

## **Sisters Chenoor, Aleksandra & Ludmila, March 2007**

### **SISTER CHENOOR**

We're delighted to announce further amazing response to the many prayers and petitions to UNHCR regarding our sister Chenoor. She has been granted independent refugee status at short notice, has been interviewed by CIC and accepted, and has even been given a medical check for her planned departure to Canada.

Progress is also being made regarding the release of brother Hazhir / Esmail her husband from the refugee centre in Holland so that the family can be reunited in Canada God willing. Constant efforts are still under way and we do ask for your continued prayers. The family are all very appreciative for your efforts. Here's an email from Sis Chenoor's husband:

*Dear All,*

*Greetings and love in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*we would like to thanks for all of you during chenoor problem in February, thankfully her basically problem solved and we should pray for rest of her process and we hope that in near future we will see you face to face and say thanks for all your kindly attention, seriously and positive help, thankful to God for this progress. On behalf of chenoor and myself we would like to especial thank form bro. Ian, bro, Duncan, sis Liz and Sis Miriam and others during these month and hospitality work and help. In our shared Hope, Chenoor & Esmail*

From Canada, Sister Chenoor's sister Rojan writes:

*"i also thank all.*

*we thank God for his great blessing.on behalf my parents and me ,i would like thankful . we are really delighted ,and i hope chenoor and hazhir reunited to us too soon .*

*love in christ*

*rojan"*

Here's a file photo of Sister Rojan after she was beaten up by Turkish agents last year- and now she's safely in Canada. We only can give thanks for God's special care and deliverance for His people and their families.



Photo: Sister Rojan after she was beaten up by Turkish agents

Now with fair experience of these cases, we are amazed at the speed at which events have moved forward and we can only thank God. More details of Sis Chenoor's release are at [www.carelinks.net/chenrelease.pdf](http://www.carelinks.net/chenrelease.pdf) .. We are genuinely grateful to UNHCR and other agencies and individuals for their efforts and we plan on presenting our thanks to them in person in Geneva shortly God willing.

### **SISTER ALEXANDRA**

Sister Alexandra has been a backbone member of the Riga ecclesia for many years and her amazing life story was publicized last year at <http://www.carelinks.net/care/lat2105.htm> . Our sister suffered a stroke and is still not conscious, the care in the so called intensive care ward is hopeless, nobody is much around, as it's the weekend, the nurse leaves them there for a couple hours at a time unattended. Hence we got open access to her, but couldn't wake her up. We don't really know what to pray for as we ought, but it's obviously distressing to see such a

fine sister come to this and see her life in the balance with so little care. Cindy is ministering to her to try to make things as comfortable as possible- one can just walk into the intensive care unit and get on with things themselves, it's really sad. The photo below is from when we were there with her late last night, still unable to rouse her:



Photo: Sister Alexandra

### **SISTER LUDMILA**

Another fine sister who has brought a few hundred to the Lord in recent years is still going strong despite the weakness of old age. We visited her and others in her area this week in connection with the Winter heating project. She lives on the 8th floor of a 12 story apartment block and gets out only a couple of times / week.

The streets are so icy and slippery, it makes basic shopping quite an ordeal. Sister Ludmila continues running the ecclesia at her home, where she is loved and respected by those she has brought to the Truth and the hope she shares of the Kingdom. She did venture earlier this Winter to buy some fruit, and got into a conversation with the woman selling fruit about Kiwi fruit, and where kiwis come from. She told the woman that she had Christian friends in New Zealand, and kiwis are from New Zealand. The woman replied that she was reading the book of Job and had already read the Bible much, and couldn't find a church who could explain to her who the 'satan' really was, as it seemed to her that satan in the popular sense doesn't exist as a personal being. Dear Ludmila ventured back there- quite a missionary journey for her at her age- and gave her a Bible Basics and invited her to their meetings. This lady then began reading the Bible through the Bible Companion, her and her husband completed Bible Basics, and it was a great pleasure to witness their baptism in dear Ludmila's bath tub, spiritual birth place to so many. Their names are ANVAR and VENERA.



Photo: A joyful Sister Venera [left] after her baptism



Photo: Yet another baptism in Ludmila's bath tub:

The dreariness of life in the high concrete blocks is hard to describe. There is a spirit of moral decadence in Eastern Europe after the break up of the Communist regime which is hard to express in words. On almost every block in Ludmila's area there are phone numbers of prostitutes painted clearly



Photo: Blocks in Sis Ludmila's neighbourhood

To try to brighten things up for our sister, various sisters in USA, Australia and New Zealand kindly sent her fast growing seeds of colourful flowers. At the beginning of Summer last year, she was taken out to plant these in a dacha, and then later in the Summer she returned there and was so delighted to see how they'd grown. She's just had the photos developed, and she looks at them daily with deep gratitude to God both for the flowers and those of you who bothered to send her the seeds.



Photo: Sis Ludmila with the flowers at the end of last Summer:

The photos cheer her up no end in the very grey and limited existence she has living on the 8th floor of a large block in a poor neighbourhood in the Russian Winter. She so wants you all to see how her seeds / flowers turned out. We decided the best way to share the pictures with those who sent the seeds / flowers is to put them online, so you can see them at <http://www.carelinks.net/flowers.htm> .

Please do remember the very many elderly brethren and sisters we have who live isolated and depressive lives, so thankful for fellowship and support from their brethren around the basis of God's word.

Whilst in Russia this time, we were also able to contact a very dynamic woman, Rita, who organizes meetings for alcoholics and their families throughout Russia. She came across our Living With Alcoholism material in Russian and has been using it widely, and at present we're getting several requests per day for this booklet in Russian.

Photo: Setting up future plans for co-operation with Rita and her network of 12-step



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With love from your brothers and sisters of CCM