

March 2025 Germany, Iran, UK

GERMANY

Evia and Duncan plan on baptizing a lady in Hamburg on Saturday March 7th Lord willing. Let us know if you'd like to join us.

IRAN

We continue lots of contact with various ones in Iran who are using VPN and Starlink to have access to the outside world. This week we had two separate online baptisms of users of our Persian language app, MOHAMMAD and MARYAM. Do pray for them and all our brothers and sisters in Iran in the very difficult situation there.



UK

Our meetings in Croydon continue having so much blessing, both at our meetings and with our online followers. Many of our attenders are homeless or on very small benefits... some sleep under any overhang they can find in Croydon High Street. Here are some folks who later in the day will come to us for food, coffee and Bible teaching. We have also provided tents and sleeping bags:



These are the very folks Cindy, Evia and others are feeding and teaching the Bible to:



But we are seeking to attract also more people who aren't homeless, who can build up the "core" group who end up "carrying" all those with major social needs and issues. So we've stepped up our general outreach to folks in South London. This week it was great to be out preaching on the streets of Croydon with Daniel, Spiro, Hope, Corinne and others. It's hard to think of anybody who street preaches Jesus Christ like Spiro does. We also made some brief videos advertising our Sunday meetings, do share them around if you're in London or know folks there: <https://youtu.be/sXBtUQ0SSSA>



We made a great team. Spiro and Duncan gave short talks, Daniel got totally into handing out New Testaments and cards inviting people to our meetings, he kept coming back to our literature bag empty handed... and had a great chat with a man in a wheelchair who listened to us and wanted to know more:





There's nothing quite like taking the basic message of the Lord Jesus and the Kingdom of God to the masses of people thronging Croydon:



We continually directed people to our meeting place, the well known venue next to KFC by the tram lines, with Hope so good at engaging people and directing them to us:



We never cease to be amazed how many people follow us online. One lady, a nurse at Mayday Hospital, told us she follows us, although she's never visited our meetings. And she'd been praying for us recently whilst we were in Ukraine. She had a friend with her, so we ended up in McDonald's with them and sister Corinne. Her friend subscribed to us online and both say they'll attend on Sunday. The first lady said one of our kids had given her a New Testament on the street a few years ago and she started following us after that:



And of course, there were plenty of chats with interested folks:



We also did some singing of well known Christian songs... Spiro and Hope each had a microphone and did a great job, getting some claps from the crowd, and even persuaded Duncan to sing the chorus on "Because He lives"... quite something!



There's a large Pentecostal and Evangelical movement in South London, in fact there always has been, going back to the 19th Century with the work of CH Spurgeon, the Metropolitan Tabernacle etc. But these days there are a lot of people disillusioned with the constant stress on giving money to church, with wealthy, scandal-ridden pastors etc. So as you can hear in the promotional video we made at <https://youtu.be/sXBtUQ0SSSA> , we specifically offer a church for such people. We come over [as we are] as no nonsense, very real, down to earth, unpretentious, ordinary sincere people, serious Bible preaching and teaching folks who also

very much care for people, don't hold collections at our meetings and there will be "no ask for money". As we say all the time, we'd rather see you than your money. As Paul would say "[we] do not want what is yours but you" (2 Cor. 12:11). And this is definitely appreciated by the many sincere and confused people on the streets of south London. But... the thing is... we still have to fund it all somehow! So we really are open to your donations, and of course you're all welcome to come and cook, preach and chit chat with folks in Croydon, and we're happy to put anyone up overnight in this work.

So. We really appreciate your ongoing support and prayers. Because this truly is the Lord's work. Specifically, you might like to consider donating to help us advertise our latest video on Google Ads, Facebook and YouTube. You can focus such advertising within a 5 mile radius of Croydon, so we're totally reaching local people.

And we're also open to donations towards offsetting the big deficit there is for our away weekend March 13-15 God willing. We're looking forward to having Chris & Marilyn Rodwell from Knowle & Dorrige ecclesia presenting, and Neil & Esther from Tamworth ecclesia kindly doing the catering. Everyone who's come to these weekends has found them an unusual meeting of really wonderful enthusiastic ordinary British people from so many backgrounds, eager to learn more. We're open to donations to help those who can't really afford to attend. We take up a collection at the event, requiring about £150 / person to break even, but we don't raise anything like what's needed. But we always say, we'd rather see you than your money. Those recently baptized really need this weekend to grow spiritually and get to know others in the Lord's body. And do come along yourselves, pray for us, and encourage others to attend!



Find Yourself in Bible Characters

YOU'RE INVITED TO

CARELINKS / CROYDON CHURCH IN A PUB WEEKEND RETREAT

When: Friday 13 March - Sunday 15 March, God willing

Where: Carrotty Wood Centre, Higham Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QX

Theme: Find Yourself in Bible Characters

Speakers: Chris and Marilyn Rodwell, Duncan and all of you

Cost: Whatever you can contribute
[Don't want ££ to stop anyone coming]

Accommodation: All rooms have en suite

Discussions, break out groups, lessons for kids, games etc with really interesting folks

For more details and to reserve your place contact:

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PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For our brothers and sisters in Iran
- For our work with the homeless and others in South London
- For resources human and otherwise to continue the work the Lord is clearly eager to do

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks