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FACEBOOK

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UKRAINE

There are so many issues and cases of need to pray for, and please also pray for brothers Mike Flaherty and Duncan as they travel around Ukraine now. This week we sent out a prayer request for sister Oksana, who has been in Kramatorsk caring for her invalid grandson- whilst she herself is in some "remission" [so doctors tell her] from pancreatic cancer. And she has had to get out of there with her grandson:

"Forward most Russian units have reportedly reached the Dobropillia - Kramatorsk road T0514 and Russian infiltration groups have also been reported near Dobropillia proper,"

Sister Oksana is getting out of Kramatorsk as we tap this. Reuters say "Russia advanced 17 km almost overnight". So often, people remain in dangerous areas from fear of the unknown and need to support relatives. So please pray for all these complex cases and our wisdom in seeking to assist them.



We're always very much open to your donations towards the work we do in Ukraine as there are so many needs at this time. With no end in sight, humanly speaking.

UK

This week we were so happy to baptize another of our online followers IVY who at 50 years old has not only come from a secular, atheistic life to God, Jesus and the Bible- but has come to see through the common misunderstandings about the trinity and satan. In her case, it was non-sensical teachings about these things that actually put her off becoming a Christian. There's a video of Ivy's baptism and her testimony of what freedom she felt having been freed from the confusion of the trinity and belief in a personal Satan

- <https://youtu.be/8pj6aXFpRAk>

Her first email to us was as follows... it's just amazing how the Lord is reaching out to so many scattered individuals here and there, uniting us in Him in spirit and in truth:

"Good morning! My name is Ivy and I live in Egham, Surrey and I just wanted to write and say thank you so much for all that you are doing!

I have led a very sinful life and yet I believed I was justified in all that I did, until recently, that is. It wasn't a time of happiness but more a grieving and a deep fear of God. I started to read the Bible and as I've never read it before, it was a *NIV* one. Things weren't making sense to me and I met a lady online, who told me to get a *KJV* and recommended a church.

I ended up in a strict and particular Baptist church, as I thought that this was the most biblically accurate. The Church of England seemed to be making it up as they went along and to say I have been confused, is an understatement. However, my thinking that they were biblically accurate

was way off. I am a lone parent with an illness that makes life a bit of a challenge. My immune system is on a mission to turn me into a piece of gristle, it seems! My son is 13 soon and has a rare chromosome deletion syndrome, which means he has severe learning and behavioural disabilities. He has never spoken a word, (except Bye bye when he was 2) and lives as a small toddler, despise having size 11 feet, 11 stones and my height.

It is difficult for me to attend things, due to care as I don't have a reliable support network and so trying to find answers and guidance, has been really hard.

About a month ago, I couldn't keep pretending it wasn't there in black and white, and that is that the Bible states pretty clearly that Jesus is the Son of God, but not God. I could never understand how they had come to this conclusion, when it seemed so clear to me. Again, more feeling like I'm the mad one. Until that is, I found your posts on social media. I have been so stressed about Baptism, as I want to be baptised, we are told to be baptised, yet the trinity believing churches baptism aren't biblically sound and in essence, blasphemous. After reading your site, I feel hope and so grateful to God for leading me to your group!!

I have a lot of Bible study to do, as there are things that are almost ingrained into my Brain, as being "the truth" when they are not. The devil being one of them. As a teenager, I left home (Feltham) at 17 and moved to Islington, playing bass in satanic death metal bands and the lifestyle that went along with that. The ideas of satan have always been that of the mainstream trinitarian lot so I am eager to learn the truth. I am going to start your Bible study today online, thank you so much. Also, thank you so much for the Alcoholic pages. I spent many years in AA, but having huge issues with "door knob higher power" thing and whereas they were helpful elements, to hear you speak of a Christian AA is a breath of fresh air.

I haven't drank in over a year, but this is because of my illness (the muscles in my lungs are being bombarded so my breathing is affected) and the true reason is I was diagnosed with ADHD and given medication for it. The "medication" is amphetamines so if I am really, really honest, I think I just substituted the alcohol. This brings me a lot guilt as I know, in my heart that God does not want this for me. I think that the only way I can stop these things is with help from God and a group of people in a similar boat, who know the truth. To read about your work has literally made me so happy, that I'm not crazy. This is huge so thank you. I don't know if there are other people in my area but I saw that you are in Croydon, so not far at all. That the study and help is online is tremendous, due to responsibilities and health. This is so amazing, thank you! May God bless your day

Ivy"

Ivy's baptism was the fruition of so much work by the Lord, and response by her over an extended period:



Our sister lives a very isolated and difficult life due to her son needing absolutely constant attention. Maybe some sisters would like to keep in contact with her by email? Let us know if so.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the work in Ukraine this week and for Mike & Duncan's safe return

- For peace in Ukraine
- For sister Oksana and others in Ukraine in their complex needs and decision making
- For those with invalid children or grandchildren they have to care for often with limited funds

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks