

## March 2018 UK, Latvia, Belgium

The Bible Companion readings for this Sunday include 2 Corinthians 1,2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/2cor1and2.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>

### UK

We enjoyed a very stimulating *Carelinks Conference* in **Croydon** last Saturday with visitors from throughout the UK. The playlist for all the talks is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX\\_9aTo8Alk&list=PLqHWDPHDmR\\_zUPzX50jSWKYQobgfpZQTc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX_9aTo8Alk&list=PLqHWDPHDmR_zUPzX50jSWKYQobgfpZQTc)

We've been blessed with several hundred replies from throughout the UK in response to our advert offering free Bibles in the *Daily Mail*, a reminder that there is significant interest in our message in the UK. In the afternoon we wrote letters to these folks and stuffed envelopes with the Bibles. Let's pray for all those hundreds of people as they receive their Bibles. This work and following it up is obviously expensive- we're really open to your donations so that we can continue getting the word out there to so many all over the world.

And do come along to such conferences; they really are a very upbuilding and "live" experience of the Father and Son at work amongst people. You can see part of the pile of stuffed envelopes in the background of the second picture:



Perhaps the highlight for many was the talk by brother Chris Sparkes explaining how doctrine by doctrine, he arrived at the same doctrinal positions which we hold. It's how it should be- that truth is arrived at by different paths. The talk is lengthy but really a wonderful witness to the power of God's word to explain itself to a thoughtful seeker after truth. Chris's talk is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LDor\\_cRVrc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LDor_cRVrc)

Amongst the other talks was one by Brother Norman Stock about the work of the *Riga Bible Center* and feeding program which he recently visited. Norman's talk is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Uja5X414M8>

In our group prayers we prayed for the work there- and those prayers were answered in a wonderful way over the next few days.

### LATVIA

Last Saturday there was special group prayers made for the work in Latvia; and on the next day they began to have a wonderful answer. A total of five of our visitors came forward to be baptized. We give an hour of Bible teaching each day as well as getting folks to take away and read Bible Basics. It was with great joy that we witnessed the baptisms of ARTEM, ALEKSEI, ERIK, YURI and VLADIMIR

Sisters Hilary Knight and Jackie Sprigg demonstrated what older folks can do, labouring so hard in the kitchen for two weeks- and if you too feel inspired to help, then do let us know. They were especially overjoyed at the baptisms



We also had a great visit from sister Indira from the Brooklyn USA ecclesia, who along with her son took time out of a family holiday in Europe to come visit us and work in the kitchen for a few days:



Temperatures in Latvia have been terribly low, not only down to -30 but with a hard wind, making street life unbearable. We really are providing warmth, hot drinks and hot nutritious food to those who need it, as well as spiritual teaching. We've had up to 100 people attending our meetings each day. There really is a need and we are meeting it, both spiritually and materially. Those low temperatures mean that our heating bill is going to be colossal. It's a large hall and the combined heating and electric bill can come to well over 1000 Euro / month at this time of year- quite apart from land tax, water, and of course the cost of the food itself.

We'll say it again- that this really is a wonderful project but it can only continue with your kind donations and prayerful support.

Jackie and Hilary have just returned to UK and have been replaced in the kitchen by sisters April (London-Forest Hill) and Sarah (Bournemouth- Waterside).

## **BELGIUM**

We've been in touch with an Iranian Christian woman, called PARISA. Parisa was part of an underground church in Iran, but they were infiltrated and her husband collapsed under the pressure, returned to Islam and divorced her- and got the religious Police onto her. She fled with her young child to Belgium where she lives with a relative. We were able to meet with her and baptize her into the Lord Jesus. She is really in a very uncertain position, not helped by Belgium taking so long in deciding asylum cases. And meanwhile she and her young daughter must live with such great uncertainty and nervous pressure. Please do pray for her



## **PRAYER POINTS**

- For those recently baptized
- For those in the **UK** receiving their *NEV Bibles* and *Introducing Bible Basics* this week
- For those suffering in the very low temperatures in Europe
- That sister Parisa can find stability and acceptance in Belgium.

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**