

# December 2025 Israel, Ukraine, UK

## ISRAEL

Our work on the Hebrew Bible Companion app is steaming ahead, huge thanks to brother Phil Martin for putting in so many hours of work the last week or so. Already people are viewing our Hebrew language videos. Here's one response... so exciting! Do pray he and others like him go ahead to baptism:

My name is []. I am an observant Jew, a Baal Teshuva as we call it in Hebrew (a returnee to religious observance), living in Israel. I am 60 years old. I hold a PhD in Biblical Studies and the History of Jewish Thought throughout the generations. For the past five years, albeit intermittently, I have been studying the New Testament—both alone and with various people—following an inner awakening that surprised me very much, and continues to surprise me even now. I have been exposed to all sorts of approaches and interpretations: Messianic Jews, Catholic viewpoints, Adventists, Evangelicals, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc. Since then, I have been in an extremely turbulent, existential, internal conflict, mostly within myself. Just a week ago, while conversing with a person with whom I occasionally study the New Testament writings (he is a Messianic Jew), I gained some internal clarity regarding my faith. And then, 'by chance', a few hours later, I stumbled upon your apps, some of your writings, and even the YouTube videos in Hebrew... and indeed, the entire 'Christadelphian' denomination, which I had never heard of before. I find myself fascinated and curious. It seems to me that my exposure to your work is not accidental at all. In any case, the little I managed to read about the opposition to various 'Christian' doctrines such as the Trinity, the pre-existence of Jesus, his nature, the matter of Satan, and the matter of the Kingdom of God—resonates within me, perhaps due to an internal responsiveness to the difficulties these doctrines raised in me. Also, your words about 'baptism' without the need to leave the 'synagogue' or join some 'church denomination' stirred a deep interest within me. I saw that you have several texts aimed at a Jewish audience. I would appreciate your recommendations regarding relevant study material and continued contact. Especially since there is such a vast variety of 'Christian' approaches and denominations, more or less sectarian, and I have no serious way of deciding between them.

I read English very well (but I still used AI to help me draft this letter). Yours sincerely..."

## UKRAINE

We still have no news of brother Lyasha, whom we assume is undergoing military training on a punishment regime, as he had not responded to the draft. So many are worried sick with no news of loved ones. Do pray for them all.

## UK

The alcohol free Christmas party was just a hugely blessed success. Thanks to all who contributed to make it happen as it did. Nearly 100 came at various points. We held it in the afternoon right after lunchtime church, and most were in attendance and heard the 25 minutes of Bible talk on John 10 and the appeal to decide to seriously study and be baptized. A great witness, as many had brought their friends, and for many of those friends this was their first exposure to the Gospel. The talk was followed by a meal, and then the party began... bingo, Gregg's gift vouchers as prizes and everyone ended up winning somehow, games, carols, music. Bit rowdy at times but that goes with the territory. You can listen to the whole event and join in with us as it were, <https://youtu.be/e4ttGWZliFk>

Highlights were sister Cis having baked an amazing Xmas cake for us all;



Cindy getting around to give absolutely everyone a present including socks, gloves etc. [seeing many are homeless or can't afford to turn on much heating where they live];



Spiro winning the Bingo and donating his prize;



the sheer excitement of everyone in the games...



the joy on all faces.



And folks going out for coffee together afterwards...



It's good to see friendship groups developing amongst our folks, so they're friends not just at church but socially. Our dear sister Tanya broke her spine and is in a very bad way... it was so good to have sisters Dana and Cis so concerned for us and visiting her:



We baptized brother Tim on the Isle of Wight earlier this year; it was a great joy to have him come up to Croydon and stay with us a few days to share in the great work. He was able to get out on the streets giving out fliers advertising our meetings and free meal:



And then to assist with the baptisms of ATA and MILAD in the bath tub in South Croydon that has seen so many born again:





Tim also went to see brother Marcus, battling Lewey Body Dementia in a care home in Croydon. Marcus spent his life putting small adverts in local newspapers advertising the Gospel, and then travelling to baptize the contacts. He and Gwladys went to the Orkney Islands, decades ago now, to baptize one such a couple. Tim was a music teacher whose career took him to many varied locations including a spell on the Orkneys. It was there that he first encountered Christadelphians in that couple. And now he has been baptized having found the Truth after decades testing things out. And managed to meet Marcus. Truly you can't make these things up, the Lord is working so carefully in the lives of us all.



#### PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- Thanksgiving for God's great blessing on our efforts in South London
- For the ongoing work on the Hebrew Bible Companion app, and for Jewish people to accept Jesus as Messiah
- For those of our number in Ukraine who are cold, undergoing forced military training against their will, and who are worried sick about their loved ones from whom they have no news

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks