

## March 2018 Estonia, Latvia, Philippines

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/lk2.mp3>

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

### ESTONIA

We travelled up from **Latvia** this week to baptize TONY in Estonia, an unusual but most interesting contact who's been in touch for some years. He was a secular, non-religious person who realized his need for God, and having passed through the various religions such as Buddhism was struck by the dogmatic assertions of the Lord Jesus Christ- that He alone was the way to God. In the post modern world, such assertions "aren't cool". But he found the very height of the claims of the Lord Jesus to be the absolute truth... to be of themselves startling. And so he got a Bible. He's a fanatic swimmer, and goes into the open water every day of the year, no matter what the temperature. This kind of thing is not unheard of in Scandinavia and northern Europe. He purchased a waterproof Bible, and read this whilst in the water. Finally he sent us a Facebook message that he was ready for baptism. He had his favourite spot in mind... which would involve us going into the water with him. It was -10 C with snow and strong wind on the chosen day for baptism. He runs a fruit shop and was only free in the evening, after dark. He realized it was a bit of a big ask for us to go into the water with him so we finally found a sauna, where we could relax in the water- with his waterproof Bible. He has doctrine by doctrine looked at our material and was quietly and humbly prepared for the great moment when he gave his life totally to the Lord Jesus. Here he is at his baptism, and a close up of the waterproof ESV Bible he has:



### LATVIA

This was the last week of the feeding scheme in its intensive form we operate in the Winter, although please remember we have on costs for the premises throughout the year. The last night was one to remember, with nearly 120 people in the hall, wonderfully catered for by Sarah, April and Maxim, and the baptisms of sister MAYA and brother DOMINIK . There is no doubt that the Lord is powerfully at work in this cold, sad little backwater of Europe. The intensive feeding season runs October-March God willing- please seriously think about coming over to help, pray for us, and try to mobilize donations for this work, which has so many expenses.

Some of our older and younger workers made a brief video, "Come over and help us", do have a look at it and share it around- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oeCqo15aLBw>



## PHILIPPINES

For many years a group on an island in a very remote part of the Philippines have been learning the Truth and spreading it to others, they are based around a married couple, WILLER and DIANAROSE. They have built up a group which meet regularly and which they call their "ecclesia".



There have been difficulties in visiting them and so they baptized themselves, along with JULIET, and you can feel their joy and relief from how they write afterwards:

We are very glad we do the baptism. We first read Galatians chapter 3 and Romans chapter 6 then prayed to Yahweh. Then we read Study 8 BAPTISM INTO CHRIST in your booklet *Bible Basics Intro*. Then proceed to the river. Have baptised. After that we eat lunch together... We are very happy. We are now connected to the covenants of promise through our baptism into Christ. We are now heirs of the Kingdom soon to come in Jerusalem. Thank you for all the efforts and for the hope you gave us. We thought that we are no more, but thanks God we found you. And we are very encouraged to continue serving Yahweh until the coming of His son Jesus Christ. We love you and the whole Carelinks brethren.

For the past 5 years we studied all your books, read *NEV Bible* with your commentaries, understand the Truth concerning the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ. And now we are sure of eternal life in His Kingdom on the earth soon and we are to reign with him as kings/queens and priests to teach the people the oracles of God. To Yahweh all the glory and praise for not leaving us in isolation. Thanks again!... Sunday School materials are really needed here also the *NEV Bibles* and send some *Bible Basics Intro* books and also your other books for the 2 groups we handle. We pray that they will be ready for baptism soon. We pray that all blessings of Yahweh be upon you there in Latvia, may all be well with you and the people you minister. God bless"

If any would like to post them Sunday School material please let us know.

## PRAYER POINTS:

- For those newly baptized
- For the continuing work in Riga
- For the amazing witness being made on a remote island area in the Philippines With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks