

Brother Charles, Myanmar, Brother Vladimir, Reading Project, Day of Prayer June 2010

The daily Bible readings this Sunday from the *Bible Companion* include Revelation 14 and there's an MP3 exhortation on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rev14.mp3>

MYANMAR

Our brother Suum reports another visit to *Bible Basics* contacts and comments: "This time we need your prayer support to stand firm and do more for the Lord, pray for our our government we are limited in worship and not allowed to pray and worship God sometimes".

BROTHER CHARLES

We reported previously about Brother Charles, who was baptized in the refugee camp in Latvia after fleeing Moslem violence which left his mother and brother dead; and then whilst in the camp, he learnt of the murder of his sister and wife. We're delighted to say that our brother has been transferred from the camp to a much more humane reception center, where he has been given a room and is allowed to travel around freely. He's simply overjoyed. Br Steve & Sis Sue Gretton are in Latvia at the moment and were able to minister comfort and pray with him, as the trauma of having lost everything and being left literally with just the clothes he stands up in is hugely traumatic, quite apart from issues of anger and forgiveness.



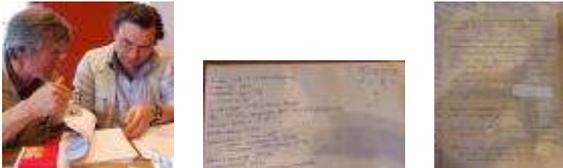
Our brother has just the clothes he wears, his Bible and *Bible Basics*, but already at the reception center he has interested a number of others in the Gospel. The asylum seekers have little to do, and we found ourselves quite effortlessly involved in talking about the Gospel with folk from Congo, Angola and also a Palestinian from Gaza. We're sure there will be more response to the Gospel in this place, and that the hope of the Kingdom will thereby continue to spread to all nations under Heaven.

Steve and Sue were also able to witness the baptism of DAINIS, a young man from a village in Eastern Latvia who has come into Riga to work as a welder. Given the high price of accomodation, he stays at the moment in the night shelter, where he met with our brethren. Here he is being baptized by Br Vladimir:



We have mentioned a number of Jewish converts and contacts at the Riga Bible Center, and we met up with Br Vlad in a McDonalds to listen to him share his latest Biblical thoughts. He truly loves God's word. Since leaving the synagogue many years ago, he has devoted himself to the Word. He lives in the night shelter, and when he can't find work, spends his days at the library or sitting in the park reading the Bible and writing up his notes and understanding. He brought a whole file of notes with him, partly in Russian partly in Hebrew, and eagerly shared with us his questions and theories, which he presents with humility and an undogmatic spirit. He goes back to his notes and glues labels over areas where he now has additional or different thoughts.

He wished to discuss with us the connections he sees between the vials, seals and trumpets of Revelation; and the connections he sees between them and the punishment / curses upon the earth in Genesis 3. Another theme he has in mind is that the letter to the Hebrews may have been written in Hebrew, and he has tried to translate the letter back from Russian to Hebrew, and notices structural elements there which are echoes of similar structure in Deuteronomy. This is the depth at which he's working; a lonely Jewish man sitting in the parks and libraries of Riga just loving God's word. Our brother has cataracts in both eyes and has been four years on the list for cataract operations, but each time he gets to the top of the list he says the doctors demand money, which he doesn't have. If anyone uses his sight well, it's our brother Vlad. We are working on trying to resolve this situation.



As Steve, Sue, Duncan & Cindy sat with him, another Jewish member of the ecclesia 'happened' to come in to McDonalds to use the toilet; and Rita, the Jewish woman who left the synagogue for whom we asked you to pray she accepts Christ, also was with him. And so we ended up having a rather Jewish-themed gathering in McDonalds in downtown Riga. Such coincidences aren't coincidences; we feel God's hand working powerfully.



READING PROJECT

We so appreciate those who have come forward to read *Bible Basics* onto MP3, we already have it in Russian on MP3, and have been using it to help a blind man who started attending our feeding project:



Truly it is to the marginalized that the Gospel is spreading. The blind, the deaf, the asylum seekers, the lonely, the rejected. It was a pleasure recently to meet and break bread with our deaf family, who are now all baptized into Christ; both parents and both children are deaf and dumb:



DAY OF PRAYER

Br Peter and Sis Teresa Wisniewski of Toronto Canada have asked us to publicize the following: "This is an official request to make Sunday July 11, 2010, 10:30 AM, EST the International Day of Prayer! The brotherhood worldwide will be asked to pray in unison to our Heavenly Father for the many things urgently needed, particularly Biblical unity in Southern Ontario". We're sure we can

also be praying for the various brothers and sisters and situations which are mentioned in Carelinks messages.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks