

Australia, Cold Snap, Burmese Literature December 2009

Brother John Aldersley reports on the recent Carelinks Conference:

"The Carelinks Australia conference was held in the Hurstville Ecclesial hall on Saturday 12 December. Attendance was around 100 people all together, with people coming from across Sydney and NSW, Adelaide, Brisbane, New Zealand and Latvia. The theme for the talks was "Letting Your Light Shine - in the 1st and 21st century", and we were addressed by 8 speakers on this subject interspersed with song items relating to the theme. All approached the topic from a widely different perspective, but with the same goal - to encourage us all to let the light of Jesus Christ shine for all to see.

A wonderful bar-b-q meal was provided, around which we were able to share fellowship and discuss the content of the addresses. As one brother put it: "It is good for us all to cross pollinate our ideas" - that is to get together from sometimes large distances apart and share different angles of promoting the work of the body of Christ. In communicating with a number of those who attended afterwards, it was very clear that we would go away much encouraged to share more in our own community contexts as a result. A link is available for download on the Carelinks website to hear the talks and music: <http://carelinks.net/doc/mp3> "



Carelinks publicity meetings were held in another 2 ecclesias in Australia in the next week for those unable to get to Hurstville. UK readers can look forward to the Carelinks UK Conference in January, God willing. Details at <http://carelinks.net/doc/events>

We have many people throughout Australia who've contacted us and are studying *Bible Basics*. We've been in contact with KIRSTY for 3 years now, and we're grateful to sister Belinda Burns for visiting with her. We're delighted to announce that soon after the conference we were able to baptize her into the Lord Jesus, and have put her in touch with other local brothers and sisters. She has many issues requiring prayer regarding her young son.



COLD SNAP IN EASTERN EUROPE

Press reports claim that over 80 homeless people have died in Poland alone; but Poland's one of the more prosperous parts of Eastern Europe, and the truth is that the poorer areas just haven't got any statistics. Readers will remember that we have many brothers and sisters living in the night shelters; they have to be out by 8 a.m. every morning and can only return at 7 p.m. Those who aren't working are therefore on the streets all day. This is no fun at -30 degrees. We're opening our hall in Riga to allow them to just thaw out. Sister Dzena has visited the refugee camp and reported by email: "In Latvia now is minus 20 degrees [it has gone lower since]. All asylum seekers are completely frozen. I try to do what I can, God bless you. In Love of Jesus, Dz." So please do pray for those affected. Rural areas are cut off and we have no news from there, but will try to establish contact over the next weeks.

BURMESE LITERATURE

Sister Soon Tee of the Hurstville, Australia ecclesia has laboured long and hard most evenings after work for many years to translate literature into Burmese. After many setbacks, we finally have Burmese Bible Basics completed and available. If you have any Burmese contacts or friends, let us know their address and we'll send them one. The material is downloadable from <http://carelinks.net/my> . Here's our faithful sister with the scripts of her translation:



With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks