

## **BOSNIA Chicken Project May 2005**

We have been receiving reports of the seriousness of the situation some of our brethren are in Bosnia. The country remains divided into three, Serb, Croat and Bosnian, with 3 presidents, and the factions held apart by UN forces still in place despite active conflict having ceased. Wages are often not paid, and corruption is endemic. One brother lives in great poverty in a house once owned by Serbs. The Serbs fled leaving the house empty. Our brother's family home was destroyed, and therefore he's now living in the deserted house. He works in the mine, in terrible conditions, and even then is often not paid his wages due to corruption. Our brother takes bread with him to eat which is covered in coal dust by the time he eats it, and has had several rib breakages from rockfall in the narrow tunnels. There are other brethren in difficulty too in this post-war economy. The suggestion has been made that we support the brethren in starting a chicken breeding project. They would get say 100 chicks and feed them according to a well tried programme for 55 days and then re-sell them. This suggestion has been carefully looked into. Needs for fencing and electric light and re-selling have been considered. Two British brethren recently visited Sarajevo and held a study weekend, enthusiastically attended by all the brethren baptized in Bosnia. Our brethren's conclusion was that the chicken project is viable and worth doing. In addition, the detailed plans for the project were submitted to two brethren in Australia, one a vet, the other a business man. After a lot of discussion with the brethren in Bosnia the Australian brethren too conclude the project is viable and has been well thought out.

The land is available, chicken houses have been obtained, what is required is the fencing and laying on of electricity and light. We're looking for say 1000 Euros for this project, which would cover buying the first chicks, setting up the fencing, getting the lighting set up, buying the feed, and associated transport costs. We could justifiably appeal for 1000 Euros welfare support for our brethren, but instead we prefer to give a fishing rod rather than a fish. Our brethren are from a rural area and have some sense about raising chicks. So we're appealing in faith for your support of this project. Duncan & Cindy will be going down to Bosnia in July to personally oversee the project, God willing. You can donate by PayPal via [www.carelinks.net/carelinks.html](http://www.carelinks.net/carelinks.html) or send a cheque in any currency made out to "Bible Basics", c/o Steve & Robin Jones, PO Box 152, Menai NSW 2234 AUSTRALIA.

If you have any specific questions about the project, feel free to contact us at [info@carelinks.net](mailto:info@carelinks.net) or Brother Joel Pickering in Melbourne, Australia: [jevalois@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jevalois@yahoo.com.au)



Photo:

Our young brother sitting in the snow exhausted after coming off shift in that brutal mine [photo taken earlier this year]

Whilst writing, we'd like to ask for your prayers for the sisters in Turkmenistan, who make the camels etc some of you have bought. The sisters there do need our support. Turkmenistan is really turning very oppressive and Moslem fanatic, very hard for those who hold the hope of Israel to endure in. Recently all libraries were closed in Turkmenistan and all access to the outside world is being limited- see a very recent report <http://www.ifla.org/V/press/pr29-04-2005.htm> Funny how the media focus on some crisis areas of the world and not others. But the situation is really bad there.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks Christadelphian Ministries