

June 2017 Italy, Progress in the UK

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UK

This has been a very active week in the **UK** with a total of 5 baptisms in the **London area**. At our house church in Croydon we were pleased to baptize ABUZAR, BEHROOZ, MOHAMMED and GHASEM.

They had arrived in the UK by the usual route- stowed away in trucks from northern France and crossing the English channel by ferry or through the tunnel. Behrooz was baptized with difficulty as his knee can hardly bend after some of the goods fell on him in the back of the truck and crushed his leg; he had to endure agony for some hours before he was let out of the truck at a gas station and got to a hospital. This group were first contacted at a migrant centre in Peckham in central London. We walked up to them with Farsi and Arabic *Bible Basics* as they were sitting at a table, and enquired if they were interested in learning about Jesus and the Bible.

Two of them were playing with their phones, they looked up and smiled and said they'd downloaded the Bible onto their phones and were trying to understand it, so our approach was much appreciated! This was so clearly the hand of providence, just like the Ethiopian eunuch.

The other two men said they were watching a movie with Farsi subtitles about Martin Luther and they were really inspired by it to step out and do the right thing, but they didn't know how.

Truly nothing is chance in our lives, if we take the Gospel to the world in faith, the word doesn't return void. This led to home meetings and baptisms. The baptisms were very spiritual, each candidate of their own choice sitting in the water for some time and quietly praying before the immersion:



Cindy is getting quite good at cooking Middle Eastern food; this is the way to do it, getting folks into your home, and discussing the Gospel and *Bible Basics* with them at the table [you can see a Farsi *Bible Basics* on the table below]:



The migrant centres are fertile ground for getting the Gospel to people from all the world. There are people from all over the world speaking various languages, and they have time on their hands and are at a point in their lives when they are open to new things. The washrooms have many languages on them, and even a picture of what they are for those who are still confused:



Let us know if you'd like copies of *Bible Basics* in the kind of languages which are popular in these places.

We also sometimes hold house church in Bexleyheath and we were able to baptize MILAD there this week; we've been in touch with him over a year. He's a hairdresser and is already sharing the true Gospel with friends and clients:



It was again a very spiritual and encouraging time, to see secular people responding to the Gospel:



There's no doubt that house church, home meetings are a great supplement to formal church / ecclesial meetings. We believe this is really the way to go in getting the Gospel out to secular people in Europe, many of whom are now deeply sceptical of religion and churches.

ITALY

We continue getting response from Italy, and there are migrants arriving on the beaches every day, often over 1000 each day. This is a truly fertile field for the Gospel, both in providing relevant material help to those who stand before us with nothing in this world apart from jeans and T-shirt, and more essentially, in giving them the great Hope of the Kingdom through the saving work of our Lord Jesus.

Please continue supporting us in prayer and donation as you can.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For continued wisdom in the work we do, especially how to follow up with those baptized
- For the particular opportunities and challenges in Italy

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