

March 2026 Australia, Ukraine, UK

AUSTRALIA

Brother John Aldersley, who runs Carelinks New Zealand, was able to get over to Brisbane Australia to be with Phil & Miri and others. He met with brother John Chol's group of South Sudanese and other folks, with a good attendance also online [as they broadcast their meetings also on Zoom]



John then drove out with Phil & Miri to Kingaroy [far out in rural Queensland] for the baptism of MARK the older brother of sister Candace. As you can see, this was done in a dirty looking cattle trough far from anywhere, with various local folks present. This was the true Ozzie baptism. Brother John runs many interactive online meetings on Zoom, called "Soapbox Church", ideally suited for those in Australia / New Zealand timezones. Do join in with them. Mark's baptism is partly a result of that work. You can see a brief video of brothers John and Wally doing the baptism in the cattle trough at <https://youtu.be/GU7zy4-ls6w>





UKRAINE

Mark & Duncan plan a more extended trip to Ukraine over Easter, Lord willing, to try to give relevant help to those affected by chronic lack of power and services due to the destruction of the energy infrastructure. We appreciate your prayers for their wisdom and your financial support if possible.

UK

Thank you so so much to all who contributed in various ways to make the Carrotty Wood gathering the best and largest ever. A very broad range of folks attended, all united by their encounter with the Lord Jesus through our preaching of Him over the last few years. There was a constant buzz of spiritual conversation. After each talk, we split into groups and discussed questions the speakers had provided on the topic- and the conversations just continued, and often late into the night. So many enquiring minds, finding answers in God's word and the way of His Son. Some present had been baptized at previous such gatherings. Sister Samantha was one of them and this time she brought along her mother and her sister. Spiritual growth was so apparent in all who came. This is all the more encouraging when you consider that many were just standard secular British people with no very strong faith until quite recently. So many pictures of true love and fellowship:







Our wonderful sister Cis brought along three women she's been witnessing to, with whom she attends a weekly knitting class in Croydon. They expressed, very genuinely, how amazed they were to witness such love, fellowship and deeo relationship with the Lord. Here's Cis with the ladies she brought along:



A great highlight was the baptism of JULIA, who's been attending our meetings for a while. She lives very close to our meeting place. She was invited along by a friend of hers who had first come into contact with us through our open air preaching and distribution of New Testaments, and then the two of them met us at another open air meeting, and started to attend all meetings regularly:



We're so grateful to Neil & Esther from the Tamworth ecclesia who did just an amazing job catering for us. They did it all, lest we take the newly baptized folks away from the talks and discussions. Everyone, including our speakers Chris & Marilyn, then took turns to do the washing up:





Likewise, sister Astrid didn't attend the talks so she could focus all the time on the children, constantly doing lessons and activities with them... what wonderful self-sacrifice:





It was great to see our newly baptized sister Samantha teaching the little ones how to give thanks for their food:



And dear brother Julian made a huge effort to drive over each day and lead the music for us... which really does bind everyone together. Singing and marshmallows around the campfire continues to be a highlight:





People really, really appreciate it. Such a diverse group but definitely united together in the Lord:



We plan our next retreat for November, Lord willing. Do try to come along...

You can see all the talks and a video of Julie's baptism at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqHWDPHDmR_xHQ33XQFidSQ9TBB16Hlyk

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For continued generosity so we can continue the great work in the medium term
- For our efforts in Ukraine
- Thanksgiving for the huge response to the preaching of the Gospel in the UK, not just baptisms but also in spiritual growth, to the Lord's glory

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks