

November 2018 Germany, Mayotte, Latvia, UK, Australia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 14,15 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/acts1415.mp3>

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

Helps for the *Bible Companion* readings this week:

Ezra <http://n-e-v.info/NEVEzra.pdf>

Hosea <http://n-e-v.info/HoseaNEVCommentary.pdf>

Acts <http://n-e-v.info/NEVActsCommentary.pdf>

GERMANY

It was a pleasure to connect with brother Mohammad and his daughter sister Forouzan, who were baptized in Turkey but are now settled in Germany. And a greater joy to baptize a contact, MEHDI, in their bath tub. Although Mehdi came into contact with the Truth and our community in 2010, his journey has been very long to now arrive at the point of baptism. Our brother is seeking asylum in Germany and needs our prayers. We've introduced him to local brethren and hope they can be of assistance in his pilgrimage further. We had a lovely breaking of bread together afterwards:



MAYOTTE

We mentioned last week the baptism of sister Diane in Mayotte. She is one of the group of Congolese refugees who got a ship to the Comoros Islands, where they were abused and she was raped, and thence by dugout canoe to the tiny islet of Mayotte, where they're currently stranded. She gave birth there and has a little baby to care for, with utterly no income, on an island where everything has to be flown in and where prices of basic food are so high. She is unable to produce breast milk, and so needs to either ask another lactating woman to feed her baby, or to buy the very expensive imported formula dried baby milk powder. We left funds for her to buy it but she could do with more being sent. Especially as there are no cows on Mayotte, so even when the baby is old enough for cow's milk, there is no fresh cow's milk available. We have a postal address we can try to use to send it to her, and if you'd like to send some, just a small packet, please get in touch. No guarantee it will arrive but it will be worth a try. She's very distressed that the local authorities on Mayotte barely function and so she's not been able to register the birth of the baby, the little girl is completely without documents.

She explains her situation in French [no translation] at <https://youtu.be/C7UDPcJXhJg>

LATVIA

We continue feeding and teaching our group every working day, Monday - Friday, as well as running an English church on Sundays. Please pray for our work. Here's Cindy being doctor to a brother with a terrible hand injury; we try as best we can to provide what help we can to the many needy folks who come:



UK

Marcus continues getting requests from prison chaplains for the 2019 Creation Calendars, which advertise the NEV Bible. Most of them ask if we can send at least 100 if not 200. This is a wonderful opening, and quite unexpected. The way it's going, nearly half of the prison population in the UK will have received one of our calendars by the turn of the year, God willing. Do pray that some respond.

And a reminder that the *Carelinks UK Conference* will be on the last Saturday in February in **Croydon**.

AUSTRALIA

Phil & Miriam, Katie, Helena and their team in **Queensland** made a big witness at the Jacaranda festival, working really very hard. Sis Miriam reports: "Over the 2.5 days we had about 42 persons wanting and willing to take the small *NEV Bibles* and about same in calendars and booklet 'When will Jesus Return'. And 2 who asked for the large copy *Bible Basics*. As well as two police officers who wanted *Bibles Basics* and the *NEV bible (ot/nt)* They fitted nicely in the uniform trouser pockets".

We had to submit a request to have a stand there, this had to include everything that we were promoting or selling or giving away as well as Copy of Liability Insurance including Certificate of Currency before approval was issued, which we had with our business.

The festival went for 3 days from Friday 4pm to Sunday 2pm 26-28 October. We hired a stand Tent for the occasion, which included to putting up & taking down.

Our Stand promoted "(1) The *NEV Bibles*, 2019 Calendars, *Bible Basics*, 'When will Jesus Return to the Earth' booklet., and other Bible helps etc. As it was multicultural we also had Bibles in Swahili and Sudanese as samples. (2) The Loanialu Health Clinic in Vanuatu (3) a small area on the outside of the tent promoting our business.

Miriam had been able to create some posters etc. from the online Vistaprint. On the Friday & Saturday we had grouped together items as Free 'Bible Packs'. There seemed to be some people hesitant about getting material, but we still had approx. 30 persons taking a variety of different material's. We also had 2 people come especially to ask for a large copy of *Bible Basic Study Manual*. We also had young people coming and asking for a free bible. On the Sunday, as we were next to the "show bag" van, we made a different sign and advertised our same "Bible Packs" as "free Bible Show Bags". Although we were showing, displaying and giving out the same materials, there was a greater interest.

We are thankful to a Brothers and Sisters who willingly gave up their time to help with the display. (We didn't have to personally ask anyone ' they freely volunteered ' which in itself was great. One brother travelling about 50km to unexpectedly help us out.

We were able to talk to many people, the ones that stand out - the 2 Police liaison officers, one from Sudan and the other from Samoa. The former wanted a complete *NEV Bible*, not just the

small *NEV* New Testament.

The evenings of the show finished at 10pm. The area had security people, and some stand holders slept on site. Our recommendations to anyone wanting to try something like this:

1. Make the display as attractive but as simple as possible.
2. We did have some pull up signs, but could only use these on day when no wind.
3. Modify the stand to see what works most effectively
4. State positively what we believe about the Coming Kingdom of God
5. Just have a go. People are interested.

Although we did not promote our business- (as it was a self-managed display) in the week following the show we have had firm orders 3 times the set up cost of the show".



And they report the baptism of CHRISTINA, a Congolese migrant, and you can see a video of the baptism at <https://youtu.be/9RLpKUh3QE> .

Here's br Phil giving her the right hand of fellowship afterwards:



Sis. Miriam writes: "Saturday morning 27 Nov, at 5.30am we were awakened by Bro Jafari outside. Sis Beatrice's Sister in law and Brother, had come to visit them from Sydney during that week. And Christina wanted to be baptised prior to returning to Sydney on Sunday morning. Bro Jafari said she knew the truth and she wished to be baptised and be able to meet with the Bros and sisters in an ecclesia in Sydney. Bro Jafari family has print-out copies of preparing for baptism and Q&A in both English & Swahili. That morning, Miriam managed the stand by herself, from 8am to 3pm . Which left Phil and Bro Jafari able to get things ready for the baptism which was to be in the afternoon between 3-6pm . Was wonderful that Sis Katie , Sis Helena, Bro Darryl came during this time. The Baptism was conducted in the presence of about 8 brothers and sisters and then have a memorial meeting and give Christina the right hand of fellowship.

Sister Katie also took our Bibles to a Salvation Army barbecue... what a great initiative to get the Gospel out to real people:



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For those in Mayotte especially sister Diane and her baby
- For all the British prisoners receiving our calendars
- For all the people worldwide now reading the Bibles they've been given