

October 2108 UK, Latvia, Germany

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include John 6 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/jn6a.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://christadelphia.net/audio.htm> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

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:

1 Chronicles: <http://n-e-v.info/1chroncomm.pdf>

Ezekiel: <http://n-e-v.info/EzekielNEVCommentary.pdf>

John: <http://n-e-v.info/NEVJohnCommentary.pdf>

LATVIA

Our feeding program and Bible teaching sessions are in full swing, with Daniel Aldersley from New Zealand and Jim & Anne Barton from **Canada** serving up plenty of soup. Good to see so many previously baptized attending the 1 hour Bible study sessions every day. Everyone is truly so happy to see us again and be back in the rhythm of daily meetings



We are also trying to expand our English language meetings. Jim & Daniel have been out on the streets of central **Riga**, serenading large crowds outside the railway station and central bus station with Gospel songs whilst Duncan engaged folks with an offer of a free English Bible and an invitation to come to our English language meetings on Sunday. You can see a brief video of it at <https://youtu.be/F4ettxFWcrQ>



We'd like to print 10,000 fliers advertising it and also pay for them to be distributed, we'd do it ourselves but the problem is that the high rise blocks around the hall all have coded entry and only the Post Office and their agents have the codes to enter them and distribute mail. The cost of all that would be around 800 Euros so we're open to donations towards that. We're also distributing firewood and helping with the usual range of issues with the largely Russian minority here who now get no pensions or free health care and have to live in the night shelters.



One man can barely walk, he really needs a walking frame but uses a stick and a child's pram to help him walk. Here he is leaving our hall after the feeding scheme and Bible teaching:



Brother Vladimir is also attending daily, although now very blind; we have finally persuaded him to use a white stick:



Another brother and sister, a married couple, have lost their accommodation and are now living in the forest, coming in for warmth and food and fellowship with us. We have bought sleeping bags and a tent for them.

UK

We mentioned last week that Marcus sent out his *2019 Creation Calendars* to UK prisons, and had an amazing response from the chaplains. Several have asked for hundreds of copies, explaining that they give prisoners a spiritual care envelope when they leave prison, and would like to include one of our calendars in it. The chaplains have all had a copy of the calendar so they will have seen the doctrinal statement at the back of it, and invitation to contact us for a free *NEV Bible*.

You can view it at <http://carelinks.net/creationcalendar.pdf>

Marcus printed these at his own expense really in the hope that the brotherhood would buy them and share them with others as new year gifts. So this is quite a major expense, to provide so many to UK prisons. The total number requested by UK prison chaplains is now in the thousands. It may be that a reprint is needed. So we are open to your donations to meet the cost, which including postage is about 1 pound / calendar.

GERMANY

We reported last week the baptism of sister Marlene and her great sincerity in coming to the Lord Jesus. She reports that her atheist husband has told her she has a choice between him and the Bible, has now destroyed her green **NEV Bible** and threatens to divorce her. She really needs our prayers, and we're grateful that our support network has been able to get several sisters in touch with Marlene, so she has plenty of points of contact and comfort at this time. But do please pray for her. Israel's Red Sea crossing is like baptism (1 Cor. 10:1,2) and immediately after that they encountered testing in the wilderness, with the crisis of not having food and water. And so, we observe, it often is in the lives of those baptized. For some, major testing hits them almost immediately they are baptized.

PRAYER POINTS

- For sister Marlene and others like her in pressured family situations
- For the English church efforts in Riga
- For the feeding scheme in Riga
- For the prisoners receiving our calendars in the UK

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks