

August 2013 Riga Roof Appeal, China, Russia, Latvia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Romans 13 and 14, and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rom1314.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>

NEW ROOF APPEAL

Most weeks we are reporting baptisms at the **Riga Bible Center**; Bible teaching sessions, women's activities, feeding programs and the weekly breaking of bread are ongoing all the time, and there is an average of at least one baptism / week as a result of the work of the Center. It really has attracted God's special blessing. But the roof is seriously leaking, and after two years of fixing up various patches, it really needs a new roof covering laid down. It's a flat concrete roof with a bitumen covering- 380 square meters. It's the bitumen covering which needs replacing. This is a major job and we have been quoted about 9000 \$ to do it, but we consider that we can buy the materials and do it ourselves for around \$5000 / 3000 Pounds. Brother Steve Jones of the Hurstville Australia ecclesia has been with us recently and we made a 5 minute movie of him on the roof explaining the situation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIU81-WF7Ss> So here's an appeal for both funds and for folks who'd like to come over and work with us getting this done. The work isn't heavy, just lots of it. We really need to get it done before snow falls in October. At present we're collecting water in buckets in the hall, it's that bad; and our concern is that the metal rods within the concrete can rust and cause the actual roof to crumble unless we totally insulate it. So- who will come and help in this work? And can you donate towards it? Please contact us at info@carelinks.net . Our PayPal address is tiybible@yahoo.com and donation details at <http://carelinks.net/doc/otherdonations> . Please pray that we manage to fix this problem.

In other news from **Latvia**, we're pleased to report the baptism of VYTAUTAS, a Lithuanian living in Riga, who turned to God, Jesus and the Bible with all his heart after traumatic experiences in the business world. Here he is after his baptism:



Cindy works tirelessly with her Womens and Children's church. They are planning a retreat at the Carelinks housing project in northern Latvia. Cindy wonders if they could be supported with say \$300 towards the cost of subsidizing transport there, and for food whilst there. And anyone from elsewhere who'd like to attend is welcome- you can contact Cindy at cindyheaster@gmail.com .

CHINA

Brother Donald has spent some days in deep Bible study with four people who contacted us as a result of the distribution of the *Chinese NEV Bible* with *Bible Basics* and commentary. He

reports the baptism of one of them, YU:

"There are 4 people including me attending the Bible study, we used **Bible Basics** as preaching materials, reading some chapters from Matthew and the section about 'The origin of Jesus' from **Bible Basics**. Brother Yu aged 34, was baptized in the pool on the second day. First of all he had problems understanding the difference between water baptism and baptism of the Holy Spirit. But we explained and encouraged him to be baptized in water as Jesus commands in Mark 16:16 "He who believes AND is baptized will be saved". We must be born of water AND of the Spirit if we want to enter the kingdom- John 3:3-5. We explained how the birth of the Spirit to be a process. We are spiritually re-born after baptism. The miraculous gifts of the Spirit are not now available (speaking in languages, etc.). But God is at work very mightily in the minds and lives of His people to make us new people. His friend Wu hesitated for a while after Bible study on the first day, it seemed to him that our teaching was different from what most Churches taught in China and is not ready for the baptism yet".



Photo: Yu and Wu with their Chinese NEV Bibles

RUSSIA

Requests for Bibles and *Bible Basics* continue to flood in each day from throughout Russia. And this is without any advertising. It's from people searching for spiritual things and coming across us on the internet. The true Gospel is really going all over the place. This week we visited a group in the **Urals** and were delighted to baptize NADYEZHDA. She had never held a Bible in her hand until just over a year ago. She owns a business and one of her employees, our sister Vera, gave her one of the *NEV Russian Bibles*. She was ready for it- she has read every day according to the Bible Companion along with our commentary and *Bible Basics*. There were many tears and great joy on earth and in Heaven. These two women really have become best friends and now sisters in Christ. Their joy is evident:



We were happy to have the company of brother Kolya, a great preacher of the Gospel and distributor of *Russian NEV Bibles*. A huge thank you to all those who enabled and continue to enable the production and distribution of these Bibles- they really are bringing forth fruit to the glory of our Lord.

MOSCOW ECCLESIA

Our new brethren in Russia are taking much initiative to meet together and spread the word. The ecclesia in Moscow have now obtained a hall for their weekly meetings which they can rent for around \$60 / week. They have undertaken to donate \$40 themselves. Carelinks would like to enable their meetings and donate the additional \$20 / week. This may not sound a huge sum but we wondered if anyone would like to take this on. It might suit a younger person or youth group. We'd like to provide the support for around two months initially and see how things go. This will be the first time the Truth has had a stable, regular Sunday meeting place in Moscow, a city of over 10 million people. If you're in Moscow for business, transit or leisure, they are meeting every Sunday afternoon and we will be happy to let you know the address.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks