

## August 2014 Riga, Russia, Ukraine, USA, Camp

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Corinthians 14 and there is an MP3 about this chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1cor14.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>

### CARELINKS USA

We're delighted to report the baptism of NANCY, a long term correspondent who has dully grasped the doctrines of the Truth through independent research, a lifetime of Bible reading, and reading our literature and viewing our various online programs. Our sister baptized herself, and writes about it:

*"I have had a very strong desire to be Baptized again, because this time I wanted it to come from Bible Truths. I wanted God and Jesus to know that I have it right this time. I wanted to be baptized again because I really really wanted to. I wanted to start over. So I put on my old clothes and walked down to the lake by our house... I began to pray to God and Jesus and asked them If they Would accept this as a real baptism. I prayed and from the bottom of my heart I confessed my love to them, and told them that I just had to do this. I ended By saying I baptize myself in Jesus name ... I wanted not to be able to breathe, the sign of death, before I walked out of the water. I prayed some more, cried some too, with happiness. I came away feeling that it was okay with God for me to do it this way. I don't feel uneasy about it. I feel God is happy, and I am complete now. I really truly feel He approved!... I'm glad you are pleased! I am an Ecclessias of One at the moment. But had to share my happiness with you, but didn't know how you would take it. I am glad that you are okay with how it was done. And...of course you can tell the brothers and sisters at Carelink, and I would love to have others write me if they wish! I watched your video on ISIS and put it on Facebook and sent it to my son... It has been a great day for me today! I wish I could convey my experience, but it goes deeper than words. I feel I was actually being lead to do this today. (My Guardian Angel perhaps)... I'm so glad that you are okay with it, because I do need someone to be happy for me too! Thanks again for caring!"*

### RUSSIA

We're delighted to report the baptism of DMITRY this week in far northern Russia. Our brother first contacted us from watching a YouTube presentation, and then noticed the link offering a free *NEV Bible with commentary*. This was mailed to him by brother Nikolay [left in the photo], who also made the long journey to the baptism:



Our new brother gave a wonderful testimony of how he left the Orthodox church and became a Protestant, but being told there was hell fire awaiting him if he sinned, and that he needed to be vigilant against a personal Satan and powerful evil spirits, and try to be similar to a Jesus who was God... all drove him into depression. We have a wonderful YouTube in Russian of his testimony. He is a remarkable example of how *"the truth shall make you free"*. He really is rejoicing in the truth of Christ and the great burdens which have been lifted, as they were placed upon him by false theology. Our brother is a single father, working all day and also trying his very best to raise his three year old severely autistic child, who totally cannot speak at all. Please pray for our new brother and for healing for his child, Roman. Here they are taking a walk in the

town square:



## RIGA

We're pleased to tell you of the baptism this week of RITVARS, you can see him here with his Latvian *NEV Bible*. Again and again, the work of distributing literature is paying off in terms of baptisms and real spiritual progress in the lives of so many:



## WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CAMP

This was a great success, and was held at the housing project in northern Latvia. It was great for city folk to get out into the countryside to learn and respond to the Gospel. Cindy writes:

*"I recently organised a kids camp in the housing project in Northeastern Latvia for 4 days where we recorded 3 new Bible songs in Latvian which were written especially for the occasion with the help of Sis. Anna Ryder from the UK. 4 whole families from my Mum's and Toddler's group came from Riga, as well as many of the local children. Recently baptized Bro. Indars was there with his wife, Silvia and their lovely little daughter. Each day we had exercises and activities for the kids which were themed around the Bible verse for the day. This year we also visited local farmers who kindly showed us how they milk the cows, and even let the kids drink warm, frothy fresh milk which the city kids loved. We also visited a sheep farm, had rides on a horse and cart, went down the river on a barge and visited the local ice cream factory.*



*The children loved listening to Bible stories in the evening and playing with each other all day long in the fresh country air. There was also some opportunity for some good conversation about more serious Bible matters - please pray that it will bring fruit. I'm really hoping that the 3 unbaptized but interested Mums will want to get more serious about their faith. Everyone really enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to next camp, GW. Thank you for your prayers!"*



## ISLAMIC STATE

Our videos about the Islamic State in prophecy are released copyright free and are now on many channels, and have had many thousands of viewers, with significant follow up contact. The

latest one is about Ezekiel 38 and Gog -

see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnwk46QmBLY&list=UUYp5dgMyPo1m-pFlqpyojTQ>

## **UKRAINE**

*UKRAINE PETITION* re. military service

Many thanks to all who have signed it but please do sign it if you haven't, and encourage others to- this is the last week when it can be signed. To repeat a previous message:

here are things you can concretely do in this difficult situation:

- **Firstly**, to pray, not just for our affected brethren, but for Ukraine as a whole.
- **Secondly**, you can sign an online petition we are organizing

at <http://carelinks.net/Ukraine/contactform.htm> .

We are not trying to 'dodge the draft' but rather wish to make the point that as serious Biblical Christians we cannot undertake combatant service, although we are eager to support our fellow man and our nations in any practical way.

- **Thirdly**, you can spread the news of this petition by sharing the link to the petition on social media e.g. Facebook. We have also produced a brief YouTube video about the petition at <http://youtu.be/aOXveKGAPmw> ; you can share this on social media too.

## **PREACHING TO JEWISH PEOPLE**

Carelinks believe that one feature of the last days required by prophecy will be the repentance and acceptance of Jesus as Christ by a minority within Israel. Our brother John Thatcher has produced a really good presentation which addresses Jewish objections to Jesus ; do download and share it on social media:

<http://www.realchrist.info/jews.pptx> or <http://www.slideshare.net/carelinks/answering-jewish-objections-to-jesus-as-messiah>

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**