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The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Romans 2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/rom2.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:

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

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

Romans <http://n-e-v.info/NEVRomansCommentary.pdf>

AUSTRALIA

A reminder of our *Carelinks conference* at *Pine Rivers Ecclesia*, **Brisbane** on Sunday 11 August GW. Phil Miri had a great time at the Gatton Show, offering Bibles and *Bible Basics* material, with a good take up:



LATVIA

We continue our feeding work, and passed our annual hygiene inspection with distinction; well done Cindy, Anna and the team. It's a huge amount of work to keep up with these things, and expensive too. As ever we really appreciate your donations to the work so that it can keep going. We are widely extended worldwide with various things at this time. All we had to do additionally to our present levels was to make our list of allergens [required even for a soup kitchen!] more visible, which we've done- they always have to find something to ask you to do, even if they pass you with distinction:



This Sunday we were delighted to baptize AIVARS, yet another veteran of the Soviet-Afghan war who in later life has found the pearl of great price. He described how he was on the parade ground one morning at the Soviet military base in Bagram, near Kabul. Soviet losses were huge and he was very frightened when an officer marched along the ranks and picked out a few of them, telling them to go and stand elsewhere. The small group were told that they were being withdrawn from active combat duty and their job would be to operate the military morgue. Aivars always felt that God's hand was in it. And so for two years he worked at the morgue. His job was to put mangled bodies in body bags and coffins- the bodies of men he had trained with, with whom he had stood that day on the parade ground. Despite atheism being enforced in the USSR, he saw clearly that there was a God and that God had some special interest in him, choosing him out from that parade of men to save his life. And make him engage with the reality of death, asking himself over each mangled body "And is there life after this?".

Gorbachev ended the Afghan war in 1990 and at the same time, began liberalizing the laws about religious activity. But it has taken Aivars 29 years to come to this point of grasping the Truth and being baptized. It was a wonderful moment, for God is in search of man, as Aivars was in search of Him; and in this case, they met. We prayed together before the immersion, and really this was that meeting between God and man when the lost is found and all Heaven rejoices:



CANADA

Brother George Kachmar continues distributing Bibles to the homeless in Hamilton, despite the hot weather; although he's shifted his spot. Contact him for more details:



FINLAND

Brother Tommi, baptized last year, is active in the Lord's work and joins in with our online breaking of bread on Facebook. He has just finished translating *Bible Basics* to Finnish; let us know if you'd like a copy.

SRI LANKA

The newly baptized group there continue in contact with us, and meeting together despite pressures and opposition. We repeat our request for someone to hold regular meetings with them online, using WhatsApp or cell phone. They do need our prayers.

UK

The distribution of *NEV New Testaments* on the streets of Wigan led to the mayor of Wigan receiving one and posing for photos with our Iranian refugee brethren and brother Stewart who arranged the distribution. And also listening to their stories of persecution and faith in Christ. This led to an article in the local newspaper- fantastic publicity, with Marcus getting interviewed as well and having his say for the Gospel albeit from a distance:



APPS

Work on the *NEV Bible* app is progressing really well, despite the expected bugs and technical issues. But it's a huge job. Sadly we live in a world where serious reading of anything isn't popular; people seem to have short concentration spans and want to listen or watch. So we're aiming to produce audio versions of all the *"Bible Basics"* literature we have in many languages. Hopefully at some point we may turn them into an app, but for now they will be accessible from

websites. We're looking for native speakers to read the text of a reduced version of "*Bible Basics*" onto MP3 files; you can download a Voice Recorder onto your phone and do it by just speaking into a smartphone.

So if you are a native speaker of the following languages, or know someone who is, please let us know: Afrikaans, Albanian, Amharic, Armenian, Bemba, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chichewa, Croatian, Dutch, Esperanto, Estonian, Georgian, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Kiswahili, Korean, Kurdish, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Mongolian, Northern Sotho, Polish, Romanian, Runyankole, Setswana, Shona, Tagalog, Thai, Tigrina, Ukrainian, Venda, Vietnamese, Xhosa.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For all the people receiving God's word from those now distributing our literature on the streets worldwide
- For our plans to produce apps

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks