

August 2013 Russia, Czech and Riga

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Corinthians 15 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1cor15.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 <http://www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries>

RUSSIA

Many thanks for the prayers and expressions of support during the travelling of this past week. Finally, FEDYOR from Ust Ilimsk in far northern Siberia was baptized- that town is 1000 km. north of Irkutsk (Lake Baikal). The small towns and villages in that area are full of people from various parts of the former USSR. The reason is because this is the very area to which people were 'sent to Siberia', some to camps (Solzhenitsyn readers may recall his mentions of Ust Izhma and other camps beginning with 'Ust'), others simply exiled to live in those small villages in the middle of nowhere. The people sent there were the likes of Jehovah's Witnesses, Adventists, Jews, intellectuals, political dissidents and other free thinkers. An interesting group of people, living in an awful climate (brief hot Summers, long cold Winters) with poor transport links and few airstrips, many of them still subsistence farmers. This background explains why the JWs are a major religion there to this day; any leaving of the religion is felt to be a betrayal of the previous generation, who were exiled there because of their faith. Fedyor joined the JWs at 15 years of age and was a zealous member. But once he was online, he started to work out errors in the teaching and practice of the organization, and that is how he came into contact with us. He wanted more than anything to be baptized into Christ (JWs effectively baptize into their organization) and have a personal relationship with Him. And he didn't find this in the JWs. Fedyor read most of our books which are translated into Russian (and they are many). He has an excellent knowledge of the Truth as well as a desire to really walk with the Lord Jesus. It was a pleasure to baptize him. We made a movie of his baptism and his appeal to the many Russian people who have had some contact with JWs. It's all in Russian but for the record it's at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFJHa8Y6RZY>

Here's our brother being baptized, and then immediately making his video appeal to JWs to come to Christ:



Please pray for your brother in his great isolation, remembering that his wife is still an active JW. Our postage bill is pretty big and we rely on your donations to keep sending out Bibles and literature to the many people like Fedyor who are genuinely searching. Thanks to the Lord's blessing of your and our combined efforts, so many are coming to the real Christ, now in the world's remotest areas. The Gospel of the Kingdom must go into all the world, and then the end shall come.

CZECH

We're delighted to report the baptism of RAJ, our new brother was formerly a Hindu, of the elite

Brahmin caste. It's not often that someone from that background converts to Christ, and yet the Lord continues to bring people from such 'closed' backgrounds to the freedom of His Son. Our brother long had an interest in Christianity. Our brother found it hard to obtain a Bible in Hindi or English in Czech, and therefore came to us online. He became very familiar with the Bible from reading what he downloaded on his cell phone, but obviously a hard copy is so much better. We get so many requests for Bibles each day, we ask folk to confirm their request and explain why they want one, and there are so many very wonderful accounts of spiritual journeys coming in from all over the world.

RIGA

Meanwhile at the *Riga Bible Center*, the Lord has also been at work with former Jehovah's Witnesses as He has been in northern Siberia. Our meetings in Riga this last weekend set new records in terms of attendance- we have needed to buy more bowls and cutlery for the feeding schemes after the meetings. We're delighted to announce the baptisms of a married couple, VALERIJ and INESSA, who for 10 years have been involved with the JWs. We're so happy that they have come to the grace and truth of the Lord Jesus. They were so happy to be baptized and congratulated each other very sweetly:



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