

November 2015 UK, Australia, USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 22 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts22.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>

CARELINKS U.K.

The Lord has worked actively with us this week. ANDY was baptized in a small town in Scotland; and we're pleased to report the baptisms of five Iranians in the North West of the UK: HASSAN, YAMSHID, VAHID, ABDULLAH and MOJTABA. These brethren were all associated with the ecclesia in Athens, Greece. There they encountered our brethren and received *Bible Basics* in Persian but moved on to the UK before they could be baptized. They are with brother Mehdi, who was baptized by the CBM in Athens but has now got to the UK. They are living in various locations in the Manchester-Liverpool area.

Their stories are stimulating and humbling; we recorded them all on video and you can see them on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries.

Conversion from Islam to Christianity is a criminal offence in Iran, and is punishable by the death sentence. Vahid explained how his brother became a Christian, was arrested by the Police, executed by firing squad, and this triggered his own interest in Christianity.

You can hear him tell his amazing story

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh2KNCObKtk>

Abdullah related how he had become a Christian in Iran and attended an underground church in Tehran. The group was infiltrated by an informer and the group were arrested. He managed to flee, to Turkey, then Greece, and now to the UK- his story is

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8ok2AZyHFc>

The Lord knows His people and such sacrifices were not unnoticed by Him. He clearly led these believers to meet the brethren in Athens who gave them *Bible Basics* so that their clearer grasp of doctrinal matters could lead them to what Paul calls "*the full assurance of understanding*". We gathered together in a University of Liverpool halls of residence which has been taken over by migrants and asylum seekers- the whole place was full of people from all over the world who would likely be open to our message of the Gospel. It was truly humbling to hear those testimonies and then bow our heads in prayers, each prayer ending with a heart felt "*Amen*" from the bowed heads of those brave young men. We read Romans 6 and talked about death with Christ, and living with Him. You can see a video of the baptism service and those prayers at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EH1HFPPnMLY> Death with Christ took on new meaning in that context. Brother Mehdi was a great help in translating and coordinating our gathering of them all together, which took two days of driving and visiting to achieve.



They are given 36 pounds / week by the Government- about 5 pounds / day. They didn't ask for any assistance, but they have nothing and they rely on donations of clothing for clothes. Basic needs like local travel are not provided for; and they clearly love each others' company. It's also advisable for them to have mobile phone and internet, for fellowship and contact with each other as well as access to our Farsi online material. We gave some welfare towards this. Accommodation is provided, but often this means sleeping at close quarters with extremist Moslems in the same room. One brother had had to leave where he was and was sleeping on

the floor where another brother was living- he didn't even have a sheet or blanket. We gave funds for bedding. There are other Iranians, connected with them, in other parts of the UK who are interested in baptism.

There are many brethren and several ecclesias in the North West of the UK. Now's your chance to get involved in providing material help and spiritual acceptance and encouragement to those we've baptized, and through these contacts to reach out to very many more. Do contact us for more details.

USA

We received news from sister Candice in Texas of the baptism of her husband; we provide folks like Candice with free Bibles and *Bible Basics* and it's great to see them being so well used and an entire family so Bible-based. Thanks for all the support which enables us to do this. Our sister wrote on Facebook:

*"Candice Strauss in Liberty Hill, Texas Exciting day for our family. My husband Brandon just got done going over the **Bible Basics** book & though baptized before in a Lutheran background he took the next step after agreeing with scripture he got re-baptized today. These pictures were taken 2 hours later. Thanks again to Carelinks for the studies. My son Levi is excited in his bible studies reading pt 4: eternal life. He's 11 years old & has Autism but that doesn't stop him from studying the truth! Thanks Carelinks for the Bible the whole family enjoys & also **Bible Basics**".*



CARELINKS AUSTRALIA

Just to remind you of our upcoming events God willing:

- Baptism near Perth, WA on Thursday 12 November
- Carelinks Conference at **Hurstville Ecclesial Hall**, Sydney on Sunday 15 November
- Special Lecture and meeting with the Sudanese community in **Ipswich QLD** on Friday 20 November at 7 p.m., coordinated by Br Phil & Sis Miri Worsnop: Ipswich City Council Humanities Centre, 56 South Street, Central Ipswich QLD 4305
- Carelinks Publicity presentation at **Pine Rivers** ecclesia, Brisbane on Sunday 22 November, more info from Sis Ruth Stibbs

PRAYER POINTS:

- Sister Danielle in a hard regime prison in Japan
- For the newly baptized: BRANDON, ANDY, HASSAN, YAMSHID, VAHID, ABDULLAH and MOJTABA.
- For local brothers and sisters to come forward and take up the huge potential with the group in North West England
- For our outreach in Australia

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks