

September 2016 Italy, USA, Russia, UK

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 18 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk18.mp3>

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ITALY

Our feeding scheme is now underway; four brothers and two sisters from the UK are now out there teaching and feeding various groups of newly arrived migrants. We gathered today [Sunday] at brother Joseph's apartment and were able to feed and teach over 20 people, concluding with a breaking of bread.

After the meal we did a Bible study with them, almost all brought along their *NEV Bibles* previously given to them and there was rapt attention, excellent questions and discussion afterwards. Many were from the camps, others are local African folk living and established in Italy whom brother Joseph teaches.

Please pray for his wife who is going through IVF and anxiously awaits critical results this week. Wisdom, a previous contact, helped us prepare yams and plantane and taught our team how to do it.

Our team of six are using three rental cars and one already has had two accidents so please pray for the outcome of that as well.



Here is Wisdom teaching our team how to prepare yams [you can see the rice steamers and various spices on the table too]; and then the yams and stew were wrapped in blankets to preserve heat and taken for distribution:



UK

Effectively our house church meetings have shifted from Croydon up to Luton, as the result of the barber shop preaching there of brother Mojtaba and sister Ayesha. We had a wonderful meeting there last Sunday, although the two baptized, MOHAMED and AMIR both are not from Luton and came in there as they could get there easier than to us in Croydon. Luton has become a real Middle Eastern hang out. Brother Mojtaba's dog continues quite a feature of the house meetings as he did when he was brought to them in Croydon! Again it's wonderful to see sincere people genuinely perceiving the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ, but so sad how established structures of mainstream churches have failed them and do not provide the Biblical answers they are looking for. And again, many thanks to those whose donations enable our literature to be produced in languages like Arabic and Persian, thereby enabling us to reach out to so many

who don't know English well:



We're also pleased to tell you of the baptism of DAREK in South London , a relative of Brother Wacek and family.

USA

We're delighted to see real spiritual growth in those baptized after first encountering the truth in our literature . Here's an extract from a brother baptized earlier this year in California having completed the *Bible Basics* seminars online:

"I'm learning to pray through fully reading Psalms- Our daily conversations (God and Christ and I) are getting more than please and thank you. I think the hardest realization for me was that I had to forgive God for crimes He was not guilty of, for vast silences, for periods where I felt he had turned His back on me as I cried out to Him from childhood on. I got angry at God. Blamed Him for all the pain in my family. So you see we have had a lot to talk about. I'm talking to God specifically I think at times not the God-box in my head. Though I think sometimes that The Box is still a kind of broadcast station for prayer that is filtered with doubt.

Breaking Bread is wonderful have distributed some postcards (leaving in bookstores, busses, subways). I'm still a chicken about handing them out in person. Hope all is well- grand news about the Baptisms."

And in Ohio newly baptized brother Jason has produced bumper stickers for his car- a great idea we can all copy:



Some years ago, James and June Dishman found the truth from Bible Basics online and were baptized; now they are running a house church in **Holladay, Tennessee** and invite any in the area to join them. Let us know if you're interested. They have in attendance brother Allen, a Yiddish speaking Jew, who also found the truth through *Bible Basics* and was baptized by a local brother. They've sent this picture of their house group, you can see Allen below with back to the camera:



RUSSIA

We mentioned in previous messages the huge problems now faced by our brethren there as a result of new laws which severely limit any preaching or meeting together by non-registered groups. These laws are now being applied, with Christians being arrested for performing baptisms, reading the Bible together etc. . So we have been chatting with some of the Russians about coming to Ukraine for Bible Schools. This will not only be expensive but few are willing to risk it, due to the de facto war between Russia and Ukraine; and all Russian males 18-60 need special visas to visit Ukraine. They need to have family members in Ukraine and genuine connection to Ukraine to get one. So it is indeed a need for prayer. You can read more about the

arrests and effective persecution of independent Christian groups at
<https://www.barnabasfund.org/news/Church-pastor-first-to-be-prosecuted-under-Russias-draconian-Soviet-era-anti-terror-laws>

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the brethren in Russia
- For the ongoing work in Italy this week
- For those recently baptized
- For sister Osha's IVF treatment

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks