

## April 2015 UK, Riga, Ukraine, France

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Galatians 5 and 6 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/gal5.mp3>. You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html>

### RIGA

The Riga feeding program will continue on Sundays and Mondays, God willing, over the Summer- we've run out of volunteers until later this year. This week was the last week we could provide food each day. So please do consider coming over ! Br David & Sis Liz Hemingray from Nottingham (Jarvis Avenue) ecclesia have been with us and here is their report:

*"On our arrival at Riga, after a swift on the spot health and safety training session from Cindy, we went straight into action in the kitchen, with bro. Maxim leading us with mime actions. (The barriers of language!) . The 'soup' preparation involved 2hrs chopping vegetables to make the broth and then, after a talk from Duncan, it's distribution. We were amazed by how many homeless people arrived at 4pm when the doors opened. During the 4 days of our visit we fed up to around 100 people each day [the peak attendance last week was 133]. On the other three evenings, after the food preparation, Liz gave 3 talks, with translation, on Christ's crucifixion, then the resurrection (based on the Bible Companion readings from Luke) and on the final evening on 'our Awesome God'. She felt very blessed to be able to share her Bible knowledge with so many interested faces. They all gave her their full attention and showed their appreciation of her presentation of the gospel message.*

*You can view the talks on our Russian language channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/Hristadelfiane> [see 'Uploads'].*



*We were very privileged to assist with the baptism of a homeless couple Alexandra and Gints. This couple have been attending the Centre for about 18 months now and fully appreciate the way the gospel has lifted their hearts and directed them to the prospect of a far better life in God's Kingdom to come.*

Photo: Alexandra and Gints after their baptism with scarves given to them as a present, knitted by sisters



*We were also very humbled by a visit to the 'squat' home of a sister to deliver firewood to fuel her little stove. Her primitive home gives her some protection but she has no running water, toilet or electricity. We found her reading the Russian version of "Principles and Proverbs" by brother Islip Collyer:*



*We must pray for, and assist, these poor homeless brethren and sisters whose lives are blighted by terrible poverty and the threat of violence. On Wednesday morning, bro. Maxim gave us a short guided tour of old Riga. Maxim is an invaluable asset to the centre. He has an amazing zest for service to his Saviour and fully supports the Centre in every way possible. He needs our prayers, both for the difficulties he faces in his own life and for strength and wisdom for service in the Centre. The Bible Centre is making a huge difference to the lives of many homeless brethren and sisters, and others, in Riga. It needs our support in any way that we feel able".*

We're also glad to tell you of the baptism at the center of STANISLAV the day before David & Liz arrived.

### **CARELINKS U.K.**

We have mentioned before the strong spread of the Gospel amongst the Iranian / Persian speaking community in Western Europe. We're delighted to report the baptisms of a group of six Farsi speakers last weekend: HAMID, SHAHRIYAR, AMIR, MOHAMMAD and a married couple, SANAZ & MEHDI. Many thanks to a total of nine brethren and sisters from four different ecclesias who came together for this very encouraging opportunity to witness the doctrines of the faith being gone through one by one, and the baptism of these six people. They were each given more copies of the *NEV Bibles* and *Farsi Bible Basics* which had played such a part in their own conversions, as they are all desirous to share the message with others. Please pray for them and for their witness. We really thank God for this great response in the UK. *Carelinks* will soon God willing begin a concerted program aimed to revive and spread the Truth in the UK especially in the South East. Please pray for it.



### **FRANCE**

Over the 10-11 April God willing we're planning to visit the African brethren in Paris and look forward to some baptisms there. Anyone who'd like to come is welcome to contact us. There might be a place in the car leaving Erith, UK on Friday 10 April.

### **UKRAINE**

The truce in Eastern Ukraine is currently holding, for the most part, and brother Yuri P. was able to enter Eastern Ukraine, the area under Russian rebel control, crossing in from the Russian side. We're delighted to say that he managed to meet and baptize brother MAXIM and sisters SVETLANA, NATALYA and ALEKSANDRA in the Donetsk region. We continue to receive many requests for Bibles and *Bible Basics* from this troubled land and remind you of the need to support this- the cost of postage is really so high.

Meanwhile we're so sorry to report the sudden falling asleep in Christ of brother Valerij Chernyakhovets, husband of sister Ludmila and father of sister Elena. This family built up the ecclesia in Poltava and did so much for the Truth over the years. State pensions are so low in

Ukraine, it's a struggle for many to even bury their loved ones; if bodies are unclaimed they are just incinerated. We would therefore be open to donations towards this funeral, which *Carelinks* are funding.

**Prayer Points:**

- For those recently baptized in the UK, Ukraine and Latvia
- For the continued revival and growth of the Truth in the UK
- For the planned trip to France
- For the growth and revival of the Truth in the West
- For those bereaved in Ukraine who are struggling with funeral costs and mourning their loved ones
- For more workers to come out to the *Riga Bible Center*

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