

## April 2012 KAZAKHSTAN & KYRGYZSTAN

The position of the Russian minority in the Central Asian republics continues to worsen and in Kazakhstan, where we have around 300 brothers and sisters, there is specific targetting of our community. A sister wrote last week as follows- and even through the translation you can sense the fear they live under:

*"We have in power a new law on religion, and since we have no registration and we do not have what is required on some points, so we are outside the law, that is, have no right to gather for meetings, have no right to recruit new members, to invite and host foreign nationals, and in general must immediately cease operations. Otherwise, we can be called to account by the regional administrator. We are still meeting every weekend, but do not know what it will end like. That's what we are doing. Therefore, baptism is not even a possibility. Just now we need your moral support, to know that you have not forgotten us. We do not know what to do about the literature that we need to receive. We are very grateful to all those involved in our Bible school in Russia, where we can communicate freely. I am trying to find information about the punishment which the law will require if we are discovered to have broken it."*

We are hoping to invite some of our brothers and sisters there to attend the **Moscow Bible School**. The distance is significant [3 days by train] and the cost quite high. Soon we will release our Summer Bible School appeal, but you can donate of course right now. Please pray for them all there.

### KYRGYZSTAN

This week, a visit was made to the faithful ecclesia in Bishkek. Last year we reported how two couples had moved from their apartment into a tumbledown house with some land just outside the city, so that they could grow vegetables and at least be able to survive. It was a wonderful experience to visit them a year later and see how the support we gave has been so well used. We also baptized MAXIM and ARKADY. Our brothers and sisters have literally broken up the fallow land around the house, cutting down trees and bushes, and have already had their first crop from the land. Here's brother Anvar, his daughter Dilara, son in law Boris, and grandson Sasha, on the land that is now planted with carrots- it was previously overgrown with trees and bushes:.



Dilara continues to work at a cafe as a waitress, but raises chickens on the land; she prepared a meal for us where all the ingredients apart from the rice were from their land:



The brothers have built a wall and installed a gate and fence to provide some security- not just against thieves but also against the many stray dogs wandering the streets. They are still working on preparing the floor for some of the rooms- at present they are all living in just two rooms. They need cement, bricks and floorboards. We'd love to be able to further sponsor their work, as this home has become a focus for the Gospel in Kyrgyzstan. The cost of required materials for the home is easily \$1000 and your donations are most welcome.



It was a most spiritually uplifting experience to spend an afternoon breaking bread with them and doing the Bible readings. They read as a family, and it's a delight to see how interested the children are, reading the Bible with the adults and clearly understanding things like the humanity of Jesus and the errors of the Trinity. We commend the way the children sat in the breaking of bread meeting, it was really a new Passover celebration. Despite the abject poverty of these brothers and sisters, living as Russians and Christians in a Moslem, anti-Russian, non-Christian society, there is a true joy from a united devotion to the Lord Jesus and God's word:



They have an excellent Bible knowledge and really can do with all the support we can give them. You can PayPal donations to [info@carelinks.net](mailto:info@carelinks.net) or donate via the usual channels, see <http://www.carelinks.net>

## RIGA

The wonderful progress at the Riga Bible Center continues; here's ALEKSANDR giving a good confession of faith on Tuesday before his baptism, having passed through Mormons and JWs to come to baptism into the real Christ.



We've received quite a number of fascinated emails and well wishes for brother Viktor, one time hockey goalkeeper star of the USSR, who was baptized at the Riga Bible Center two weeks ago. Here's our now very humble brother getting his meal at the Bible Center:



We and many others do so deeply appreciate your support of the wonderful work the Lord is doing in Riga.

## POWERPOINTS

We have produced a series of Powerpoint presentations to go with *Bible Basics*, following the text of each chapter in the book. You can see them in the left hand panel of <http://www.biblebasicsonline.com> . But they are very basic and need making "nice"... the first two have been done "nicely". Anyone willing to take on this job? Do let us know.

Meanwhile, the Gospel spreads worldwide. We recently had the following Facebook chat out of the blue:

*"I got a chance to read Bible Basics in a public library in Sankhuwasabha district written by you... I want to be baptized... I look forward to meeting with you in Nepal. I heard some Mr. Sharma is distributing your books... I am very much interested in bible... You may be amazed that there is not any single Christian in Khandbari (Sankhuwasabha district)... I have not got any good teacher who would guide me.... to know better understanding of bible....we have loadshedding problem over here. Our electricity is going to be off within a minute or two.. I will catch you later... in God's name bye for today... Chat Conversation End"*

Brother Sharma distributes *Bible Basics* material in many remote areas of Nepal as he does his work of assisting rural Nepali children with eye disease problems. If you look up Sankhuwasabha on [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com) you will see how remote this place is, in the mountains... and *Bible Basics* is in a library there. Anyone interested in getting out to remote areas of Nepal, do contact us!

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