

## March 2019 UK, Italy, USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 23 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/lk23.mp3>

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Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

**Numbers** <http://n-e-v.info/numcomm.pdf>

**Proverbs** <http://n-e-v.info/proverbs.pdf>

**Galatians** <http://n-e-v.info/NEVGalatiansCommentary.pdf>

### UK

We spent an intense two days working with various contacts in the London area- including one who was unable to be baptized because he has limited freedom due to apparently being effectively enslaved by traffickers. No wonder the desperate turn to the Gospel. However we were able to baptize NAGHI, an Iranian contact who first heard of the Gospel through one of our existing brethren who works in a Persian restaurant in London. Naghi has been in the UK over 15 years and this was very much what he was looking for; he is eager to in turn spread hard copies of *Farsi Bible Basics* to others he meets:



And then there was STEVE, an unusually spiritually mature and perceptive taxi driver who has been watching our material on YouTube and online for a long time. He came in his taxi to the baptism, and gave a stunningly powerful confession of his absolute faith and trust in the work of the Lord Jesus. Then we baptized him, and broke bread. Steve gave a wonderful prayer for the wine, and then gave another testament to God's saving grace in Jesus. Steve is very familiar with scripture, and now all makes sense to him and he had a passionate desire to connect with the Lord Jesus. Duncan comments: "This was one of the best attitudes and appreciation of the truth of Jesus I've ever seen in a candidate, I wish I had had this when I was baptized; I felt he should have baptized me rather than vice versa. Such deep appreciation of the Lord Jesus is truly a victory for Him and all His work and efforts for us all".

The video of Steve's personal testimony is very, very powerful. You'll also see the actual baptism and breaking of bread afterwards; it's all very moving and motivating.

See <https://youtu.be/UKbYOQ99T1c>

Let's pray for him as he distributes the *NEV Bibles* and tries to interest his family and contacts in the wonderful grace he has so well appreciated and responded to. In the pictures you can also see Marcus, who generally keeps well and is active as ever in his Lord's work:



Brother Phil Martin, who spoke at the *Carelinks UK Conference* recently, has arranged (God

willing) to hold a Passover breaking of bread on Passover night Thursday April 18th. at about 8:15pm. He's hoping to do it in the town of Mountain Ash, Wales, along with those recently baptized there as reported in recent *Carelinks*, in one of their homes. Others wishing to participate will be warmly welcome, and you can contact Phil direct if you'd like more info or plan to attend: pc\_jb\_mart@yahoo.co.uk

## ITALY

As mentioned in a recent *Carelink*, yesterday brother Joseph held his conference in his town, aimed at Africans disillusioned with the prosperity Gospel. He had distributed photocopied fliers for it and invited people. He was amazed that 40 people came, excluding kids. Also an American Italian from San Marino attended, quite a journey for him. So Joseph is pretty excited about that. This is the meeting Joseph advertised using our very poorly produced video against the prosperity Gospel at <https://youtu.be/ZJuMLDEPWEw> There are babies crying loudly, pots being banged... but our inadequacy seems to be what God likes to use. We were unsure how many would pitch and this is an amazing response. So in Joseph's area of Italy (although not in others) we are moving away from feeding, as all camps in his area are closed now, and towards more familiar [to us] activities like seminars and lectures. Of course it is one thing to get people through the doors on a subject like the prosperity Gospel, and another to challenge their core doctrinal beliefs, Joseph said he did gently mention the error of the trinity but didn't go into it in depth, although the American Italian guy has rejected the Trinity. Joseph intends to hold such meetings once / month now, as well as his home group. This meeting was held in a rented hall near the railway station. In fairness this response is partly because Joseph knows the African community in his area very well and was able to invite many through personal contact, all the same, he is overjoyed at the response, understandably so.



Even some ex-Pentecostal Italian Italians attended, which is remarkable in what is otherwise a very racially segregated society. Joseph speaks good Italian and was able to talk with them too. Joseph says he structured the meeting around the pattern of the **Carelinks Conference** in UK which he attended, i.e. a series of presentations divided by hymns and prayers.



So we see that the days of getting people through doors into a public talk aren't totally over, even in materialistic Italy. In this case, the subject was specific and of intense relevant interest to them, and the appeal was to a specific ethnic group by one of their own. This kind of success could surely be replicated elsewhere in the western world.

## U.S.A.

We get some really appreciative communications from folk who have seen our material. Here are two received this week:

*"You sent to me a Bible a year or two ago; I had been searching for a version that resonated with me for a long time. This **"New European Version"** is now my beloved favorite. I also very much love the soft green color cover with gold lettering. It is very beautiful. But more importantly I love this version. The reason I am writing is that I would like a second copy if possible. I would like to have one as a back up in the event something happens to the one I have. These are not available*

where I live in California or on common new Bible websites".

And then from Texas:

*"I am curious about Christianity. I have never seen such a beautiful congregation such as this before, I hear stories about missionaries who go out into the world to spread the gospel which shows dedication and I hear some missionaries being persecuted in countries where Christianity is banned. I ask myself what person in their right mind is willing to die for a cause like this. So I really want to know who God is I want to have fellowship with him".*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- For those recently baptized
- For the continued positive response of the many contacts we have worldwide
- For Brother Joseph's work in Italy
- For our wisdom in preparing the material for the Bible app

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