

September 2018 Canada, USA, Latvia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Corinthians 16 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/1cor16.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:

Lamentations: <http://n-e-v.info/LamentationsNEVCommentary.pdf>

2 Corinthians: <http://n-e-v.info/NEV2CorinthiansCommentary.pdf>

LATVIA

Our feeding scheme is scheduled to start God willing in early October and continue well into 2019, it can really keep going as long as there are workers, as Duncan & Cindy are now back based in **Riga** for a year Lord willing, although to run the feeding scheme needs more hands than theirs alone. If you'd like to come over and help, please let us know. Absolutely everyone who ever came was struck with the undoubted work of God's Spirit and the presence of the Lord Jesus. Do try to come over if at all you can, and do continue supporting the work in prayer and other ways.

Cindy successfully ran her women and children's camp at the housing project we run in northern Latvia. There was a good attendance, and good to see those sisters baptized by Cindy still growing in faith and commitment and eager to start a Latvia-wide monthly gathering of their children for *Sunday School* teaching. Let's pray that can get off the ground, as they are not all in Riga, but scattered throughout the country. The studies were on the fruits of the Spirit:



The outdoor activities were also based around the theme of fruits:



Cindy writes:

"Thank you to everyone who supported our camp. We had a lovely time together and focused on the theme of the fruits of the Spirit (Ephesians) over the camp. The children wrote the fruits of the Spirit (in Latvian) on coloured ice lolly sticks and learned a fun song about them. It was truly very fruitful weekend. The children also found wild fruit to eat in the countryside around there. And also encountered a quite large but harmless Latvian grass snake. Please pray for the families here, that God will increase their faith and that they will be encouraged to reach out further to their families and friends, and the increase even more the great harvest here in Latvia".

CANADA

Brother Jim Barton reports as follows. It's so exciting that the *NEV Bibles* are getting so much distribution, the word of God getting into real hands:

We (myself and my wife, Anne (my photographer)) walked up and down Princess street in Kingston, Ontario on a sunny summer afternoon, to preach with an offer of "Free Bibles". The Bibles were *New Testament NEVs (New European Versions)* that included a commentary to aid understanding. Also tucked into the Bibles were inserts explaining to the recipient the value and power of this book to change their life forever and explain the need to be forgiven their sins through baptism into Jesus Christ. The insert also included contact information and a New Testament reading schedule based on the Bible Reading companion we use everyday to help ease them into a reading routine. I wore a high-visibility vest and cap that clearly stated "Free Bibles" on both. This seems to help our approach as it comes across as a clearly organized and professional effort to offer something of value for free. I stayed on public walkways and kept on the move so as not to upset any business owners or their customers.

The cross section of people we met was quite interesting as we met everyone from tourists, shoppers, business executive (types) and some beggars. I brought along a bag holding 20 Bibles. Not surprisingly, most people politely refuse the Bibles. None were hostile about it and a number of them declined because they told us how they already had one or more Bibles at home. In the hour long walk-about, we gave away all 20 Bibles after asking an estimated 200 people if they would like one. So I'm guesstimating a reception rate of about 1 in 10. Sometimes you get a dry spell where it seems no one is very interested, then suddenly 2-3 go quickly in sequence. The best reception came from the people sitting on the sidewalk begging some coins from passers-by. Surely, those with the last hope in this world are more inclined to grasp the hope of the world to come in Christ's Kingdom.



All in all a pretty successful campaign. 20 more people now have a Bible in their hands with information informing them of the value and need for it in their lives, a plan to move forward by reading it according to a schedule that would take little more than 10 minutes a day and our contact information to learn more.

We must be doers of the word and not just hearers only (James 1:22). *Carelinks Canada* is committed to helping individuals and ecclesias find new ways to help preach the word of God to those around us. We have a supply of these hand-out Bibles, inserts and other Bible literature meant for street distribution readily available to you for our costs or for free needed. Let us know how we can help you, help others. Contact Jim Barton of Carelinks Canada (info at bottom of newsletter).

USA

We mentioned in a recent Carelink the baptism of brother Bill in prison in Ohio as a result of *Bible Basics* work and the great pastoral efforts of the late sister Marilyn Seagoe. In Ohio there's brother Jason, also lead to baptism as a result of our outreach and who now is an active member of an ecclesia in Ohio. Jason was able to visit Bill and reports as follows:

"I was able to visit Brother Bill Dixon this morning. We had a good time chatting. We talked about our families and backgrounds, how we became Christadelphians, Bible study, and preaching.

The visiting area is an open room with small tables and two chairs at each one. There were also vending machines and a bookshelf with Bibles on it. We picked up a bible, read a passage from 1 Cor. 11, prayed and broke bread using food and drink from the vending machine. It was an

enjoyable time and I look forward to meeting with Bill again in the future. There are not many brethren in northwest Ohio, so the blessing of another brother to meet with is not taken for granted.

Brother Bill did receive the *NEV [Bible]*, *Bible Basics*, and other literature that we sent him. He was very happy to receive them and is studying the literature and offering pamphlets to other prisoners. He is currently talking to a another prisoner about the gospel, taking it slowly and sticking more to talking about practical Christian living. He hopes that his practical preaching will eventually peak the interest of the other prisoner to deeper Bible study.

Brother Bill was taking an evangelism class in the prison. He gave a few talks, but was stopped in the middle of his fourth talk which was about the humanity of Christ. He was explaining how the Bible teaches not that Jesus is God, but the Son of God. Bill was subsequently kicked out of the class for his rejection of the doctrine of the Trinity. He is grateful to have the literature we send him for personal study and because he believes it will better equip him to teach the truth to those around him. God bless,

Jason"

PRAYER POINTS:

- For all the people receiving and reading our Bibles and Bible Basics in whatever situation
- For Cindy's work with women and children
- For the feeding scheme in Latvia

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks