

June 2018 Canada, Spain, Australia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Revelation 7-9 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/rev789.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: **Isaiah:**

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

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

CANADA

One fruit of the recent *Carelinks Canada* conference was meeting up with brother George Kachmar, who was fairly recently baptized at the *Book Road ecclesia*. George has a heart for the Gospel and is very much at one with our approaches.

He has launched a program called "*Word on the street*" and goes to the homeless in central Hamilton, Ontario on a regular basis. He distributes New Testaments as well as food, and we've sent him supplies of the *NEV New Testaments* and the *Carelinks* visibility vests. He also hopes to get some of these folks studying "*Introducing Bible Basics*" with him.

It may be a long road to getting any of them through the door of a church building, and some may never make it, but this is not to say that such troubled souls cannot legitimately come to the truth of the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom. George invites those in the area to come and help him in the work:

"I am at the old Hamilton bus terminal on Rebecca St. on Sundays 7pm and considering adding other days God willing. If you know of any one in the area who would like to help out or just fellowship with me that would be great!!! Just send them my info or Facebook". Do pray for this wonderful initiative... it might be the start of a Canadian Riga.

AUSTRALIA

Our Australian brethren have produced a 30 second TV advert advertising free *NEV Bibles*. We have the original file which we can share with you for your use, and you can view it online at <https://youtu.be/FKcQYI0r3dl>

Let's pray that the adverts get good response; others may think of using it on their local TV channels [but note the strong Australian accent!].

SPAIN

We've often mentioned the extraordinary work of brother Valentin in Spain since his baptism. He has distributed over 60,000 leaflets and works tirelessly to spread the Gospel in Spain.

One of our African brethren from Sicily came to Spain and has also been sharing the true Gospel. Thanks to that, Duncan & Valentin were able to take the work begun much further forward this week, by God's grace. It was an extraordinary testament to the power of the basic Gospel.

Although the initial brethren were black Africans, they had managed to bring local white Spaniards to be interested in the Gospel. This is a huge achievement, only possible by God's grace. Because Catholic, self-satisfied Spain is very hard ground for the Gospel.

We were a wide group who gathered for the baptisms in very bright sunshine, taking shelter

beneath an elevated concrete bridge for some shade. There were present Elvis, a Hispanic American from New York who emigrated to Spain; Pedro, a middle aged Spaniard; and a collection of African migrants and some South Americans. We conducted everything in English and Spanish, with one of the Africans translating Valentin's talks from Spanish to English, and Duncan's from English to Spanish; and the prayers and simple songs were conducted in English, Spanish and Yoruba [a Nigerian language]. The beach was crowded, and we attracted quite some attention.

And so we're delighted to announce the baptisms of DAVID, JAMES, ELVIS, JOSE, PEDRO, AYO, GABRIEL and OSAS; and sisters EVELYN, DESTINY, RUTH and CINDY. You will note Pedro, the Spaniard in his 60s standing second from the left from Valentin and Duncan in the photos. Spain like much of Europe is a conservative, racist, Catholic society with much and open disdain for the black migrants. Middle aged Spanish males living in seaside towns might appear the hardest group to convert. And they are. But the power of God's truth in Christ is such that a man would step out of those societal expectations, what the Bible calls "the world", and drive his car to a crowded beach in his home town, stand under a bridge with various black folks, and be baptized by a black man on a crowded beach in full view of all.

Elvis is on the far left:



You can see two passers by enthralled by the sight of a multiracial group of people under a bridge holding hands, one so much so she took a photo:



Here's the wonderful baptism of Pedro the Spaniard, then Evelyn the Nigerian and Elvis the Hispanic, New York Bronx American. Brother Valentin is in the cap to the right.



One of the greatest things about this event was the interest from onlookers on that crowded beach. Spaniards and western Europeans on holiday on a Spanish beach one Summer Saturday... were captivated by the sight of a group of Spaniards, a Brit, an American and Africans holding hands, praying and singing together, listening to a Bible study, and then baptizing each other . People came and watched, took photos and videos on their smartphones and cameras, and then our folks were not slow in engaging them in conversation. It was wonderful to see the green *NEV Bibles* in the hands of so many different folks; secular Spaniards to the poor barefoot African woman under the bridge



We have the *NEV Bible* in Spanish with commentary all translated and typeset, and available for free download as a PDF from <http://www.n-e-v.info/Biblia.pdf> it would be amazing to get it printed and in the hands of folks, but we're talking big money,

especially with the cost of postage and freight being so high these days; far more than the actual cost of printing.

This was all a living witness to the truth of the Lord's prayer in John 17, that by the extraordinary unity amongst His people, a witness would be made powerful enough to convert the secular world. Valentin is a really capable evangelist, talking freely and powerfully with everyone. He is a huge blessing to the Lord's work in Spain.

The baptism service, prayer and songs and the baptisms [with scenes of the fascinated onlookers] are all on video at <https://youtu.be/1qAAEUHVq8>

The scenes are separately as videos:

The baptism service [the talks] <https://youtu.be/rJlTsu8RZYA>

The talk by brother Valentin, in Spanish translated by an African into Spanish https://youtu.be/GJw_z3NekdE

The prayer and singing <https://youtu.be/yv45NMzMhr0>

The actual baptisms <https://youtu.be/8JjMHJy4JCw>

PRAYER POINTS

- For the adverts on Australian TV
- For those newly baptized
- For the work and feeding scheme beginning in Italy this week
- For the work of brother George in Hamilton, ONT Canada
- For the continued work of brother Valentin and others in Spain

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks