

## April 2015 Azerbaijan, France, UK, iTunes, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 2 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts2.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/archives.html>

### FRANCE

You may have noticed on the media that there are literally thousands of African and Middle Eastern refugees arriving in the European Union each day. Our focus is always on the preaching of the Gospel, but some of those baptized in Paris, France are, along with so many of those immigrants, in a desperate material situation. We feel the best thing we can do is to teach them the true Gospel and back this up by providing food and clothing, as we have done for the Russian community in Riga. Continuing our previous Carelink announcements, we're pleased to say that we have secured a meeting place for the group from where we can also feed them. Duncan & Cindy & family will God willing be living with them around May 20 - June 20 in Melun, just south of Paris. Helpers are welcome to visit at that time. Brother David Welch is hoping to drive over from Western UK with food and clothes, and other such trips would be welcome. We will need to buy some cooking things as well as the food, rental etc. So *Carelinks* are open to donations towards this project, and invite your prayers. The cooking gear can either be used for a continued program in France, or be taken to the UK and used for similar work there. Cindy has a specific favour with regard to cooking issues:

*"We are hoping GW to run a short term feeding program in **Paris** at the end of May / start of June. This is a bit of a challenge for me, as I'm used to having our properly laid out kitchen to prepare the food and keep it hot in. Also, instead of cooking soup we will try to do rice + stew, African style, as most of those we are helping are Africans. To be safest, I would like to cook the rice in rice cookers on site, and transport the cooked stew in insulated containers. It will all be served on disposable plates/ bowls (sorry environment!) due to lack of facilities for washing up. If you would be able to give/ lend a rice cooker for our trip and get it to Erith, UK to give to Jonatan and Debs before the 20th of May, that would be great. We may be feeding up to 150 people- this means cooking a lot of rice. We've never done rice on this scale before so we'd be interested in any advice from those who have".*

### iTunes

*Carelinks* are now on *iTunes* and you can see a list of MP3 talks suitable for breaking of bread, including on all of the NT portions for the year from the '*Bible Companion*', at <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468> . So if you need an exhortation for a memorial meeting, or want to have spiritual food playing in your ears from your mobile device as we daily seek for the mind of Christ- this is the place to go.

### AZERBAIJAN

Please continue in prayer for our sister Roxana, the Iranian doctor who fled here from Iran. Here is her news:

*"my condition is same, still waiting for news. But things got a bit scary! The policeman who came to me from government now harassment me! He said he wants to come my apartment to have sex. He know I alone and have nobody so wants to use. I was so scare that I changed my home and don't give me new address to them. I went to UN and reporting what policeman said . They asked me don't open doors at all. I am so scared. I cried all day . ... thanks for pray and all*

*help you do. I feel shy ask you help for money. But at these time my money is finishing. My fiance helped me in up to now but he can not help much more because he also takes care of his parents , they are very sick and old need lots of pharmacy drug. Government took my bank money away also my car and home.... Feel ashamed to ask but I need money help. I feel very terrible. In past I never ask people for money. I normally help others and my mom and dad if they need. Now I feel so bad. So sorry to ask you".*

We've put our sister in contact with Iranian brothers and sisters in Western countries and are trying to arrange things as best we can. Anyone up for a trip to Baku, Azerbaijan should let us know.

### **CARELINKS UK**

We've reported several baptisms over the last year, some of them from a JW background. We're planning a weekend gathering for some of them in northern UK to which you'd be welcome, God willing it will be held in the very attractive and cute town of Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire the weekend of September 19 2015. Contact us for more info.

We'd also like to ask your prayers for our sister Julie, wife of brother Charles, who has done much work for Carelinks, as she begins her cancer treatment.

### **UKRAINE**

Please continue in prayer for our beloved brother Maxim as he awaits documents required for him to remain outside of Ukraine and the related army service issues he faces. We made a visit to Ukraine this week- the country is becoming a basket case as the economy is at a standstill and hostilities resume in Eastern Ukraine. Cost of transport has nearly doubled, but the tiny pensions many of our dear ones receive remain the same. We were pleased to baptize ALEKSANDR who came to us from receiving one of the free *NEV Bibles* we distribute. Our new brother turned to God in desperation and his mother told him that in the USSR years, when she earned 120 Rubles / month, she had bought an illegal Bible for 700 rubles. Our brother went to church in his search for God... the Russian Orthodox church demanded he buy candles for each icon to the saints in the church, he bought a packet and lit one for each of the saints, and then at the end of the knave there was the icon to Jesus and he had no candles left for that. So he gave up on the Orthodox church and decided to find Christ directly for himself, without the icons, candles and Orthodox saints. The local Protestant church didn't want to know him unless he paid a tithe, and so he took to the internet in his search- he has no computer, only a very simple phone- and thus came to us. He travelled many hours each way for his baptism and as this message goes out, is still on the road home from our meeting point. Here you can see our brother with his *NEV commentary Bible*, and there's a video of his baptism in absolutely freezing water on our Russian language channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FYgTfgtBqk>



### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- Sister Julie
- Sister Roxana
- Brother Maxim

- Our African immigrant brethren
- The proposed preaching and feeding scheme near Paris
- Our newly baptized brother Aleksandr in Ukraine

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