

March 2018 UK, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 17 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/lk17.mp3>

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

UKRAINE

This week we made a pastoral and preaching visit far out into rural Ukraine. We landed on an air strip not properly cleared of snow and ice, at a time when Ukraine had had some of the heaviest snowfall and winds on record, with huge snow drifts. By God's grace we managed to land and take off all in one piece. And we thank God for that, give the atrocious air safety statistics in Russia and the Ukraine.



The highlight was a day spent with VASIL, a very spiritual man who has been studying the Bible all his life and can quote scripture with great ease. He figured the Trinity was wrong, and passed through various groups without satisfaction. He lives in a village far out in the snow fields.

This intense but very calm, Godly man had really searched for a set of doctrinal understandings that made sense all his life. He was given our Russian *NEV Bible* with commentary by an illiterate cow girl in the village, who in turn had been given it by someone. At the back of our Bibles there is a reduced version of *Bible Basics*.

All Vasil read made perfect sense to him, and he read the Bible with commentary- and then contacted us. It was the culmination of so much searching for God which led to our baptizing him in a hotel bath tub in the nearest big town. If we had crashed on take off from that ice covered air strip, life would've been worth it for him. Please share our joy and gratitude to the Lord who ceaselessly works to bring sincere people to Himself in spirit and truth.

It was also a case of throwing our bread upon the waters, and the word not returning empty but achieving what is intended. There are tens of thousands of *NEV Bibles* being read throughout the world in various languages, in soft and hard copy, and we pray daily that others will come forward and contact us as Vasil did.



UK

Our adverts on the Croydon-Wimbledon tram have also been a sowing of the word which did not return void. We're pleased to report the baptism of ASHTON, a roofer who saw our advert on the trams as he came home from work each day at a job he was on in Beckenham. He too had searched for real Christianity on and off down the years, and he has already been out on the streets with us in Croydon distributing New Testaments. Here we are having a coffee break and

Bible reading after being out on the streets with the New Testaments:



Brother Marcus continues mailing out literature from his home, all over the world. He's been sending literature for distribution to brother Gaius of the Ohafia ecclesia in Nigeria, who has been inspired by our Carelinks "Free Bibles" visibility vests and the work on the streets in Croydon UK to make his own visibility vest, and along with his wife Ngozi to get out on the streets in his area and preach. Marcus has sent him more literature for distribution. The cost of postage these days is massive. We can only keep doing this by your continued donations.



Cindy is in touch with a few women in the UK whom we really hope and pray will come to baptism. They are from all walks of life. One at the bottom rung of society is a white Anglo Saxon Brit called Bev, one of whose emails reveals how 'at the bottom rung' she really is- she doesn't even have her own phone:

"don't have a phone just a computer as im sofa surfing as homeless so keep my main things at boyfriends house and i am very ill i suffer with asthma and epilepsy and bipolar disorders i dont have any more family as my mother is a heroin addict and my farther is a alcoholic who beat me up and raped me my nana rescued me from them then i got upset and ranaway and about two weeks ago got told she died i never said good bye or im sorry"

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For those struggling physically and financially with the extreme weather conditions in Eastern Europe
- For those hundreds of people starting to read their new Bibles in the UK after responding to the Daily Mail adverts

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks