

Bosnia March 2005

We've been receiving some quite desperate pleas from brethren here, although we're pleased to announce the baptisms of ALDIN [Sarajevo] and DAMIR in Banja Luka, scene of awful atrocities during the recent war. Some brethren have access to free internet at times, and were able to send messages from others. Here are extracts from four separate messages received:

"still snowing here and today we spend last mark for bread. god help us... Anyway, god bless you...."

"Thank you also for looking for help for us here. It is very bad, we have no more heating or food. temperarures goes -24 C. It is snowing from day to day.. We rely on you on this matter. God bless you."

"Let me know what you think i should do and i hope that some help will get fast here. God willing"

"For now, it would be great if you could help us with buying some food. We have no work and need to get through this few months,we are in real bad shape."

The CCM have sent funds Western Union to these brethren.

Latvia March 2005

We were just settling down to do the readings the other evening, when sis Aija turned up. She was simply so cold, she summoned the courage to just cast herself upon us so that she could spend a night in the warm. She lives in a large house which is now vacated, and the owners are trying every method to make her leave, even though she is legally allowed to live there, unless they give her alternative accommodation. One of their methods this cold Winter has been to cut off the central heating. The big stone building is literally freezing, and our sister has only a wood burning stove for warmth. She'd just been so cold. Steve & Robin made a video of her explaining her predicament



Photo:

[Photo 1]

The next morning we went down to one of the new supermarkets [a classic example of the growing gap between very rich and desperately poor in the Baltic states] and purchased an electric heater



Photo:

[Photo 2]

We took Aija home and took the new space heater with us,



Photo:

[Photo 3]

leaving her funds to pay the electric bill. Our sister is very sincere and we did what we could to get the room warmed up, bringing a smile to our sister's face



Photo:

[Photo 4]

We got the fire going



Photo:

[Photo 5]

Our sister had been living and sleeping in many sweaters and a large fur coat which had been donated earlier. She sleeps in this.



Photo:

[Photo 6]

We couldn't find any electric blankets for sale, but a kind sister has now bought one and is mailing it today.

Aija is a regular attender at the ecclesia and was one of the very first baptized in Latvia around 10 years ago. It was truly a pleasure to be able to help her. We truly do appreciate your support which enables us to be able to do something immediate. Yet we ask for your prayers for the very many elderly brothers and sisters who don't have someone else to immediately go to- apart from their Lord.

Iranian Refugees March 2005

We're delighted to announce that brother N, sisters A and E are now safely in Canada. This has been as a result of your prayers, petitions, and the constant visits and pressure put on the UNHCR in Azerbaijan, where they were holed up. We'd ask you all to simply give thanks that again, our Father worked such great salvation and deliverance for His children. However there

remain several bre & sis in urgent circumstances, and a trip is in fact planned this week to make further representation for them and seek to encourage them to stand fast. Please pray for it.

Br N has written from Canada:

“Dearest brother&sister

I just wanted you to know that I arrived in Toronto safely, I'd like to giving thanks for all of your help and kindness and support! You both been so helpful to me.

Much love

N”

“Hi dearest Friend and brother

Tomorrow I'm gonna be in the first meeting , It must be so exiting. I feel abit strange here but every thing will be alright God willing, plz send my greeting and love to your wife . Wishing you the best and happiness.

Much love in Christ

N”

“Thanks for your mail, It's always good to hear from you!! If you asking about me I'd say that I'm about getting new experience in the new city. It's good to meet the bro&sis here and being with them in their meeting, There is much left to learn. I always thinking about you and your great effort that you done for me.

Hope to see you soon

God bless

N”

“Hi dearest brother

How are you doing? It was good to hear about you! It's 4 days that I am here once time I went to a church which named Toronto east , It was such an awesome day ! Any way all the bro&sis were kind to me specially those who were up to 25! You know my friend the way that they are is a bit different with the people that I ever met in east ! Any way eveywhere has its culture !

Any way I'm so happy that at last I survived from Azer. Thanks for all of your prayers and kindness , I really cannot give you and cindy thanks good enough.

You are not gonna be forgotten in any way & in the meanwhile you are in my thoughts an prayers.

Abiding love

N”

With love in the truth,

Your brothers and sisters of the CCM