

September 2018 Canada, UK, Creation Calendars, Mayotte, Australia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 15 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/lk15.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>

Luke: <http://n-e-v.info/NEVLukeCommentary.pdf>

NEV Bible Commentary

As mentioned last week, the upgraded www.n-e-v.info site aims to give a verse by verse commentary on the entire Bible, although not all Old Testament books are available yet. Do bookmark it, we believe it's helpful to every serious Bible reader. This time of year, "*Bible Companion*" users come to the Chronicles genealogies. Nine chapters of names. I don't suppose it is exactly the most crucial part of the Christian walk to read through them all. But then, they are there for a purpose. If you do chug through them, you may find some thoughts at www.n-e-v.info [click on the "1 Chronicles" tab and which chapter you need]. And there are a few real gems in those genealogies. Did you know that Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted Moses, married a man from the tribe of Judah, and had a girl she named Miriam [after another little girl called Miriam she had met!]. She walked away from all the wealth of Egypt to identify with God's beat up people. And "Mered", the guy she married, means "rebel" and likely perished in the wilderness rebellions. This woman, called Bithia [daughter of Yah... no longer daughter of Pharaoh], is one of the most amazing converts... That's all in 1 Chron. 4.

UK

For the last few months, Marcus has been busy producing a giveaway calendar for 2019, based around the theme of creation. Each day has the *Bible Companion* readings marked on it, and at the end is a free literature offer and invitation to get a free hard copy *NEV Bible*. Each month features a different wonder of creation, with accompanying text and photographs. It's in full colour, and would be ideal to hand out to folks or give as presents in the lead up to 2019. The cost price for this full colour calendar is 30 pence plus postage. You can see the full calendar and read the text etc. at <http://carelinks.net/creationcalendar.pdf>

The idea is really to give it away in large quantities. Marcus is keen to get out on the streets of Croydon and other areas of south London as Christmas approaches, and offer them to the general public. If you'd like to help him, or order copies, please contact him direct at bible.basics2020@gmail.com. As you can see from the photos, he has plenty of them in his garage and is raring to go.



AUSTRALIA

Phil & Miri Worsnop are planning a campaign in Queensland distributing *NEV Bibles*, *Bible Basics* and other literature in various languages at the *Goodna Jacaranda Festival*, God willing. Dates are October 26 -28 Friday from 4 PM to 10 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 10 PM, Sunday 8a.m. to 2 PM. These are long hours so do offer to help them if you're in the area.

CANADA

Br Jim Barton reports:

On one late summer afternoon, a dear brother and I headed to Kingston, Ontario to do some street preaching, handing out *New Testament NEVs* (*New European Version Bibles*) with *Bible Basics*, commentary and special inserts explaining that salvation is obtained actively not passively, urging them to learn more by coming to Christ through reading the Bible. We donned high visibility vests and ball caps, which both read 'Free Bibles'. The outfits are a bit loud and utilitarian but they certainly seem to help. In just one hour, the two of us handed out the entire supply of 66 Bibles that we brought along with us. I tried this alone a few weeks earlier and handed out 20 Bibles in one hour. It's wonderful to see that there still many people in today's first world societies who are still receptive to the Lord's word. As we distributed these Bibles, it's human to sometimes prejudge who you think will or will not be receptive to them but we find it's important to ask everyone you see because we were continually surprised by the variety of recipients; poor people, young people, blue collar workers, office workers, they seem to come from all walks of life. The special inserts included our contact information and a daily reading plan (based on our daily readings companions) to get them started with reading daily and following a fixed schedule. We pray the Bibles will lead to some positive contacts that we can help toward baptism. Supplies of these New Testament Bibles at *Carelinks Canada* are getting low but we still have some available to those who would like to give this type of preaching a try. Another printing is planned in the coming months so we should have an abundant supply soon.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Barton

Carelinks Canada



MAYOTTE

We've reported previously about the group of Congolese refugees who attended a refugee camp ecclesia in *Tanzania* where they were given "*Bible Basics*". When the camp closed, they journey by boat to the Comores Islands, and then by dugout canoe to the tiny islet of Mayotte. We visited them and baptized them, but they are living in terrible poverty. They are hoping to get documents enabling them to travel to Paris, France, as Mayotte technically belongs to France. Please pray they succeed. It seems they do have a chance of this. What's needed is:

- Someone to coordinate things for them on their arrival in Paris
- Donations or someone to send them funds every month so they can continue to rent the small room they live in
- They break bread every Sunday and always ask for French material suitable for exhortations. If you have any such material please let us know; you could send to them direct if you wish.

That tiny island has to import most of their food, and there are often outbreaks of viral diseases. Those not eating properly are very prone to such viruses, and our brethren report they are suffering from one which is sweeping the refugees there at the moment, producing symptoms

similar to those in the photo; please pray for them



We have asked the *CBM* to take over caring for these folks but have not yet had a positive response, so we do ask if anyone at all who knows French can come forward and help. Do be in touch if you can rise up to it.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the calendars to be well distributed and responded to
- For all those taking the Gospel onto the streets, and the thousands of people being reached
- For the campaign planned in Australia
- For all those travelling in the Lord's service this week
- For the brethren in Mayotte, and for someone to arise to take special responsibility for them

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks