

September 2015 Fiji, UK, Latvia, Migrants, Australia, USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 20 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk20.mp3>

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FIJI

We received this report from brother John, who along with brother Guy report the conversion of a business contact from Fiji. Guy was baptized a few years ago and soon afterwards came to the missionary training program in Latvia, and now we see the fruit of his witness. This account will be significant for many readers as it shows how two western business men from a secular country like New Zealand could step out of the trammels of secular life and take the Gospel to another businessman... and spread the Gospel. This theme is continued in the later reports about progress in the UK with a BA flight attendant...

Brother Guy Collins met Sikeli - a Fijian gentleman at the NZ National Safety show in June. Sikeli has a safety products wholesale business in Fiji and had come to see the Tradeshow to purchase new products and find new suppliers. Guy was an exhibitor and supplier of the same. In conversation, Guy and Sikeli discovered each were committed Christians. Sikeli invited Guy to come to Fiji to promote his safety products, and also to do some Bible teaching. Guy had prepared Sikeli that we had some things to teach him that "would blow his socks off" referring to the truth we believe. Brothers John Aldersley and Guy Collins travelled to Fiji finally in September and spent the week both doing business and sharing with Sikeli the truth we hold dear. During the first day with Sikeli, Guy briefly started teaching him about the Kingdom being on earth. He asked Sikeli to look up John 3 v 13 which says "no man has gone to heaven..." Sikeli's reaction was priceless and the photos attached have managed to capture his reactions as truth after truth was revealed to him. He replied that he had read the Bible but never noticed that scripture which was right under his wing. He saw that it created a problem for the traditional view of the soul going to heaven at death.

The next evening we spent 3 hours with Sikeli in his office going over the many scriptures that tell us the earth is our inheritance and that Jesus will reign here. As he sat there in his casual attire of shorts and jandals, his honest and heartfelt reply was: "Well, the socks I am not wearing have just been blown off!" Sikeli had many questions but the truth clicked with him and he could see that the scriptures spoke for themselves. At midnight we called it a night, although Sikeli's mind was now racing, and he also wanted to know about the Trinity and the devil in our understanding, as we had slightly overlapped into those subjects as we had spoken on the future kingdom. We replied that we would hold that for another night, but if he wanted a sneak preview he could read section 6 of *Bible Basics*. Two mornings later, although Sikeli was due to collect us from our Hotel at 10 am for a meeting, he rang Guy at 7.45 am and said he would come down to our Hotel from home and have breakfast with us. As he sat down at the breakfast table with us, he asked: "Guess what I did last night" It turned out he had read chapter 6 of *Bible Basics*, and shook his head saying "how could he have been so dumb. There is only one power and it is God - the problem is in us - our sin not a fallen angel! "

We praise God that His spirit revealed the truth to Sikeli. Those who are preachers of the truth

to those outside, understand how often people are so resistant to it. But God was at work with Sikeli and the pennies were dropping. Sikeli is the only Fijian to become an aeronautical engineer and worked for about 10 years on an aircraft carrier for the UK Navy. His Father is secretary to the current Fijian Prime Minister, and his grandparents were both doctors. He is intelligent and yet humble to admit he needed to change his doctrine. Interestingly, Sikeli was not baptised. He had wanted to a couple of times - both in the USA where he worked and in Tonga, where 2 Pastors had taken him to do some mission work. But each time, the pastors had turned out to be crooked or hypocritical and had put him off. On our last day in Suva, Sikeli drove us back to Nadi where we would fly out the next day. On the 3 hour drive, we stopped at a beach and Sikeli said he wanted to be baptised which we were very happy to do. Also during the drive, we discussed the oneness of God and talked more about the true nature of the devil and demons.



While saying goodbye, he said no-one (really no truth) had impacted his life as much as we had, and that he loved us and could not sit on this new truth. Poignantly, a tear rolled down his face as he said goodbye and thanked us very much. In the next few hours he phoned us back to check where to find scripture as he started to teach his family and friends! Please pray that Sikeli will use his influence to be a mighty man for the truth in Fiji. Also during our stay in Fiji, during times when we were left to ourselves, brother Guy was very proactive in asking the Hotel staff if they were Christians and if they had been baptised. He gave away many *NEV Bibles* and BB - to the point where hotel staff were knocking on our room door to ask for the books that they had seen their fellow staff members have! Also while walking the streets, we were able to give away Bibles and BB and speak to people about the truth. God willing, we would like to return to Fiji soon and build on this work.

CARELINKS UK

The recordings of the Carelinks gathering at Hebden Bridge are available both on YouTube and MP3 files:

Talk 1 [Acts 1]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-agGNoGpkk>

Audio file: <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/Acts1Conference.mp3>

Talk 2 [Acts 2, Breaking of Bread]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WIBgEzS2HI>

Audio: <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/Acts2Conference.mp3>

One lady who really wanted to get there for baptism was prevented by distance and health issues. And we now have good news about her. TERRY has been searching for the truth all her life, passing through many different groups. After seeing through the JWs, she was convinced there was no Trinity, and thirsted for a relationship with the Real Christ. She looked for other groups who hold to the non-trinitarian understanding of Jesus, and came across our material at www.realchrist.info, and thence got the *NEV Bible* and other literature. She read *The Real Devil* online and was fully persuaded of the Truth. She had prayed for someone to help her be properly baptized, and it was a pleasure to help her do this in a small spa near the south coast of England, to where she recently emigrated from the USA. Her husband Dave is very interested but still not able to come at this time to baptism. We made a video of the baptism, of Terry's

personal testimony, and also recorded Dave's doubts. Just so you can hear where he's at and pray for Dave. As you'll see, he's a lovely man and it would be wonderful if he too were to be baptized. The video is at <https://youtu.be/n4w2JG6SPbQ>



After such a great time with this lovely couple, next stop was the Portuguese speaking group. We mentioned a few weeks ago the baptism of Lara and her zeal to develop a group of other Portuguese speakers in the UK. About an hour away from arriving there, a text message came in from Lara: "Could you bring another *Real Devil* book to another friend that will be here about 7:20 to have chat with you. She's flight attendant for British Airways her name is Cristina". This middle aged, debonaire South African-Portuguese British Airways flight attendant was indeed seriously interested. Lara had passed her *Bible Basics* and on a visit to Lara's home she had seen *The Real Devil* and was deeply impressed by our teaching that there is no such personal being as Satan. We had some wonderful conversations. Since we baptized Lara a couple of weeks ago, she has begun a Portuguese language *Bible Basics* class, having distributed about 15 copies of the book to former members of her church. She'd told us that they were meeting, discussing a chapter from *Bible Basics* each week. We urged them to focus instead on the Bible text, but all the same it was an amazing experience to see ordinary members of British society come in to Lara's home, tired after work, carrying their Bibles and the Portuguese *Bible Basics*. We spoke about the promises to Abraham, the hope of Israel, the Kingdom of God on earth, and then answered questions about John 1, the pre-existence, the Trinity, no fallen Angels, tongues etc. Lara was in fine form, quoting the Bible very fluently and with great enthusiasm. Most spoke reasonable English but two didn't so the whole meeting was carried out with the BA flight attendant translating. The women were taking careful notes, marking their Bibles... this happens every Friday evening. Lara also has local Anglo-Saxon Brits she's teaching. So please do remember sister Lara and her contacts in prayer. She's also mailed our literature to friends back home in Brazil and has people there now seriously interested. So let us know if you happen to be going to Brazil, there are some interested folks there to follow up with. Please do pray for this group as they are headed towards becoming a Portuguese speaking ecclesia of women in their town.

Also a reminder that this Wednesday we will be holding a session at Chelmsford Ecclesial Hall on Wednesday at 11, Lord willing, packing Bibles and other literature for distribution to about 1500 contacts in the UK. We're also inviting the contacts in the Croydon area to a special meeting "***Bible Basics in an afternoon***" in Selsdon on Sunday 4th October. Space will be limited but we need folks to come along and talk to those we hope will come, so we're not trying to pack the hall with existing believers for the sake of it, but if you'd like to come and talk to real people who've had the *NEV Bible* and *Bible Basics* and urge them towards commitment in baptism- do come along.



CARELINKS AUSTRALIA

We'll be holding a publicity meeting and gathering in the Hurstville area in Sydney on Sunday 15 November God willing. Contact Steve & Robin Jones for more info.

CARELINKS USA

We reported some years ago our activity in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi, a very fine brother Bernard from the ecclesia there is now in North Carolina, USA. He'd love to be in touch with local brethren. So let us know if you know anybody there.

LATVIA

There are spaces for folks to come over and help cook for the Winter Feeding Scheme... let us know.

MIGRANTS IN EUROPE

As we're sending this out, a visit is ongoing to our brethren and contacts in two migrant camps in Germany. A brother and sister have just arrived after walking for 20 days- video of their story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFhnpRsRQwM>

More news next week, God willing. Please pray for our brethren and let's be proactive in reaching out to the large numbers of migrants. Why not visit a migrant camp in your area and offer literature? We can provide you with *Bible Basics* for Moslems and also *Bible Basics* in Arabic, Kurdish and Farsi, which are the main languages spoken by the refugees and immigrants. Evia would love to wrap some up for you and mail them out:



PRAYER POINTS

- For our witness to the migrants in Europe
- For the ongoing visits to migrant camps in Germany
- For sister Lara's group
- For those recently baptized
- For Dave and his doubts

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks