

November 2016 Italy, UK, Latvia, Appeal for unused Bibles, Russia, Italy

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Download the *NEV Bible* with commentary and *Bible Companion* bookmarks at <http://n-e-v.info/NEVBIBLE.pdf>

AUSTRALIA

We mentioned a few months ago that a reader of the *NEV Bible* who manages a hotel in Sydney requested copies for every room of the hotel. Brother John Thatcher presented the Bibles to them. We were then approached by the CEO of the company which owns the hotel, explaining that he is very impressed with the Bibles, and would like copies for the rooms of three retirement / care homes which he also operates. To provide several hundred Bibles is a large ask. We have few of them left, and will need to soon appeal for funds to reprint them. And anyway, who knows whether residents or guests may complain when they read the *Bible Basics* printed at the back of the *NEV Bibles*, and our commentary in line with the Truth. But on the other hand, this seems a unique opportunity to get Bibles into a few hundred rooms where there are folk with time on their hands. We feel God is with this whole rather strange situation. Brother John has had a meeting with the CEO and is welcome to hold regular Bible study for the residents and show them Christian films in the recreation room. This all seems a great opportunity.

Our conclusion is that 1) We will provide *NEV Bibles* for one of the homes, and brother John will lead Bible study and show films there; and 2) We will appeal to you, especially those of you in Australia, to donate any good quality, lightly used Bibles you have. We will fix in the back of them an insert listing our beliefs and contact details.

So, this is an appeal for you to donate your Bibles. With postage being so expensive, you can get them to John c/o the *Hurstville meeting hall*, or they can be dropped off at the mechanic's yard of brother *Steve Jones in Sutherland*. You can give John Thatcher a call to discuss things or email him direct at john_nonte@hotmail.com. We will also use them for handing out on the streets. We really love wearing the "Free Bibles" visibility vests and seeing who is willing to take a free Bible. Our approach is to ask folks: "Would you read a Bible if you had one?". If they say "Yes", then we engage further in conversation and like to give them one. But that gets expensive if you do it too much. We don't part with many, but, we do part with some, and we believe the people who are given them do read them. And we are running out of bullets... because stocks of the *NEV Bibles* are really down and it will cost a lot to reprint them. So... this is a great use for all the Bibles which may just be sitting collecting dust.

This appeal is primarily for **Australia, Sydney** in particular. But we are happy to receive such Bibles for similar street work being done in **Croydon, UK**.

UK

We continue holding our house church meetings in Croydon, and we've made a special push recently, getting out on the streets distributing invitations to our meetings, both door to door and

on the street. Here you can see some of us in action on the streets of Croydon:



We're also pleased to tell you of the baptism of SAEED:



ITALY

As we send this, a visit to the migrants and group of brethren in Italy is ongoing, please pray for it.

LATVIA

In the years Cindy and Duncan lived in Latvia, Cindy built up a 'women and kids church', from the many women she witnessed to in the parks of **Riga** and through her mum's group. It was two years ago that we reported her baptism of Natalija, one of those women. Sister Natalija has now moved out of Riga to another town in Latvia, and has done the same, building up a group where she is. Cindy has been able to visit this group, and this week Natalija came to visit our house church in Croydon, bringing with her a newspaper article about her group- you can see Cindy in the group photo. Truly there is no greater joy than to know that ones' spiritual children "walk in truth" as the apostle John puts it. So this is quite a witness in the local press:



PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For the brotherhood in Russia
- For donations of Bibles
- For the refugee brethren in Italy

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks