You can see the PDF of the calendar at www.carelinks.net/docs/2020-creation-calendar.pdf



Marcus himself is busy mailing out the calendars to contacts and distributing them himself. He's had a fall recently which he's recovered from but he is still in a lot of pain. He refuses painkillers lest they make him drowsy and he can't focus on his work for the Lord. So you can see him at work here with the calendars wearing a heavy belt which reduces his pain levels. Do pray for his efforts, and let's be inspired to go on working for the Lord into old age, as the tree which continues to bear fruit in old age



U.K.

A few years ago we baptized brother Milad, then an asylum seeker, in south east UK. He was then working illegally as a hairdresser without documents. Now, he has a UK passport, has taken out a loan to get his own barber's shop, has a car and is doing well. But despite his much improved material position, he's still preaching. He gives our literature to folks whose hair he cuts- he uses a Persian live flame method of hairdressing to get an ideal smooth finish, so he's a favourite spot for anyone wanting a Persian haircut. One of his contacts was ALI, and it was with joy that we baptized him; another contact was due for baptism, but his Islamic family stopped it at the last minute. There are now many solidly Islamic areas in the UK. Where we performed the baptism was in a terraced street, typical 19th century workers' cottages, now inhabited by Muslim immigrants. It seemed they had even changed the name of the cottages to "Arabi" as below:



But despite this hostile environment to the Gospel, one here and one there still respond to the Gospel's call. So here you can see brother Milad and Ali with the Bible Basics in Farsi; Ali saying "I do" to the things of the Kingdom and Name; and being baptized in the bath tub in that two up two down, typical British terraced house.

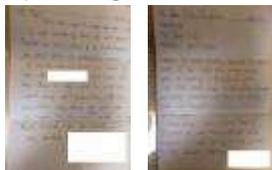


AUSTRALIA

A reminder of the *Carelinks Conference* scheduled for the *Pine Rivers ecclesia* on Sunday 11 August God willing. And that Phil Miri Worsnop will be distributing our literature at the Gatton

Show this weekend (20,21 July GW). Contact them if you'd like to come and help.

The distribution of the *2019 Creation Calendars* to Australian women prisoners continues to bring forth fruit. Just have a read of these letters from women in prison, now turning to God and requesting *NEV Bibles* as a result of this witness:



Please pray for these women, that we might be able to further help them to know the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth.

TURKEY

On the way back from Sri Lanka via Turkey, we met with brother Remzi, who was baptized about 12 years ago and who has quietly baptized various contacts of his in Turkey. The young man baptized as an enthusiastic teenager is now a young university academic, with his research specialism being the history of the Christian minority in Turkey over recent centuries. This has given him opportunity to share his faith with his students, and some have been baptized. It takes all sorts, and we commend our brother for his brave witness to the Gospel despite his academic position.

Our brother plans on attending the *2020 UK Carelinks Conference* at the end of February 2020, and we will look forward, Lord willing, to hearing his testimony.



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the outreach in prisons
- For Marcus and his calendar project
- For those wishing to be baptized but struggling with consequences from their Islamic families

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks