

Brazil, Denmark, Carelinks Australia Conference, Brother Albinas October 2010

This Sunday's daily readings are from John 1, and there's an exhortation about the theme of the cross in John 1 at <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1.mp3>

We have received several *Bible Basics* requests per day from **Brazil** for several years, and we've been in touch for some time now with several interested in being baptized. A brief visit was recently made to Fortaleza- the very tip of Brazil which pushes out into the Atlantic towards West Africa- in order to meet two young men who had expressed interest in baptism.

First we met FRANCISCO, who travelled a long way from the interior in order to meet us and have the "pearl of great price" as his in baptism. He's an English teacher, which is very helpful for us in a country where English isn't widely known. Here he is just after his baptism:



For some time now, ITALO has been translating *The Real Christ* into Portuguese and is now half way through. It's always great to meet someone with whom there's been a lot of email contact. Brother Charlie Klennert has been mailing out Portuguese *Bible Basics* and other literature to Brazil and has also been involved in helping our brother come towards baptism. Italo's very lovely mother and brother attended the baptism- you can see her warmly greeting her son at the edge of the rooftop swimming pool we used, high up amongst the skyscrapers of Fortaleza:



There's a huge amount of work to do in following up folks in Brazil as well as supporting our two new brothers; any who are interested or who might be going to Brazil on business or vacation are welcome to contact us. We're really confident in these two young brethren, and Brother Charlie Klennert hopes to make a follow up visit soon.

DENMARK

Brother Deogratius fled Rwanda as a result of the genocide there and found his way to Swaziland, where he was baptized by Brother Tony Beires of the CBM in 2000 after encountering the Truth in a refugee camp there. Through the years he's kept in contact and has written in *Gospel News* magazine several times. He's now an asylum seeker in Denmark, where he has also spread the Gospel. It was a pleasure to meet him recently and assist in the baptism of his friend FIDEL, also from Rwanda. Although unknown to each other at the time, they had both fled the Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Rwanda, taking refuge in various refugee camps like this one over the Rwandese border in Congo, and found their ways to Denmark:

More information is in the email version.



BROTHER ALBINAS

Brother Albinas of Varena, Lithuania was a personal friend of brother Duncan's for 20 years and one of his earliest converts in Lithuania. Baptized in 1993, he was a faithful brother in Christ and a truly lovely person. As a regular attender at Bible Schools throughout Eastern Europe he was well known to many. He suffered a huge heart attack whilst walking home from a parent-teacher meeting at the school he taught at, and now sleeps in Christ in the sure hope of resurrection. Our sympathies are with his son, Brother Justas, his daughter Jurgita and the whole family. He not only did so much, working on the housing project in Latvia, faithfully attending Bible Schools, a great fan of daily Bible reading, loyal companion to Duncan on missionary journeys over the years throughout Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Bosnia, Croatia, Romania etc; but he was so much, a truly good father and grandfather, a tower of strength to many, a true friend, a sensitive, wise, kind and gentle brother in Christ. For we are to be human beings, not merely human doings. Whilst this is a huge loss for the brotherhood in Eastern Europe, we look forward the more earnestly to the fulfilment of the hope in Christ which we have preached throughout this part of the world.

He was well known for always having his Bible on his desk in the classroom:



There are more pictures and memories at <http://heaster.org/albinas.html>

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