

January 2026 Australia, Jamaica, Latvia, UK

AUSTRALIA

Phil & Miri Worsnop in Queensland started the new year with a spiritual bang. They report the baptism of "ALUETA who came up from Melbourne for the long weeked. She has joined in with zoom about twice a week. We also had John Chols friends come to meet us and Alueta in person. Ozzie and Amok. Who also regularly either come or join on line zoom for Bible Study. We all had a great time sitting for cake etc after. We were blessed as when dropping off donation of clothing at the local Food Barn .they gave us a very large chocolate mud cake.. will now put it in freezer for Sunday get together before Alueta flies home that night"





Mark & Lisa in Western Australia likewise had a good start to the Lord's work in 2026. Video at <https://youtu.be/8kZD19IHG5l> . They report: "KALISTA was christened when a baby into Catholicism and has always had a strong belief in Jesus. During her school years, she always remembers having a greater passion for Jesus. But as a young girl and through to adulthood, Kalista always sensed there was something not quite right with "church", even though she regularly attended church. Kalista sensed that "church" was more about "Church" than Christ. In fact, the more she saw of church, the more she realized that church was nothing like Jesus would approve of. Later in life, Kalista realized that she must make baptism into Jesus a personal choice; and baptism needed to be personal; her in Jesus and Jesus in her. But where to go and what church would allow and foster a personal relationship with Jesus? She knew of no such church. But 18 months ago, Kalista saw us on YouTube and it spoke to her heart as regards a personal conviction and connection to Jesus through baptism. But 18 months ago, she didn't have a pen handy to write down our contact details. But more recently, she saw us again and this time did have a pen handy and contacted us immediately. We had a lovely morning around God's word and discussed many matters relating to Jesus and his kingdom. We touched on hell being the grave and not a place of eternal fiery torture from God and the devil; that hell is the grave; but a grave from which there is resurrection to life eternal for those "in Christ". We saw how God loves "faith/trust"; faith/trust in Jesus and his sacrifice for sin; faith/trust which by grace, God counts a person as "righteous/justified". With these and many other matters fresh in our minds, Kalista was baptized into the Lord Jesus".



Dear Lisa & Mark
Thank you for your
Kindness.
May God bless
you always
Shalika

JAMAICA

"It is many years since you had news from Jamaica but this brother has been motivated by hurricane Melissa to provide information. The hurricane struck on October 28th. After several weeks, the news remains patchy. The force and effects were worse than hurricane Gilbert in 1988 which removed the house, near Kingston, of the recording brother of that meeting. The centre of hurricane Melissa struck Black River, a small town in the south-west of the island. Wind speed reached 185 mph. Hundreds of thousands of people had their roofs removed and the contents of their homes scattered. Some people fared even worse with homes completely demolished and dogs, chickens and goats killed. Many thousands of homes still remain without electricity even now with many consequent effects, for example, absence of communication. The centre of the hurricane moved slowly across the island to exit close to Montego Bay. The winds either side of the centre reach 150 mph and were almost as destructive. Loss of life is estimated at about 50, mainly from falling walls and timber but, thankfully, no brother or sister has died. More than half-a-dozen, however, have lost their homes and entire livelihoods. They needs your prayers and support".

Bro. David Welch (Teignmouth, U.K.)

LATVIA

We spent a wonderful time distributing firewood, cash and other winter welfare throughout Latvia to our needy brothers and sisters. There isn't much daylight at this time of year so we did a lot of our work in darkness. Temperatures were below freezing with record breaking high winds and storms. This meant we had some horrendous journeys, with the high winds driving snow at us so that visibility was greatly reduced- and the roads in eastern Latvia weren't cleared nor salted. So we drove literally for hours at low speeds on those icy roads in driving blizzards; no photo can quite reflect how it was. We're grateful to God that we arrived at all our destinations without incident.



It is always wonderful to meet brothers and sisters baptized many years ago who are still strong in faith. Sister Sandra was baptized getting on 20 years ago at the soup kitchen we ran in Riga, and now lives several hours drive away near the Russian border. She has been moved out of her flat and given another one in a derelict building in the middle of nowhere, 2 hours walk from a shop [hard to use a bicycle in Winter], and a 1 mile walk to the nearest functioning well. The rooms are bare with no furniture and she has been sitting there freezing. So she really appreciated both firewood and money to get on her feet in her new place. The trek for well water is significant. The hole in the ground toilet is no fun either. She spends a lot of time sitting in the flat of her only neighbour in the house, who does have furniture, and who has adopted five quite

nice cats that she says were just let loose from a car, presumably by someone unable to afford them any more.





Despite her hard situation, Sandra is as keen as ever on the Lord's work, and we took her with us to visit brother Erik- baptized in an iced over river last February. It was a joy to see him and his growth in the Lord and to baptize his wife LENA. They too need firewood and support. Lena has only just come out of hospital as she struggles with TB, and the cold, damp weather and constant struggle to keep warm is no good for TB.



Nearer to Riga we were able to do our work with no snow although very cold strong winds. We took firewood to some living in tenement blocks, each with their own fireplace accessing a common chimney stack. The fire risk living in those delapidated places is pretty high. We found sister Judite burning cardboard to try to keep warm, which doesn't last very long. So she was very pleased to have some proper firewood.







We also had a gathering of the brothers and sisters in Riga, buying them a meal at a restaurant and holding a breaking of bread meeting with them. Attendance was higher than last time, with folks bringing friends etc. Always sad to hear of those who've fallen asleep in the Lord, but no doubt so many here in this land will rise again to a glorious resurrection. We're just so thankful for your support of our work in Latvia over the last 30 years- and the needs are definitely ongoing, and the Gospel has not stopped spreading.



UK

We had a very blessed time over the New Year holidays in North East UK visiting those recently baptized and their families. It was great to baptize LEAH, who bravely drove to her baptism vomiting with morning sickness, leaving home very early morning so she could take Bill to work

by 8 AM after her baptism, which he was therefore able to witness. We also had a great walk together:



And there were the baptisms of two married couples, LAURA & NICK, and Laura's brother CHRIS and his wife VICKY. They are typical of so many younger British people who have turned to God, Jesus and the Bible, but not found answers in standard churchianity. And so they came to us online. Laura and Nick's place was heaving with people with all of us there, so trusting of them to warmly welcome the five of us into their home for the great event, which took place in their bath tub. There was such joy in that home... ordinary British folks coming to the Lord in spirit and truth:





They were eagerly videoing the baptisms on their phones and want to tell their mothers, relatives and friends about it. And so the Gospel of the Kingdom looks likely to spread yet further in the United Kingdom:



This was really a fantastic few days in the Lord's service. And much fun too, piling multiple kids into hotel beds, cooking for ourselves by heating up canned food on a gas burner, either in the car or out of the window of hotel rooms. This is what the Lord's work can be all about, and we welcome more of you to join in wherever you are, however you can. There is blessing and joy every step of the way:







PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For those struggling with being cold, and not having convenient access to water
- For more workers to reap the harvest, especially in the UK
- For those trying to cope with natural disasters especially in Jamaica at this time

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