

## December 2025 Indonesia, Israel, Latvia Winter Welfare Appeal, UK

### INDONESIA

Br Phil & Sis Miri keep in constant contact with the work here amongst the homeless, both feeding them and bringing others to the knowledge of the true Gospel. Br Mark and Sisters Lisa and Stacey are currently in Indonesia and will be meeting with sister Emy in Solo. She and the brothers there are looking forward to the planned meeting. For now, we've just had news of the baptism of AGUNG by brothers Danur, Agus and Sumatran along with brother Sigit. Sigit can be seen in the pictures holding Bible instruction classes with other contacts. Let's pray for this wonderful work!





## ISRAEL

We're still working on producing the Bible Companion app in Hebrew and Lord willing, getting to the end soon. Meantime we continue enjoying correspondence with Orthodox Jews who are secretly coming to faith in Jesus as Messiah, but are struggling with the huge social and mental changes that this demands. Here's a clip from recent correspondence:

"... it's a matter of living an authentic life. For example, how can I recite the texts of the Amidah prayer three times a day, when they contain requests for the rebuilding of the Temple, etc.?... my inner conflict is this: is my yearning for faith in Jesus and the belief that his gospel is true actually the test (nisayon) as to whether I am an authentic Jew?"

[Our comment was that having Googled the Amidah prayer, it'd be hard to say that a Christian Jew cannot pray it!]

## LATVIA / WINTER WELFARE APPEAL

The dire economic situation continues in rural Eastern Europe, especially for our dear ones in Latvia and Ukraine with whom we have regular contact. The economic impact of the war is huge, and Winter is now upon us, with sub zero temperatures, tiny pensions, expensive health care, bread winning men either in hiding, conscripted or having fled the country. Leaving the

elderly and infirm, of whom we have many brothers and sisters. We'll be making a trip to Latvia soon and another one in February, Lord willing, and also to Ukraine probably in January or February. We aim to distribute firewood in rural areas, pay heating bills in the towns, and do what can be done to fix up drafty homes to preserve heat. And also provide warm clothing and blankets where needed. We've been doing this work for many years and continue to appreciate your ongoing financial support. And if any want to join us on the ground, do let us know. Here are a few photos of our previous work, that we intend to continue. We're really open to your donations; for those who prefer Facebook giving, there's an appeal at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/810932821945052/>















UK

With Winter set in, the homeless really appreciate having a warm, safe space to go where they can get food- as well as Bible teaching and fellowship. Our Croydon Church in a Pub meetings are now listed on the Croydon 'Rough Sleepers support & Food Poverty' Network and this is attracting yet more needy folks to our weekday meetings. And apart from rough sleepers, there are many who suffer from "Food poverty". Please do support us with donations and if possible, please come and help with the feeding and pastoral work.

A reminder of our New Year get together in Middlesborough, North East UK January 1-3, Lord willing. Such eagerness to get together amongst the new brothers and sisters and baptism candidates there. They're looking forward to it and so are we, and you're welcome too.

This week we were able to get over to East London and meet PHIL, who has been following us for some time online. Phil was very impressed with videos of folks being baptized in cold water, and decided this was how he wanted to give his life to his Lord- after a lifetime of Bible reading and involvement in various groups including JW's. So he started taking cold showers to prepare himself for the great day. Always so great to baptize someone who's been psyching themselves up for it for quite some time. He wanted to do it in the sea, and so we drove over to him, picked him up and we drove to Southend on Sea, where we baptized him in the sea, running back to the car in the driving wind and bitter rain afterwards. You couldn't have had a more miserable day, and Phil said he really hates the cold. It was grey, heavy, cold rain and sleet. But the hour's drive there and back were a pure joy, discussing scripture and spiritual things. The time went by so fast, and truly where two or three are gathered, there yet again was the Lord between us.



#### PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For Jews in Israel to continue responding to the true Gospel
- For the work in Indonesia
- For our Winter welfare work this Winter and specifically this week in Latvia

- For all those for whom the Christmas period is sad and painful, with so many memories of family situations that are now no more

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks