

## **April 2011 Sweden, TB Hospital, Sister Valda, Campaign, Certificates**

This Sunday's Bible Companion reading includes John 1, and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1.mp3>

### **CAMPAIGN / HALL REPAIRS**

The campaign planned for Riga June 15-22 God willing is taking shape, with a number of visitors booked in including young families. One of our aims is to assist local brothers and sisters in painting the Riga Bible Centre and also re-felting the roof.

We'd also remind you of the *Summer Bible School* in Moscow, Russia, July 1-6, if any would like to attend.

### **SWEDEN**

Thanks to the efforts of an Iranian brother baptized in Riga, copies of *Bible Basics* and Bibles found their way to another Iranian family in Greece by way of our brother's brother. The mother and two children, girls have managed to get to Sweden where they are living in great uncertainty and not yet even accepted as asylum seekers, so the girls can't even go to school yet. They are very devout and prayerful in their faith, it's really all they have, and recently we visited them in Sweden. After long discussions, we were able to baptize the mother and the daughters, although young they showed an unusually mature understanding of the Gospel, assisted by the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer, which they have spent their uncertain last 2 years doing on their long and uncertain journey from Iran. They really did know their stuff. All three of them offered their own prayer just before entering the waters of baptism, and it was quite the exhortation to watch them praying and reading together. Please pray for this dear dear family.

More information in the email newsletter

### **SISTER VALDA**

Valda worked for 20 years as a bus conductor but the pension is so small she has had to live in a night shelter. She has problems with her eyesight, she has just had cataract operation, and other health problems which mean it's just too much for her to be out on the street every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. She has the chance to live in a room in one of the decaying tenement blocks, with an awful communal toilet. She has absolutely nothing in this world apart from a strong faith and true love of the Lord.

Photos: Valda outside the window of her new apartment; 2 stools and the wood burner is all she has to call her own apart from some shopping bags of clothes; here she is [red coat] walking the streets back towards the night shelter



### **HAITI, MOROCCO**

Please hold the Lord's work in these places in prayer this week... we hope to have some major news from them both to report next time, Lord willing.

### **TB HOSPITAL**

We have extended our outreach to a Tuberculosis isolation hospital, run on prison camp lines, near to Riga, thanks to the initiative of one of our sisters in taking literature and Bibles there. This

means taking food down there as we go there to give Bible lessons, leaving the lessons from *Bible Basics* and picking up the answers to the lessons visit by visit. We are pleased to tell you of the baptism of IVAR from this work- here he is being baptized at the Riga Bible Center:



### **BROTHER CYRIL**

We're pleased to put online the personal testimony of brother Cyril from Cameroon, who came to the Truth from picking up a copy of Bible Basics in a hairdresser's salon. His journey to baptism makes a very interesting read- see <http://aletheiacollege.net/cyril.htm>

Please do remember our work in your prayers.

### **With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**

Here's a message from Br Nick Cox about **Haiti**:

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to thank you for the donations that you have made to help the brothers and sisters in Haiti. Here is an update on the situation.

After a certain amount of wrangling with the courier company (which is still not fully resolved) the first of two clothes parcels was received. It contained enough clothes for approximately half of the 39 adults and 35 children who were identified as being in need.



Unfortunately, as you will see from brother Esmath's following email, the response from the brothers and sisters was somewhat subdued. However this was down to misleading information as the Haiti branch of the courier company stated the value of the clothes was US\$1500 as opposed to the actual value of less than US\$300 which was on the UK paperwork.

Dear Brother Nike,

How are you doing my Friend by your area? I am sure that you are fine in the powerful name of Lord. We thank you so much for the way you put yourself available to support the church. Next week Brother Charles is going to be with us, he will take notes and reaffirm you the value of the donations sending for the ecclesia every week. We hope that God will provide more days in days out because he knows the meaningfulness of the gesture. Not only it is a proof of love but the greatest generosity towards us. Most of the young people had problem to know what they would eat after the church, but now by the grace of God this problem is solved. Regarding the baptism, we are waiting for brother Charles to be with us on Saturday 9th. As for the Clothes me personally I thank you so much for the help because I have showed to them the amount of money that the box costs, it was hard to them to believe because they were not satisfied with what was inside. As my dear brother I have to explain everything to you clearly without any hypocrisy because the bible encourages us to tell the truth to our brothers and sisters. As I explained you in my previous email I was obliged to call the baptized members apart because

the list included only their names. I call one of the Sisters to open the box but the expectation was not met as I explained to them. You know it will be very complicated to satisfy everyone cause you will never be able to respect the size of them as you requested. They mentioned that you do not need to send any other boxes like this. What do they advise? instead of spending all of this money by buying clothes and paying for taxes , why do not you send the money instead because the amount of money you paid for the first box could provide clothes to the whole church , by buying French second hand clothes and shoes . You spend too much money and there is no satisfaction.

Thank u brother for your understanding and your generosity

Noted: *when you are helping someone, let him or her tell you how to do it or the way he or she desires it*