

October 2016 Australia, France

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

AUSTRALIA

We've been out on the streets in various Sydney suburbs this last week, engaging folks in conversation and distributing Bibles, New Testaments and *Bible Basics* literature. Our approach was to wear high visibility vests offering "Free Bibles" so people knew what we were about and could avoid us if they wished; and then to approach others enquiring if they would read a Bible if we gave them one. About 1 in 5 said they would, and we have many encouraging conversations. Especially with white minimum wage earning Australians. So be encouraged that folks are interested.

If they will not come into our halls, we need to go onto the streets and compel them to come in. Brother John Thatcher was a great companion and worker.

Let us know if you would like the vests we used and literature to distribute. We watched the schoolgirl below reading her New Testament for 20 minutes as we wandered around that area. This is a great thing- to see secular youngsters reading the New Testament for perhaps the first time.

And the *NEV* NTs have our commentary at the bottom of each page and a reduced version of *Bible Basics* at the back.

We gave out our last two boxes of them.

Let us know if you are in a position to assist funding a reprint of them. This is a great way to get the basic Gospel out into the hands of men and women, with them reading the actual text of the Bible rather than books about it.



In Queensland we spent 3 days with brother Jafari, who was baptized in Namibia in 2003 by the Versters from South Africa. Older readers of *Carelinks* may recall our visits and work in the refugee camps of Malawi and this bore great fruit. For not only was Jafari baptized but in due course his wife sister Beatrice, and they have between them 14 children and a grandchild. Brother Marcus has mailed them literature in the various camps they have been in, in Swahili and French, and now this has all come to bear fruit. All 17 of them are now in Australia, living in one fairly small bungalow. Today along with Phil & Miri Worsnop, Mike & Betty Flaherty and Ray Wheeler we were pleased to baptize four of these many children, brother LEON and sisters ZABIBU, RIZIKI and FLORA, it was also Flora's birthday. The word "joy" comes to mind; they were really so happy. Ray, Phil & Miri have visited them several times and hold regular Sunday School lessons with them and also teach them English. Jafari still has the copy of Gospel News magazine with the photo of his baptism dating from 2003 and has carried it with him through all his various sojournings in refugee camps before reaching Australia.

It's quite interesting just from a human experience point of view to observe how this wonderful

family of 17 function together, with children everywhere... how many chickens it takes to feed them... etc. They are desirous to fund another relative to come and join them from Congo, and also to send funds to other converts in Congo to build a shelter under which they can hold their ecclesial meetings.

We are open to donations towards this. And even with child support, it costs a lot of money to feed and clothe so many mouths.

You can see a video of it all at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGERxJ-Pmjk>

It's well worth the watch just to catch the spirit of joy in Christ which exudes from these people, Congolese war refugees now safely in Australia after so very many traumas. The scene on the beach at **Moreton Bay** was so similar to the scenes seen recently on the beaches of Italy when we likewise baptized African refugees. The same Lord is at work from **Italy to Australia** and His work somehow bears a common hallmark.

Here you can see brother Ray teaching English and the Bible to sister Beatrice [super mum], the newly baptized with their mum being greeted with flowers, and other scenes from the wonderful days spent together:



As we write this they are about to be given the right hand of fellowship in Brisbane.

FRANCE

We're pleased to tell you of the baptism in **Geneva** of a **French-Portuguese** contact, XAVIER, who has a good knowledge of the truth from *Bible Basics*, and is hoping to baptize a friend of his in **Lake Geneva** this week. We have chatted with him at length over the last year or so, as has our Portuguese speaking sister in the group in Woking, **UK**.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For response to our recent outreach in Australia

- Thanksgiving that brother Jafari's huge family made it to Australia and are largely reunited, with the Lord preserving them from so many traumas

- For the further reunification of the family

- For those recently baptized

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks