

## April 2013 Bible a Month, Russia, USA, Vitamins, Camera

We have MP3s for the *Bible Companion* readings this Sunday:

Numbers 33 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/num33.mp3>

Proverbs 24 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/prov24.mp3>

John 6 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn6.mp3>

See the archives of our talks at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html>

### BIBLE A MONTH / WEEK

We'd like to thank Carelink readers for being so generous and responsive to needs. We appealed last week for someone to lay out a leaflet asking for donations to enable Bibles to be posted out to the many requesting them all over the world, especially in Russia and China. Sister Miriam Clark kindly came forward and has done the job- the idea is that you download it from <http://n-e-v.info/sponsorable.pdf> and print it out back to back on A4 paper, and distribute it far and wide, bringing it to the attention of as many you can. Or simply download and forward the PDF.

### RUSSIA

One of the people who responded to us on the internet was RUSLAN, a young man living with his wife in a small town in the Moslem republic of Tatarstan in central Russia. We visited him this week and found he was indeed as serious and intense about his faith as he had sounded whilst studying *Bible Basics* with us online. He was truly delighted to be baptized and in the sauna where the baptism was performed we recorded a short movie of him explaining his journey from Islam through Russian Orthodoxy to the truth, moving from one God to the Trinity and then back to the unity of God and the acceptance of His Son as our personal lord and master. It's in Russian but for the record it's at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfaOmTdxvr0> ; here's a still from it:



### CARELINKS USA

Brother Ted reports the baptism of ROBERT, who also came to us through searching for the Truth online:

*"Brothers, I'm pleased to report of the joyful baptism of Bro Rob. We enjoyed several phone conversations in the last couple days and I was glad to get to know him; God has been moving in his life over the years and he is very happy to have found the real Christ. We read through Romans 6, focusing on our association with Christ's death through baptism, and likewise rising in the resurrection, and how it not only enables the forgiveness of sins, but also calls us to live the life of the kingdom and cross-carrying now to be associated with the life of Christ. It was a good time of discussion and fellowship where truly we got to share not only the Gospel but some of our very lives as well. Afterwards we headed in to the pool and immersed our new brother simply into Christ. It was a great encouragement, seeing how the Lord takes us as we are, without all the fancy dressings of religion, but simply meets us as people in the ordinariness of life, and grows us to be His children. It was also a great reminder that no matter how long its been since we've been baptized, there is still growing to be done and truly, He takes the new man we became at baptism and builds on it in new ways, every day. After we dried off from the baptism we headed back outside to break bread, where Bro Rob read 1 Cor 11:23-33 for us and we offered up thanksgiving for the Lord's sacrifice it commemorates, as well as the responsibility that eating and drinking puts upon us to follow His example and examine*

*ourselves honestly, and the spiritual strengthening it enables. It felt like we barely scratched the surface of everything we wanted to share with each other, but we had to get on our ways and so after one last prayer of thanks we all hugged and headed back home, but with the hope of the Kingdom to come held out before us, and a sense of accountability to strengthen and support each other in the coming days and months. Please see the attached pictures; Thanks to Bro Rob for sharing his faith with us, thanks to everyone for investing in our brother and for your future support for him, thanks to all for inviting me to join in this milestone, and thanks to God who unites us all. In Him, Ted".*

Photos: Br Ted baptizing Br Rob, he looks indeed 'crucified with Christ' under the water:



### **VITAMINS / CAMERA**

We really appreciate readers' response to Cindy's request for vitamins to be sent over for distribution to everyone at our feeding schemes at the Riga Bible Center in Latvia. We now have plenty of vitamins, and they are distributed by gloved hands from a bowl to everyone as they receive their soup:



We record all our Bible studies as MP3 files, but it strikes us that it would be great if we could broadcast our meetings from Riga live online. There are hundreds of Russian speaking brothers and sisters who are now online and this would enable them to at last have some semblance of live fellowship at the breaking of bread from all the various places where they are scattered throughout the former USSR. We are wondering if anyone has a reasonable quality video camera they don't need which they could donate; it would be mounted permanently at the hall. It would need to have a 'video out' facility. Please let us know if anyone can assist.

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