

May 2016 Ukraine Bible School, UK, Childrens Material

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 20 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts20.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> and on *iTunes* at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

UKRAINE BIBLE SCHOOL

As intimated in a previous Carelink, we invite your support for the *Ukraine Bible School* to be held God willing June in Kiev at the end of June. We would like to raise around 5000 \$ towards the cost of funding the event; we pay the fares and accommodation for our local brethren and sisters from Ukraine and some neighbouring countries. So your contributions are welcome. The media has gone quiet about Ukraine, but shelling and fighting continues daily in Eastern Ukraine. The transport system and other infrastructure is seriously breaking down, pensions are tiny, inflation rampant... let's not allow the brotherhood there, who are mainly pensioners, to become forgotten. We look forward to brother Terry Athanadisius from Australia coming over to give talks; would you like to come along too? Either as a presenter or just to visit? Let us know if so. There is no fighting in nor near Kiev.

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MATERIAL FOR CHILDREN

We are producing some very simple audio and video recordings for little children, going through Bible stories at a level suitable for toddlers to [say] 7 year olds. Very simple stuff, with a few comments from live children. The videos are mainly still illustrations added to the audio. In the spirit of talking about God's word to our children whenever we can, it's no bad thing to send children to sleep with MP3s of Bible stories playing. We do add some comments to the text here and there, in harmony with our understanding of the Gospel

The playlist on YouTube is

at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPHDmR_w0WhMWhvKc5DLC5xbh4mon

UNITED KINGDOM

Our home meetings and house church as advertised last time have progressed really well. We had a good turn out of around 20 on Sunday afternoon, some able to stay longer than others, and were happy to baptize MOJTABA, an Iranian who has been in the UK for some years; and AYESHA, a Bulgarian woman who is working in London as an office cleaner [getting minimum wage for very inconvenient shifts of a few hours each around the clock]. You can see them below with their *NEV Bibles*. We greeted our new brother and sister with music as they emerged from changing, Jeff playing the keyboard and Cindy the flute:



You can see the baptismal video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAvJO6JPbds>

Our newly baptized sister Lucinda was present and it was just wonderful to see how the daily

reading of God's word has gotten such a grip on her, and to see her now filled with joy and confidence.

Sister Samane and others continue attending ecclesias at East Ham and elsewhere. We so appreciate the support and welcome from ecclesias throughout the UK which has been given to those baptized by us in recent months. On Monday we gathered together three Iranians, contacts of other Iranian brethren in northern UK, at the home of our beloved brother Wacek in Bexleyheath. We baptized MOHAMMAD, MEYSAM and MOSTAFA and all up we were 10 baptized brothers and sisters around the kitchen table as Wacek led us in the breaking of bread and receiving our new brothers into fellowship.

Two of them came to the UK hidden in lorries and had been in the notorious Calais 'jungle' camp. You can see them below still wet from baptism. Whilst not at all discouraging support of standard meetings, there is no doubt that the home environment is attractive to those new to the faith and who have not been used to church attendance:



PRAYER POINTS:

- For those newly baptized
- For the refugee brethren to get over the post traumatic stress issues they often have after getting to the West
- For those earning minimum wage and working awkward hours which leave them exhausted and wanting more mental energy to focus upon spiritual things
- For the situation in Ukraine and the Bible School
- For all those, young and old, hearing and viewing God's word from the various media

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks