

April 2016 China, UK, Riga, Spain, Ukraine Bible School

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include John 9 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn9.mp3>

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UK

Our house meetings continue in Croydon and we're pleased to tell you of the baptisms of MOHAMAD, BEHNAM, SEYAAMAK, SHAHARAM and MOHSEN. Three of them are living in a very miserable and filthy 'bed and breakfast' hostel whilst they await transfer elsewhere in the UK. The place is located in an area of London where more often than not, females on the street are wearing headscarves. This is certainly not the UK many of us grew up in but we must grasp the opportunities being presented and perceive how God's purpose is working out for the extension of the Gospel. Again we have had the opportunity to teach these dear folks through going through the *Bible Basics* powerpoint presentations in person, after a meal together, as a reinforcement for their personal study of the Gospel with the help of *Bible Basics*. Cindy is getting quite good at cooking Middle Eastern food [and lots of it!]. Here you can see our friends [now brethren] taking notes on the presentations, and reading verses off the screen



You can see a video of the baptisms at <https://youtu.be/LSQTNA7zJKY>

SPAIN

We plan a trip this week to Spain [Lord willing] to baptize a very enthusiastic Spanish gentleman. He is studying our material on his phone only and could do with a laptop or similar- he has already advertised our material about basic doctrinal issues very widely online as far as he can. So there's always a need for laptops- let us know if you can donate one. And let us know if you're holidaying or visiting Spain and would like to come along. Do pray for him.

UKRAINE

We are planning the *Summer Bible School* for the last week of June in **Kiev**, God willing. Brother Terry Athanasius from **Melbourne, Australia** will be speaking but another speaker would be welcome. And do come along anyway for some intense days of fellowship in this troubled land. We'll be launching an appeal for enabling the school a bit later, God willing.

RIGA, LATVIA

Sorry to say that our hall in Riga, Latvia where we conduct the feeding scheme and meetings has had some vandalism lately. Another of our surveillance cameras was stolen and we have a photo of the theft, taken from the camera just before it was removed- his hoodie not concealing his face at all! There have been various bits of vandalism there and as mentioned before, we need to do some repairs there as well as install a better heating system at the housing project in northern Latvia. Please do donate as you can- this is literally providing warmth to the cold. And please pray for the thief. We do not believe in going to court to redress theft so the Police are not much interested. So we will pray for this troubled man [or possibly woman].



CHINA

Brother Donald continues following up on contacts throughout China. He reports *"I baptized brother ZHU at a small pool late in the evening, he studies at an elite university in China and knows about the Bible from school clubs, then he requested a Bible from us. We met at a chain hotel and we were talking about salvation, faith etc before the baptism. Br Zhu also gave an interesting explanation of faith in Jesus when we read MK 16:16 He who has faith and is given baptism will get salvation; but he who has not faith will be judged. He said: It is not appropriate ,if you trust the driver, to command him drive like this or that. so I do not doubt, nor interfere, I gave my life to my driver. It is the same as we devote ourselves to Jesus. But if I doubt your drive skills, think he may not good, I will command, you should pay attention to the people in the road, note this is types of people who don't have full faith in Him. If we trust Jesus to achieve our salvation, we will not doubt, we are completely done by him for our salvation. But if we doubt his ability, doubt his sacrifice is not enough, doubt he lay down his life for us still incomplete to save us. This is not faith and can't be saved.*

Also we were talking about some of his classmate's view, they think that belief in Jesus is some kind of brainwashing. I said yes, When it comes to brainwashing, you know,we are brainwashed by this world before baptism, the sin within us. Now we are brainwashed by New life in Jesus,the truth. In Jesus, Donald"



PRAYER POINTS:

- For those recently baptized
- For brother Donald who has faithfully worked so hard for so many years in China
- For the security of our hall in Riga
- For the thief who stole the security camera

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks