

December 2015 Asylum-Seeker Work Report


MONDAYS: Bible Study in English/Amharic/Tigrinya in Stockton (6.30 pm)
THURSDAYS: Bible Study in English/Amharic in Hull (5.00 pm)
SATURDAYS: Bible Study in English/Amharic in Leeds (10.30 am)

A surprise at Stockton On Monday 7th December the revision session on Esther had a completely unexpected 30 minute introduction: “Brother Peter, can you sit here, we have something to show you.” The Eritreans had arranged a drama on Esther! I include a picture of their improvised costumes. What amazed me was the accuracy of Scriptural detail.

Which will be queen?

Queen Esther
Makda


Haman
Solomon



King Ahasuerus
Mere'se

Mordecai
Biniam

Hatach
(one of the king's chamberlains)
Tedros



They explained that the main actors had met every day the previous week. Sitting around a table, with Amharic and Tigrinya Bibles open, they had planned each scene!

Exam at Stockton The next week 21 Eritrean candidates entered the smaller room at Hebron Hall to find that Eileen had arranged the prizes, all given by kind supporters.



Biniam again earned 100% and Makda was 2nd with 92%. The fact that the lowest mark was 56% shows that an encouraging amount of learning must have taken place, not only of Bible facts but also of Scriptural principles.

There has been much interest in the prophetic chart as we have moved into 1 Thessalonians. Please pray for the Lord to work in salvation, for nowadays we feel that the majority are not saved; the few who love the Lord stand out as bright lights. Last week all 21 present were pleased to accept a 2016 calendar with Amharic Bible verses. This week they have all been offered a daily Bible reading scheme (year 2).

Court Last Wednesday Yakob (=Jacob) and Beza were in Bradford Court. Unfortunately their barrister was taken into A&E the night before; their hearing has been postponed 6 months. Many thanks to those who have been praying for this believing man and wife. Please continue to pray – Beza was very upset at the anti-climax, and their baby is due in a month. I took Ephrem from the Leeds group with me, to encourage mutual support.

Plans for Friday 1st January Last week we had another surprise. Jenitha, her husband and eight year old Sam from Sri Lanka telephoned us. It is nearly 5 years since these Tamil believers arrived in UK and we met them at Angel Lodge, brought them to the Gospel Meetings at Skelmanthorpe, and visited them in Barnsley. We had lost touch since calling in on them in London 3 years ago. They have now been moved to Derby so we have arranged to visit them this Friday.

We are concerned that since discontinuing the Thursday Bible studies in Sheffield that we are not seeing the handful of good Eritrean friends there. For this reason we are trying to arrange visits both on our way to Derby and on our way back home.

As the year draws to a close we marvel at the long-suffering of our soon returning Lord. We covet your continuing prayers for the work the Lord Jesus has given us among asylum-seekers and refugees.

Brethren, pray for us.
1 Thessalonians 5 v 25

With our love in the Lord, and thanks for your fellowship in prayer
Peter and Eileen

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