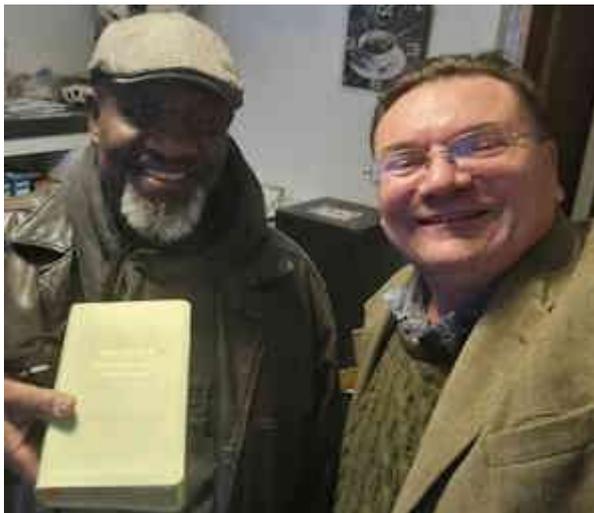


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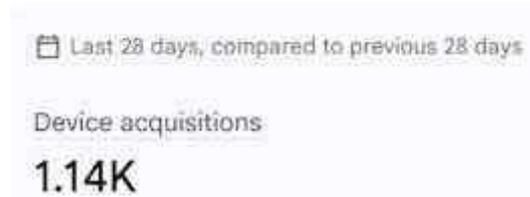
GERMANY

In northern Germany there is yet another one of the three million or so folks worldwide who have downloaded the Bible Companion app, ISRAEL, an older man originally from Ghana who has lived and worked 35 years in Germany. And the last few years, has been an avid daily user of the app, following our work and reading the teachings, watching the videos etc. It was a real pleasure to pop over to Hamburg and meet and baptize him. There are so many such folks now all over the world using the app and coming to Bible truth. We of course only know about them when they choose to come into contact with us, but the statistics show very heavy usage worldwide, 24/7. Israel was baptized in his bath tub at home, and beforehand gave a testimony to the help the Bible Companion app has been to him. He stresses how it got him studying the Bible verse by verse until he got to a point where the Bible was explaining itself to him as he read it. And that's exactly what our aim has been all along. A really encouraging testimony, at <https://youtu.be/yslHgoZ1gcY> . A nicer, humbler, more spiritually minded man it'd be hard to imagine.

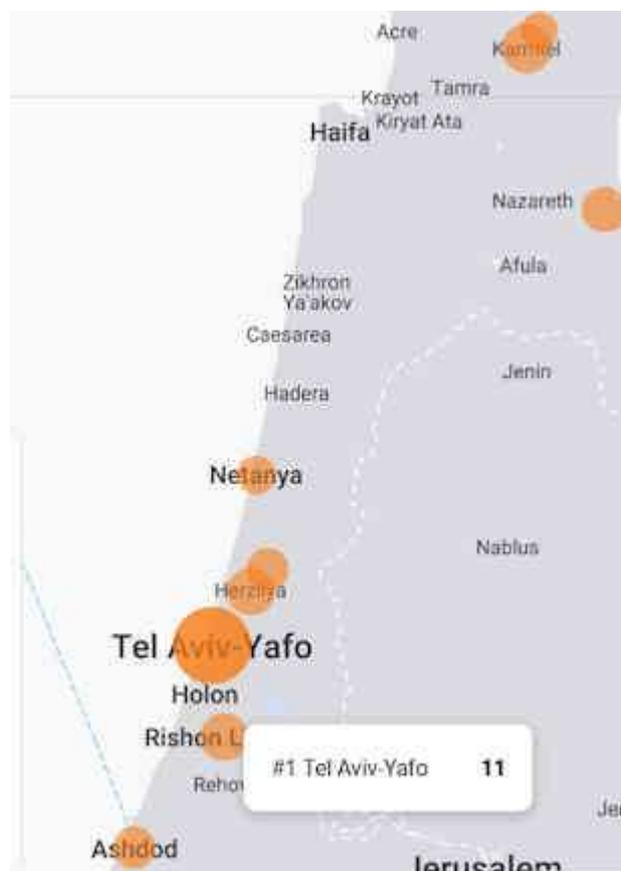


ISRAEL

As mentioned last week, we have now launched the Bible Companion app in Hebrew with a view to reaching out to Jewish people especially in Israel, believing the turning of God's people to their Messiah plays a vital part in hastening the Lord's return. We're open to funds to help us advertise it in Israel and get more downloads. Currently as we send this Carelink message out, 1,140 people have downloaded it:



We cannot make contact with those who have downloaded it, until they contact us. Which is what we pray for. However we can see in real time where geographically the users are at any one time. Sometimes there are as many as 20 people using the app at the same time... Hebrew speaking Israelis, all over Israel. It's amazing:

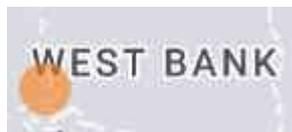


Some of the locations will be well known to you as Bible readers:





And we note quite a bit of usage of the app in the West Bank settlements, which are typically ultra Orthodox Jews. But somewhere in those communities, there are thinking people whose conscience for Jesus as Messiah is eating away at them:



We continue our conviction that if you can get that app onto someone's phone and they use it, quietly and unseen by their surrounding society, then we really are making some serious inroads. Bringing Jewish people to Jesus as Christ has never been easy. But God has so much love for His people and we feel Him working with us in our tiny effort to get them to understand and accept that love, as it comes to its climax in the Lord's death for them in particular. Please, do pray for this outreach and if you can, try to enable it going forward.

UKRAINE

The misery from living at very low temperatures [down to -27 C this week] under bombardment continues. Sister Natalya in Kiev tells us:

"We live in a near-total blackout on the outskirts of the capital. Power is rarely on, once a day for 1-2 hours, sometimes for 15 minutes a day after the shelling. We have cold water, but heating it with a boiler is impossible; it requires a lot of fuel, so we're saving it. A wood stove/fireplace saves us from the cold this winter. We use it to heat the room where we sleep and warm up tea or soup on it to stay warm. If there's no power for 2-3 days after the shelling, we turn on the generator to cook food for a few days, which we store outside while the frost lasts. We thank you all for your support and concern, we love you all, friends, and you are always in our prayers. May the Lord be with you and keep you all always. After Grandpa Volodya's death, Mama Lyudmila's son-in-law has been taking care of her. I thank him very much for that. We keep in touch daily, and her son often helps her physically with everything. My mother, escaping the cold, moved in with her half-sister, who has an old wood-burning stove. Thank God for everything and for always being with us. We always feel your presence and never stop believing and praying. We hope this terrible war ends soon and we pray for peace throughout the world. God bless you all our dear friends"

Some background: Urban heating in the USSR was arranged by having large heating stations in each suburb, with the hot water carried to each apartment block by underground pipes. That

system is still in place. It means the apartment blocks [where most people live] don't have their own boilers to heat the water. Every heating station in Kiev has been hit by the bombing, and also many of the smaller pumping stations, that pump the water through the pipes. As well as many pipes being ruptured. The system was old anyway, dating from Soviet times. This is why most people in the cities of Ukraine are without heating and water. At least in the villages they can use generators or burn firewood. But you can't do that in an apartment in a block.

Very many urban dwellers are really struggling to stay alive in this extreme cold. Heated tents have been set up near many tower blocks and warm food is being distributed for those living in the high rise blocks with no water, power or heating:





But even all this is of little help to the invalids and elderly who are stuck up those tower blocks with lifts not working:



We have kept open our offer [thanks to your generosity] to house any of our brothers and sisters in hotels with private generators [meaning, they have their own power and heat] until this Winter is over.

We asked for your prayers last week for the safety of brother Lyesha who was picked from the streets, forced into the army, went through brief training, and is now on the front line. All against his will. Do pray for his safety and for him to be able to live within a Christian conscience. He sent us this pic of how he currently is:



And then we've heard from sister Svitlana, lamenting that the heavy snow has broken the frames on her canvas greenhouses, quite the tragedy for her as planting season approaches in Spring. Having lost the family home near the front line, she and her family have been driven to subsistence farming on land attached to a formerly derelict house in western Ukraine:



In due course we'll buy our sister a new greenhouse, although no point erecting it until the snow has gone. As ever we're open to your donations towards all the ongoing work.

We've also heard from sister Nina. Her son has been wounded at the front and is in hospital, but the hospital is freezing and the pipes have frozen and burst. So he's been sent to recuperate with her for two weeks until the hospital can have him back.

All really a horrible situation for so many.

UK

Our meetings in Croydon continue going really well. After church on Sunday we baptized CRAIG, who after over 20 years working as chef has through a string of what the world would call "very bad luck" been left homeless. Surely, temporarily, we pray. He's pretty scared sleeping in

doorways of the supermarkets and warehouses in central Croydon, surrounded by drug addicts and criminals. He's not a druggie, and is attending all the meetings being set up with various social services to get him out of his predicament. He's been wanting to be baptized for some time, and we keep in touch with him at nights. He sends photos taken from his sleeping bag:



So it was a great day when now we could finally baptize him:





A baptism like this makes all our catering and efforts to teach the Gospel feel really worth it. A big shout out to Evia and Cindy for slogging on with the catering every Sunday and sister Cis likewise midweek. And we do so appreciate all the donations that make this great work possible, and ask they continue and even increase if possible. Please. Under the Lord's good hand, we really have going a great project of humanitarian outreach to the very needy, which backs up the lengthy and persistent teaching of the Gospel through our Bible talks.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For brother Alexei and others who have been forced into the army and sent to the front
- For our contacts in Israel to accept God's love for them as it is in the Lord Jesus
- For those enduring extreme cold in Ukraine with no heating, water nor electricity

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks