

August 2012 China, Poland, Belgium, Riga

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Mark 14 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mk14.mp3>

This has been a week of great activity and victory for the Truth which is in our Lord Jesus Christ, with baptisms in several places.

BELGIUM

We're so happy and thankful to report that the strong growth of the Truth in Belgium is continuing. Our brethren have distributed Farsi *Bible Basics* far and wide, and we're pleased to report the baptism of brother H near Gent. Our brother is from Afghanistan and understands Farsi perfectly, being a native Dari speaker. Many were the stories he told of the crazy situation there... little girls being raised specifically to be suicide bombers when they are older, the Immam in the local mosque describing how paradise would be for suicide bombers, and of course a complete rejection of anything even vaguely connected with the true Christian "hope of Israel". But God knows His people, and arranged in the larger plan of life for Hussein to somehow travel the huge distance from Afghanistan to relative freedom [as an asylum seeker] in Belgium, where He introduced him to the Truth of Christ through the witness of local brethren who spoke his language. God knows each person's time, but many still refuse to follow His leading. But our new brother responded and it was with great joy that we witnessed another bath tub baptism

CHINA

Brother Donald has returned from the **Carelinks Missionary Training Program** and is working hard at developing an ecclesia local to where he lives, and is seeking to gather together the many scattered believers in China on a more regular basis, supported by regular visits from our brethren in Australia & New Zealand. He reports:

I baptized brother Shao in the pool as you can see in the photo attached, I will keep on studying Bible with him and encouraging him to grow faith in Christ on this wilderness road. Just like after Jesus was baptized, He was driven into the wilderness and had a time of testing. Please pray for our new brethren in many places in China. Spiritual life here is not easy. The *Bible Basics* powerpoint system works very well during preaching and explaining.



NOTE: You can view the Chinese powerpoint presentations, based around the chapters from the book *Bible Basics*, at <http://www.carelinks.net/zh>

POLAND

We're pleased to report that one of our contacts, WOJTEK, having read our material for some time, decided to baptize himself whilst on holiday. He emailed us:

Yesterday I returned from Germany. I was on Lake Constance, in the foothills of the Alps. Beautiful scenery, allowing to appreciate the power and goodness of God. Might - because I created a beautiful landscape. Goodness - I let a man enjoy it. I love to pray in this environment, thanking the Creator for all that you done for me ..

Fourth of August (and this is a special date for me), I stood on the shore of Lake Constance.

First, a long time I prayed, talked to God. I confessed my sins to him and asked for forgiveness. Later, I confessed that I believe in Jesus and His gospel I .. baptized myself. I went to the lake and dipped myself into it. When I came up, I felt that I am a different man. Suddenly a previous life has become invalid, began to count what I do now. A lot can and will do it. For myself, for God, for others.

I greet you in Jesus.

Wojtek

During the same week, brother Wacek from the UK was making a pastoral trip throughout Poland, strengthening those recently baptized and visiting promising contacts.

RIGA

We've greatly enjoyed having the practical help of br Steve & sis Robin Jones from Hurstville ecclesia, Australia.

We're pleased to share with you the baptisms of IVAR and NATALYA, both of whom came in from outside Riga to be baptized at the Riga Bible Center.

Photo: Brother Ivar



You can see him [right] and Natalya [far left] here at Bible study:



Later in the week we were pleased to baptize MARIJA, a friend of brother Sasha's. Her baptism was a really very nice and spiritual occasion, with much prayer, and concluding with a special fry up:



TRANSLATIONS

We're pleased to say that *The Real Devil* has now been translated into Portuguese by brother Emerson in Brazil and it's available as a PDF from <http://www.realdevil.info> . And thanks to the work of brethren Edgar and Igor, the movie "*The Real Devil*" has now been produced with Russian subtitles and can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcQX2sxCnkE> . Brother Edgar is in process of subtitling the movie in another 9 languages. Anyone able to translate the movie transcript into other languages is as always, welcome to contact us. We have it so far in Spanish, French, Arabic, Igbo, Polish, Chinese, German, Russian, Serbian and Latvian. Well over 1000 people have viewed the movie in the first week since it's been on the net in various places. There's a huge interest in the subject.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks

