

The Watchstander

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Special points of interest:

- Have been invited back to Sicily to speak at local churches and Bible conferences
- Have been asked to develop and teach a course "How to Study the Bible" for refugees
- 4500 Bibles have been distributed but more are needed for the refugees
- Have been invited back to train student pastors at MTS

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RefugeeBible.com

Reaching Refugees One Bible at a Time

More than 4500 Bibles have been shipped to Refugees in Sicily. The last man in line pictured in the foreground on the right is a new refugee who arrived less than 24 hours before this picture had been taken.

When this believer arrived the night before he had prayed that God would provide him a Bible so he could read and study God's Word.

Your continued support can help us place the Word of God into believers hands. It can also help us place Bibles in the hands of those still far from God.

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Refugees in line for Bibles & clothing



Bible Conference on Suffering From 1 Peter

What is a conference on suffering without a little consternation? I can't claim to have suffered while I was in Sicily we did experi-

ence car trouble. Giuseppe Collesano (my interpreter) (continued on page 3)



Bible Conference in Castlebuono

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While leading an evening Bible Conference in Castlebuono, I traveled an hour away to hold a Bible study with teenage refugees Geraci Siculo. They hailed from 3 different African countries all in the 10-40 sector of the world.



Bible study teenage refugees

After traveling back to Siracusa we delivered three cases of Bibles to a Nigerian congregation. This congregation was ministering not

only to settled African immigrants but also to newly refugees waiting for official papers.



Delivering Bibles to a Nigerian Pastor for distribution



“Geronimo”

I was speaking at the last two churches in my Sicilian Missions Trip, Friday night and Sunday morning at one church and Saturday evening and Sunday night at the second church.

After the Friday evening service I found out that the two churches were mother and daughter churches and had the same pastor. The church leadership and many of the members of each church would be attending all four services.

I had only prepared two messages and the pastor asked if I would preach four

different messages. Friday night and Saturday afternoon I spent time preparing two additional messages.

Sunday night I went to bed after reviewing one of my “new” messages and went to bed. I wasn’t satisfied with the Sunday morning message but decided that I would fix it on the fly Sunday morning.

Two AM in the morning the Holy Spirit decided that I needed to change the message for the morning. Two and a half hours later I finished the message and went back to bed confident that I

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“Geronimo” flyer announcing Dr. Val’s speaking in Catania

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would be speaking the message that God wanted this local flock to hear from Him.

During the message I could see that the pastor was moved to tears. Following the message he told me that this was a message that his church needed to hear.

I was so thankful that I had listened to God's voice in the night!



Dr. Val praying with some of the people who made decisions to take
The “Leap of Faith”

Bible Conference (continued from page 1)

had been experiencing car trouble with his van prior to my arrival but we thought it had been repaired. When we arrived in Castlebuono our van died.

We had five pastors from nearby towns at the conference and about 25 people from the

town. They asked me to stay another night to cover some final thoughts. We had planned a 3 nights conference and had plans to meet with another ministry around the island. But God had other plans. Our van's repair was delayed waiting for parts. So we never made it to the other side of the island. But we had

a great conference that was extended to a fourth night.

Saturday morning the van was fixed and we were able to travel to our next meeting that evening. The saying is true, Man plans and God laughs!

Spreading the Gospel

Pray for Jon. He is a Muslim Pakistani we are in contact with in Caltanissetta.

He has been very helpful in opening doors for us to provide of the Pakistani refugees in his city. He is even helping distribute Bibles for them to read. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to soften Jon's heart to the truth of Jesus.



Jon accepting Bibles from Giuseppe



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The watchstander is a nautical term and usually refers to the Chief Officer (or First Mate) who stands in for the captain of the ship. He has three fundamental duties: navigate the ship, safely avoid traffic, and respond to any emergencies that may arise. As one of God's watchmen my responsibilities include navigating the followers of Christ through the seas of post modernity, avoid any kind of traffic that will take us off our course or cause us to founder and to be there to address any emergencies that might arise during our journey.

As a trained theologian, teacher, professor, and pastor Dr. Vallen Prest observes society and addresses the many issues from a Biblical prospective.

Dr Val has a weekly podcast of one of his current Bible studies. More information is available at www.ancientfutureministries.com. You can also follow his blog on the website.

New Opportunities

Over 4500 Bibles have been provided to African and Middle Eastern refugees. But we need more to meet the hundreds of refugees that continue to arrive daily. I was able to be present as we began distribution of the Word of God.

There is still much that needs to be done. I have requests for Bibles in a variety of different languages. These are much more expensive than the current English Bibles we are providing. I have been asked to return

to Sicily as quickly as the funds have been raised. We been asked to create and lead week-long Bible studies for refugees who are new believer. The church in Castlebuono has asked for me to hold another Bible conference. Additionally I've been asked to preach at several new churches on the island.

Also I've been invited back to teach in India to teach at the pastoral training school.

Other possibilities are developing and we need funding if these needs are going to

be met.

So we need your prayers for wisdom as God opens new opportunities for us to minister.

Please pray for us to have wisdom for which opportunities to follow and the funds to pursue these opportunities.

Soli Deo Gloria

Glory to God Alone

