

August 2013 Carelinks UK, Russia, Women's Camp

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Mark 13, and there's an MP3 on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mk13.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; Carelinks Bible Radio is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at 08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at www.carelinks.net [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat, use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries

CARELINKS UK

Truly, 'All the earth is one great field'. God doesn't just work amazingly in distant, exotic lands to bring men and women to Himself. He is at work in the West as much as in the East, in the North as well as in the South. Every day we get requests for Bibles and Bible Basics from many people in Western countries; in our experience at least, interest there has grown stronger and stronger in recent years. So Carelinks UK are pleased to tell you of two baptisms this last week. Both in poor weather, both in the sea, both after lengthy study of the Gospel and totally fluent in the doctrines of the one faith.

First, there was the baptism of LES in the Thames Estuary, near London in the UK. There's a movie of it at <http://youtu.be/CWGvRl0DaRk> .

Les is a lovely man who has searched so long and carefully for the Truth that he has so much knowledge that he was simply indescribably eager for baptism; and if anything was 'overdue' rather than 'premature', to use the analogy from childbirth. Our brother came to us through our websites, and has been watching many of our movies and live video broadcasts, so he felt he already knew us personally in a sense. On his initiative he obtained and read *Elpis Israel* and *Eureka* (all three volumes of it), and has been reading daily using the *Bible Companion* for some time. Yet again we see the great blessing being given to internet witness. Sometimes we look at the statistics of visitors and wonder who exactly those 60 people are who watched a broadcast... where they are, what they made of it. And the same goes for statistics of books and PDFs downloaded... There may be many more out there who have likewise learnt the Truth so thoroughly from websites.



Then there was TED. It's not common for us to baptize someone from an Orthodox Jewish background who daily reads the Bible in Hebrew; let alone someone from a Hasidic family, one of the strictest sects of Judaism. They have rejected him since he turned to Christ 8 years ago, making him eat from disposable plastic plates and cutlery if he visits them, unwilling to have close bodily contact with him as he is unclean for them. We don't want to exacerbate our new brother's problems by publishing his photo on the web, but it was a gripping experience to hear him explain his reactions upon first reading a New Testament, how the overall impression he got was that we are taught to live as Jesus lived and suffer and die as Jesus did so that we might be resurrected with Him. Since then our brother contacted us online and read and studied *Bible Basics* very carefully. Our new brother is so thrilled to finally have been baptized. There is

nobody who has forsaken family like this who will not receive a blessing in this life, and great reward in the life to come.

CARELINKS UK Conference

God willing, our UK Conference will be held on Saturday March 29, 2014 at the usual venue in Selsdon, **Surrey**. This is a change of date- instead of the last Saturday in February, we're planning it for the last Saturday of March. If you would like to make a presentation, or have ideas for topics which could be covered, please let us know.

RUSSIA

We have mentioned the way that Bibles and *Bible Basics* are being sent out to the remotest parts of the globe in Russia. Well, a man has been studying our literature and wishes to be baptized near Ust Ilimsk in North Eastern Siberia, Russia... it's hard to explain how far away this place is, how hard to get to, 1000 km. north of Lake Baikal. You may like to try to find it on a map... just for interest. There's a man there who's been in correspondence for three years, after reading *Bible Basics* and leaving the JWs. To meet up with him is difficult and expensive, please pray for a trip planned to him, and we are open to donations towards it. When the Gospel has gone to all the earth, then the end shall come... and each one of these baptisms may be the last.

WOMEN'S CAMP

Thanks to kind support, Cindy was able to invite her group of women and children whom she teaches at the **Riga Bible Center** to come to the Carelinks housing project in northern Latvia. About 25 women and children spent several days together, and Cindy was able to teach them some hymns and record their performance on video. Cindy first approached all these women with the Gospel in shops and whilst walking children in the park, we salute her great zeal in spreading the word to all and sundry. Some of the women brought their husbands too, so the Gospel went even further:



With love and joy from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks