

## FIRST E. EUROPEAN SISTERS' WEEKEND February 2005

As we've mentioned on carelinks several times, there is a very high % of sisters in the membership of our community in E Europe. Thanks to your support, we organized 2 sisters weekends. The first one has just happened. It was for the sisters of Latvia and Lithuania, and we had an attendance of about 30. There was a lot of interest in this initiative as it's the first time it's been tried here. Sis. Jean Field came over from the UK to give talks about 'New Testament Greek words' and 'The woman and the dragon: studies in Revelation'.



Photo:  
Jean giving a talk through translation

We recorded her talks and we hope to put them on the net.

Cindy also gave a talk about the implications of Eve, and led some discussion groups. These groups had work sheets and generated a lot of discussion that was hard to stop!



Photo:  
Cindy preparing her talk with Strong's concordance, Russian and English Bibles, etc



Photo:  
Lively discussion groups [About feminism in the light of the Genesis record]

One of the interesting features was that Bro Marcus and some brothers helped prepare the meals. They were peeling carrots whilst the sisters were giving talks! An interesting reversal of the roles we normally see at Bible Schools. It all worked out very well in the spirit of Christ, and we all learnt greater mutual respect for each other.



Photo:  
Marcus preparing a meal for the sisters

We also invited some women who are preparing for baptism. We're delighted to report that GUNTA attended and was baptized. She lives in a very pitiful hut with her dog. The Winter is very cold this time, and she has only a small pension to live on, with no relatives to support her. The years of living on a poor diet through cold Winters have taken a deep toll upon her health. She studied Bible Basics and her Bible by candlelight. We also enjoyed the company of Lidija, who lives out on the Balozis marshes. She has to walk 12 km from her home to the nearest road- she

effectively lives on a swampy island. She has no electricity there but has a wonderful knowledge of the Truth. Yet she felt unready for baptism, and we respected this wish, but are all praying she will feel her worth as a person called by God.

On the Sunday we had visitors of brothers from Riga, and a joint breaking of bread, where Bro. Duncan exhorted about the relationship between Jesus and Mary, and the women at the cross.

It was a really memorable weekend and from all of us here we want to thank you for it. We got to know each other so much better and we all went away so strengthened and happy in our faith and resolved to care and pray for each other far more.



Photo:

Memorial meeting on the Sunday of the sisters' weekend

**Your brothers and sisters of the CCM**