

November 2015 USA, Baptisms, UK, Latvia, China, Germany, Australia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 10 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts10.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>

BAPTISMS

Robert in USA baptized himself and we had a brief service / celebration for him at Andy & Mel Downton's home. He doesn't do Skype, all he has is a small cell phone, so we called him on his phone and sung to him. He is very shy but sincerely wanted to connect with the Lord Jesus, having been seriously failed by the church he has attended for the last 20 years and has now left. He grasps it about no trinity, no devil etc., but through those understandings has really come to know the Lord Jesus and is so thrilled to be baptized. He is another person who has minimal internet contact, only able to view the web slowly on his phone, and yet through this read our material and requested *Bible Basics*. We all took it in turns to speak to our brother through an iPad, as well as reading Romans 6 and giving him words of encouragement. There's a brief video of part of the gathering at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbHFaxvm3aA>. Our new brother has subsequently requested a box of *NEV Bibles* to distribute to folks he knows.



We realize that there may well be folks desiring to be baptized all over the world, but for whom standard baptism into an ecclesia is not really possible, for various reasons. We recognize that true Christianity isn't intended to be lived in isolation from others and yet we also see that there are times when an individual wishes to connect with the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth, and will negotiate their relationship with local groups of believers at some point after that. Baptism after all is into the Lord Jesus rather than into any human group. Feel free to approach us in confidence if you know of anyone desiring baptism who is in this situation.

ISLAMIC STATE

ISIS have now begun focusing upon Israel and are making threats which are clearly alluding to Bible prophecy of the last days- exciting stuff. You can see our latest video production about this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O27M8Nyj6JQ>

LATVIA

We're so pleased to say that the feeding scheme this year has begun- a serious meal will be provided five days out of seven every day now until April, God willing; Rob & Debbie Clements have just arrived, and brother Maxim and sister Anna are already in full flow with the work, and attendance keeps up. We have volunteers from the UK and Canada coming out throughout this period but there are times when only one of them will be around, and there is much work to do. Let us know if you can come over and help. The work is simple and doesn't require knowledge of any languages.



AUSTRALIA

We're holding an additional publicity meeting at the *Pine Rivers ecclesia in Brisbane on Sunday November 22*, God willing. The breaking of bread starts at 10 a.m followed by some food and then a talk about recent *Carelinks* work at 1p.m.. The meetings are at Glenwood Community Centre, Glasshouse Circuit,, Dakabin, 4506 QLD or contact sis Ruth Stibbs for more info john.ruth.stibbs@gmail.com

GERMANY

Thanks for your prayers about our brother and his family who reported terrible situations in the camp they have been in. We're delighted to say that they have been moved to an apartment- when the majority of others in the camp were not. Thank you for your prayers! Their experiences and what we personally witnessed corroborates the following news items on the internet:

From <http://eaglerising.com/25469/chaos-in-germany-muslim-gangs-attack-churches-and-schools-rape-women-and-children/>

There is this report from the German publication *Die Welt* (Google Translation):

In a refugee camp in Hamburg-Eidelstedt many have been beaten on religious grounds and on Sunday a 24 year old Iranian was seriously injured. An Afghan had attacked him with a telescopic baton, police said. The Iranian had a few days prior to the attack told the Afghans that he had converted to Christianity. Then, the Afghan had declared that it was no sin in the case of killing the 24-year-old, police said. The 24-year-old had collapsed unconscious after the attack. Additionally, German correspondent Alexander Benesch wrote concerning Muslim refugee camps in Germany, "It is about an internment facility in Hessen where they initially put the refugees for further processing. It mentions a lack of security for women and children, leading to rape, molestation and (reportedly but not verified) forced prostitution."

Then there is the coverup of these atrocities by the German government and media.

"Mainstream media coverage of this is scarce, because it embarrasses the government of Hessen and it embarrasses Berlin," said Benesch. German newspapers and media outlets have suppressed the stories of rampant rape and child abuse among the migrants housed in government-run accommodations. In a recent letter addressed to the Minister of Integration and Social Affairs in the state of Hesse, prominent women's organizations have described the culture of rape and violence perpetuated by male migrants -- right under the nose of German authorities. The letter states: "It is a fact that women and children [at HEAE accommodation facility, under the supervision of Administrative District of Giessen] are unprotected. This situation is opportune to those men who already regard women as their inferior and treat unaccompanied women as 'fair game.' As a consequence, there are reports of numerous rapes, sexual assaults and increasingly of forced prostitution. ... These are not isolated incidents." According to the letter, women were terrified to walk in the camp even during the day."

A visit was also made to a married couple, JOEL and BINTA and their two children aged 2 and 6. Binta was a strong Muslim from a very Islamic family, and Joel was a Christian. He converted to Islam, nominally, to be able to marry Binta. But he kept telling her of his uneasy conscience, and this led to her being deeply impressed and desiring to become a Christian. As a result of this,

they were no longer sponsored by her family, and ended up sleeping on the streets amongst the crowds of refugees. They were beaten by her own family. They are now in a cheap hotel with all of them sleeping in a tiny room, completely taken up with mattresses. Joel wanted her to have her own Bible, and thus came to us some months ago, after which he completed the answers to *Bible Basics* and realized many new things. The happy result is that they were both baptized together. They are so sincere and so keen. We gave some material assistance. Binta especially is keen to reach out to the crowds of Moslems now camped out around the local railway station, and we were able to distribute a small amount of toiletries to the folks there. The German railway stations are a great place to just reach out to people- the migrants gather there for free food and drinking water. It's great to see new converts loving God's word and the true understanding of the Gospel, and seeing beyond the harsh horizons of their own situation to want to reach out to others. Please pray for them and their sweet children.



CHINA

Brother Donald reports:

"I baptized br KUANG in a swimming pool, he works in a hotel management company and is responsible for the company administration work. He was baptized as a result of our Bible distribution work. At first he applied for the NEV Chinese Bible with the purpose of consoling his sick parents on spiritual level. He read the Bible received to his father at hospital every evening. He was himself also edified by Bible and decided to be baptized into Christ. Br Kuang have no trinitarian background and so gradually learned the true gospel with us. His father was too sick in the hospital and we can't perform baptism there, and I am now encourage br Kuang to baptise his father later".

Again we see the long term fruit that arises from getting the *NEV Bibles* out there into society... thank you for enabling this and please continue to support it. Here is our new brother with his Bible:



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized, Joel & Binta especially
- For the safety of our refugee brothers and sisters in various camps
- For those making the perilous journey
- For the Winter feeding scheme and outreach in Riga, Latvia
- Thanksgiving that the work in Riga is continuing so well without Duncan & Cindy's presence
- For all those thousands of people now reading the Bibles and literature we've given them

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks