

October 2026 Australia, Tenerife, Ukraine, UK

AUSTRALIA

Phil & Miriam continue to show us all how careful relationship building with a local community can produce a great platform for the teaching of the Gospel. They continue their well attended house church meetings in Queensland with brother John's friends and relatives from the South Sudanese community, broadcasting the meetings live on Zoom so that others too can get involved. Really wonderful.

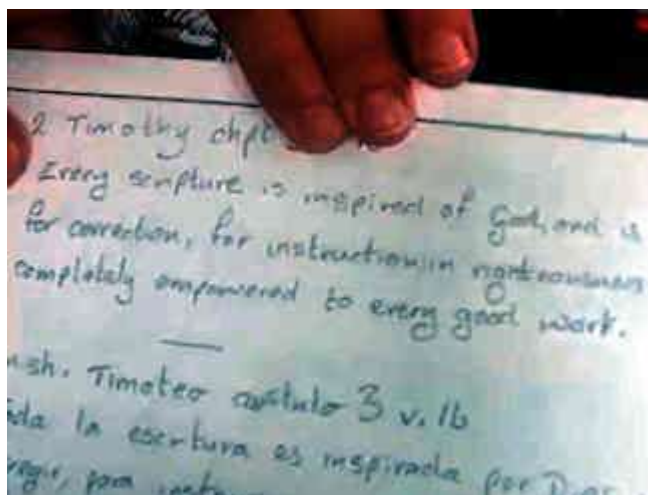


TENERIFE

We're re-established contact with our dear sister Mariane, originally from UK but now at 71 living in Tenerife pretty much off grid. Despite ill health she is managing to survive squatting on

derelict land, growing her own food to supplement at very small pension. Her dream is to be able to establish a small meeting place where she is. She is very resourceful, using disused plastic crates as a kind of perimeter fence around her, has a fig tree at the centre of her bit of land, gets water from a pipe connected to a mountain spring. Despite that poverty, she is sure spreading the Gospel to all. She has been using the Spanish copies of Bible Basics which she has to teach others. In the video at <https://youtu.be/SObv0D38-t0> you can see her going through the questions with a woman called Veronica, and then she goes on to give an amazing guided tour of her bit of land and termite infested caravan. You can see her with Veronica, going through all the questions in Bible Basics and getting Veronica to write out the answers along with supporting Bible verses- and is making her do it in both English and Spanish! Quite some preparation for baptism.

She really needs some help materially and so on our visit there next week we also hope to visit and baptize other contacts there. We're open to your support for this work. Do have a look at the video, it's so inspirational as to what one elderly person can do as they hold God's truth alone in a very materialistic and Catholic environment.





UKRAINE

Please do continue to remember brother Igor in your prayers, and his one legged wife sister Nina. Igor was grabbed from his home by the Military Police and forced into the army, despite having major heart issues and being Nina's sole carer, in a remote village where they survive by subsistence farming. Igor is being forced to do the heavy work of digging trenches near the front line. This photo isn't Igor it's of a similar man forced into the military to dig trenches who has been killed. Digging trenches with all those tree roots and having to cut down trees... such hard work for a man with major heart issues. Just to focus our prayers. And they give them pathetically small spades to do the job.



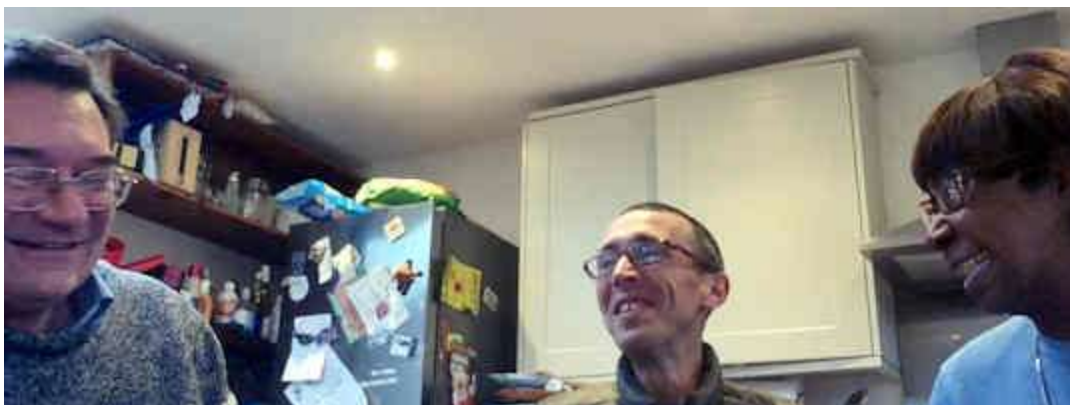
UK

Croydon continues to be a fruitful field for the Lord's work and the seed being sown there. After a good meeting last Sunday [sermon on the Lord's meeting with Zacchaeus at <https://youtu.be/RC2xjgJCnHM>], some of us went over to a little known spot on the Wandle River in Croydon [hidden behind Mitcham Fire Station] to baptize CHRIS, son of our dear sister Kate who lives in Clapham. Kate had a background with the JWs and was so thrilled to be baptized some years ago. We've occasionally visited her to break bread as she's housebound, and so we met her wonderful son Chris who has now finally decided to be baptized into the Lord. Such a lovely man and now brother in the Lord. So all our work in Croydon continues to be blessed. Video at <https://youtu.be/vQr46QdUsaE>





And in the week there was another baptism, in the somewhat warmer and cleaner water of the usual bathtub at the Woodfields, South Croydon. The baptism of ANDREW should be a wake up call for us all. Andrew attended our meetings at the Orchard Pub about 4 years ago and decided to be baptized. But life and its distractions got in the way. He is a landscape gardener and was mowing the lawns around the graves at a graveyard. He had a stroke, and fell unconscious, falling onto a grave. He awoke some time later in hospital. He initially had the feeling he had died and been resurrected... and he recalled our teaching him that baptism is about death and resurrection with the Lord Jesus. And so he decided to make baptism a priority. He was in hospital and rehab for some time, but has started attending again now that he can, and now he has been baptized. He got really quite emotional in the baptism service, feeling that really this was the Lord's hand upon him, and just so grateful that he had been given another chance to respond. You can see 20 minutes of our group chit chat with him at <https://youtu.be/o3aankq1kiM> . Really the Lord will keep on needling us, sending fishers and hunters to get His people to Himself. Just surrender and come eagerly to Him, make that a priority time and again in His various calls upon you...





And then in Northern UK there was the baptism of LIAM. Not from a particularly religious background, Liam has read and re-read the Bible over a long period and has an amazing fluency with the Bible, able to quote so freely and appropriately. He had long realized the need for baptism, and perceived that standard churchianity is not the way, not in spirit nor in truth. Like so many others, he was attracted to the teaching and spirit of our pub church meetings in South London, and eventually made contact with us. We met up during one of the UK's worst storms this year, Storm Austen, and did the baptism at the spot he takes his son to play at. The rain was torrential, and we ended up doing the baptism in a duck pond rather than the river. Despite our best efforts, the conditions made balancing the camera anywhere rather difficult so there was no video of the actual baptism. But truly our record was on high, and the Angels surely rejoiced over Liam's wonderful surrender to God's Truth in the things of His Son and His Kingdom:



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For brother Igor and others who have been forced into the army against their will
- For Phil and Miriam's amazing work with so many in Queensland Australia
- For our work with sister Marianne this week in Tenerife

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks