

December 2025 Indonesia, Latvia, Russia, Turkey, UK

INDONESIA

Lisa, Stacey, Eddie and Mark were invited to Solo and to sister Emy's and brother Sigit's house church.

Mark writes:-

Sister Emy invited us to visit her and Sigit and their home church. I'm so grateful to Lisa, Stacey and Eddie that they had a heart to sacrifice to travel to and from Solo so as to spend time with sister Emy and her home church. We were delighted to meet the children of Emy's orphanage, as well as meet the new brothers and sisters that have recently been baptised. Emy arranged for a breaking of bread service for all. About 40 brothers and sisters, children and friends joined us in an evening of song and praise to our gracious God.

We did a sermon which I titled "Falling in love with God"; which was derived from John 5:42 "I know you! I know you to not have the love of God within you"; and we didn't want Jesus' analysis of the people he was talking too, being an analysis a judgment of ourselves when Jesus returns. So we focused on Gods love; His love supremely seen in Jesus and his sacrifice for our sins and his resurrection for our life. And for an hour or so, we fell in love with God's love. The ready reception of the sermon is due to the Lord working hand in glove for many years with Emy, Sigit, Phil and Miriam and CRC Whanganui and others. We feel we did a little service for our Lord, whilst also receiving from the Lord, a heart of thankfulness to fellowship with young and old alike, in Solo.

PS: Emy is running a wonderful orphanage. The children have massively progressed in normal schooling education.

And they have received a spiritual education that is unique to sister Emy's orphanage. They are truly delightful children.





LATVIA

Appreciate your prayers for our current visit which is ongoing as you receive this, distributing firewood, baptizing and holding breaking of bread meetings.

RUSSIA

We run a weekly online breaking of bread and other Bible study meetings in Russian, and this week our brethren in Russia reported that Russia has blocked WhatsApp now for everyone, and it really looks like Zoom will go any time now, they are limiting social media access to only within Russia. Pretty bad. Rather a sad meeting as it might be our last on Zoom. But we thought that a while ago. But for sure the net is closing, iron curtain going up. They're all scared to use VPN as you can go to prison or be fined if you do. YouTube has long been inaccessible, and it's almost impossible to live in Russia now without downloading the Government created "Max" super-app. Employers, hospitals, public buildings, schools, universities, surgeries etc. are making usage or entrance possible only if you scan the code on your "Max" app on your phone. This app keeps a record of all your interactions, and even what you use your phone to buy or order online. It really is the return of the "iron curtain" and very much "Big Brother is watching you". It's a scary situation for our brethren and we commit them to prayer, grateful that when the iron curtain came down in 1991 we were able to get in there with the Gospel... and have used that 30 years window of opportunity to spread the Truth throughout Russia. But it seems they are now going to be increasingly isolated from the rest of the brotherhood. Definitely a need for prayer.

TURKEY

Before our weekly Zoom breaking of bread on Saturday, we were delighted to hold a baptism service for PEDRAM who has been seriously studying our material for a long time. He had bought an inflatable pool for his baptism, and his wife kindly held the camera so we could all witness it. Around 20 of us were online for a very beautiful and moving service and to hear his wonderful statement of faith and appreciation.



UK

We spent a bitterly cold Christmas Eve on the streets of Central Croydon offering free Bibles to the large crowds. There's nothing quite as satisfying as putting a Bible into a hand that reaches out for it. We urged people to make a new year's resolution to read the Bible. As ever, if you stand in Croydon with a "Free Bibles" visibility vest, there are plenty of takers. Despite the bitter weather we had a great time. Well done Evia, Daniel and David who have been doing this work from early childhood and as teenagers are still eager to do it. Video at <https://youtu.be/ZhFG5Z2f-5g>









Christmas Day is always a hard day for so many, with hard memories and thoughts of what might've been in their family life. But it's also a great opportunity to reach out to such folks, invite them into your homes and spread the Gospel to them.

Lewisham is the next suburb over from Croydon and we have a super active sister there in sister Lisa, who's largely housebound, very ill, has to use a walker to get around- but lives in one of the skyscraper council housing blocks of flats opposite Lewisham hospital. She has gone around

those flats giving our NEV Bibles and talking to people, and we have already reported baptizing people in her bath tub. Now she is doing the baptisms herself. She writes as only Lisa can:

"HalleluYAH I just baptised [SAMMY] my friends son who ive known for yrs and he's so happy, nothing can take him out of the most high hands. He follows Christ and is a great boy, his mum isn't spiritual or following Christ, but he's literally got the most High with him shining so bright I'm soooooo happy with this, how hes not ashamed of his faith, he carries his bible on bus and everywhere, even to that Arsenal [football] game the other day, truly amazing kid. We must guide as many of our heavenly Fathers children home. What was amazing was before he got to being baptised he said how he's letting God rule over his life and letting the Bible to guide him. WOW! If I had a son like this I'd be absolutely elated... HalleluYAH. He's been carrying his Bible [i gave him one of the ones you left me] all day everywhere reading it and the commentary and the Bible Basics... I baptised an old friend KEVIN last month and praise Yhwh for that. I ask if they believe in Yahusha and the things they learnt about his kingdom and his salvation and then when it comes to it i manage to get the whole body under water in my bath. oh how I pray for his return and have been waiting all my life for these days. Which are very much upon us now, however I know that things are going to get tough, our faith tested to the maximum before he comes. How blessed that truth is now upon us to set us free!!! Love to you my brother and thank you and glory to the most high for keeping us alive and giving us this knowledge of the truth and people willing to hear it!"



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For our brothers and sisters in Russia with the increasing restrictions of freedom
- For the work ongoing in Latvia
- For the Hebrew Bible Companion app which should be released this week or next, Lord willing

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks