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During the year, we worked – either directly or by supporting others - in the UK and in many other countries. Some of these activities were carried out in conjunction with the Christadelphian Advancement Trust and the Riga Welfare Programme before their assets were transferred to Carelinks. One of the most important outcomes of this work is that several hundred individuals in at least 60 countries, supported by us, committed themselves to Jesus Christ during the year, many of them through baptism. A number of these were refugees and asylum seekers, some in the UK and others in countries such as Turkey, Germany and Italy; and others still live in countries where as Christians they are liable to persecution, such as Iran and Afghanistan. Online support in particular remains very important to them.

Our very effective *Bible Companion* app has therefore been a crucial tool in our work, and we have developed it further and advertised it widely. The app which is a cost- and advertisement-free comprises a full Bible text including audio; deeper commentary on every verse; basic devotionals, an audio and a youth message on every chapter; a daily sermon and thought for the day, a reading planner; a *Bible Basics* study course; and powerful search functionality. We believe that this app offers more features and resources than any other free Bible app.

At the start of the year, the app was available in English, Russian, Farsi, French and Spanish and a Ukrainian version was launched in March 2022 in response to the crisis there. More than 15,000 of those who have downloaded the app use it every day, many of them more than once. At least 72,000 people use it every 48 hours. Over 2 millions downloads of the App have been recorded since it was launched in October 2019.

The app has been particularly well-used in countries such as Afghanistan and Iran which are challenging for anyone wishing to consider Christianity, and also (for example) in Francophone West and Central Africa, or Hispanic South America, where it is now possible to reach people in very remote areas that would have been effectively inaccessible to physical evangelism given our resources.

Alongside the development of the app, we have continued to run a 'Virtual Church' (www.virtualchurch.cc) which is a gateway to both pastoral support and to regular online communion services along with Q&A sessions and talks. There have been live meetings also, hosted in Europe, Canada and New Zealand. The Zoom platform has been used to provide support from round the world to those wishing to learn more about the message of the Bible and, in many cases, to be baptised. Carelinks also

has a well-used YouTube channel, where the videos have now been viewed many hundreds of thousand times.

Although we have not yet been able to provide direct aid to those in need overseas at its pre-Covid level, we have been able to deliver a reasonable amount of support in terms of food, water, clothing and the like to migrants in Italy and Israel, all of whom are living in hugely challenging conditions, and in Latvia, where there was another very cold winter. Towards the end of the year, Carelinks volunteers provided physical and financial support for a number of Ukrainians displaced by the war there, helping some to leave the country, and subsequent pastoral support to some Ukrainians who have been re-housed in Poland, Hungary and Germany.