

October 2016 Turkey, Australia, France, USA, Latvia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 8 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts8.mp3>

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

TURKEY

Another visit was made this week to the refugees we earlier baptized in Turkey, and there were another 22 baptisms . Brother Andy Taylor reports:

"When I arrived back in the UK, owing to a rail strike, I had to take a taxi to re-unite myself with my car which was parked on a sister's driveway quite near Gatwick Airport. The taxi driver was a Muslim who knew the importance of the area of Turkey I had just been in to first century Christianity. The point is that there is a large community of Iranian refugees in the 600,000 strong city of Denizli, which is within less than 10 miles of Laodikaeia [Laodicea] and Colossae. A large number of these ex-Muslims have accepted our Lord Jesus Christ as their saviour. It was our privilege to baptise 22 men and women last Monday, in an indoor swimming pool at a simple rural hotel, in idyllic surroundings in an area with so much importance to the first century church. A simple breaking of bread followed, and a meal of local whole fish was prepared for us, which we all enjoyed. The next day bro Peyman who was such a great host, our new bro Javad and I were privileged to visit the Laodikaeia site, which archaeologists are still working on. Jesus indeed still stands at our door and knocks (Rev 3). We have wonderful new and 'old' brothers and sisters in Denizli, who would love more contact with those of us in the 'West'".



AUSTRALIA

We're pleased to tell you of the baptism of ROSE in rural Victoria. Rose had been a Jehovah's Witness and also then studied some theology at university. But her life changed and she ended up living as single mother homeschooling her children, in state provided accommodation in a village. She grows much of her food and sells some honey. But the hard life changes were what led her to really accelerate her search for truth- and she found it. She went through the *Bible Basics* course and corresponded over various issues over two years. Please do pray for her. And you can catch the thrill of her discovery of the Lord Jesus from these extracts from emails:

" I'm up to Study 6 *Bible Basics* God and Evil, I began study 6 yesterday and it has given me some insight as soon as I began reading the Bible, the scripture opened up to me more freely I was able to understand so much more from the teaching in Study 6, thank you....

Around the same time I chose to study theology, the local Jehovah Witness group came knocking on my door and I joined the JW's for 2 years along with my 3 teenage children, I am a single mother. We never attended the memorial and it was very difficult to get away from the group... It was very strange studying both Christian theology & studying the JW material with the local JW congregation as both were in opposition to each other it seemed, along with my

personal relationship with God it was an experience in religion, but God is still with me without the religion.... I'm in a very difficult position of being homeless at the present with children because my 17 year old son has developed a problem with his anger when we stopped attending the JW meetings, we got evicted from our rental property have lost all our possessions, and have been staying in community emergency housing....

I'm going to re-read and study *Bible Basics* more... I would like to be baptized simply to glorify God and His Son the Lord Jesus. I've been Christened twice as a child into the Catholic and Anglican Churches, never baptized as an adult... Over the past 2 years of studying the Bible I have liked to read about John the Baptist and Jeremiah, I felt the connection with John the Baptist at first because he ate honey and my Dad is a beekeeper and with Jeremiah I felt a connection too I cried a lot during the first year of deciding to learn about God and reading the Bible for the first time.... Thank you for sending the book, *The Real Christ*, I'm up to page 143 already, I've come to know Christ like a child at their first bible study, I was so far from the truth, I wasn't looking at Jesus being human, I was not identifying that He had to survive as a human, I was on the wrong track and looking at Christ as a super powerful angel who didn't feel the same feelings and pain that we do.

I am very grateful for the free book and the time you have spent to respond to my messages... I baptized because it was the Ethiopian eunuch Acts 8:26-40 that kept pressing me on, the scripture was in my thoughts constantly... Thank you for everything, everyday I've been telling people about the importance of baptism and the getting to know Christ. I will re-read both *Bible Basics* and *The Real Christ* and take the time to meditate and think on what I've been reading".

The newly baptized African folks and contacts in Queensland are being pastorally cared for so well by Ray Wheeler and Phil & Miri Worsnop. Their regular efforts with them, both in teaching and practical things, are so inspirational. Here's sister Miri outside the local council offices:



Also from Australia, we have put online a very effective attempt by brother Graham Bacon to explain the book of Revelation in an hour. He takes a traditional, continuous historic approach . It's at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X9CceduYZg>

USA

Brother Jason in Ohio is really inspiring local brethren there to get out and preach as he does, with a table offering *NEV Bibles* and *Bible Basics*, *Real Christ* etc.; he sent this photo of sister Emily doing as he does.



LATVIA

Our Winter feeding scheme has started in earnest now, feeding over 80 people five days / week-many of them baptized brothers and sisters. Brother Maxim continues living in Latvia as the war footing in Ukraine is unchanged. He works so hard at the Bible centre and soup kitchen. He lives in Latvia on the basis of being a student and we have to pay for his studies, visas etc etc All this

work needs major financial and practical support... do consider coming over, and supporting what is a wonderful mixture of preaching the Gospel, strengthening those who have responded, and meeting genuine human need. We give them a 1 hour Bible study before every meal.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For all the people receiving literature
- For the feeding scheme in Latvia
- For our work with refugees

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