

Carelink USA, Various updates, Finland July 2010

The *Bible Companion* readings at the moment are from Jeremiah, and there's an MP3 about his ministry at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jer6.mp3>

CARELINKS USA

We receive over 35 requests / day for *Bible Basics* from North America; we ask them to confirm their interest and then pass them out to our fellow workers to follow up on. Brother Charlie Klennert of the Tacoma, WA ecclesia [<http://www.tacomaecclesia.net>] coordinates this work. Charlie reports as follows:

Recently I was able to go and visit a contact I have been in contact with for quite some time. His name is RICHARD. It has been a joy bantering back and forth with him about the amazing truths God has opened our eyes to. He has been wanting to be baptized into Christ for some time now. He has studied Bible Basics and is urgently looking forward to the return of Christ. Here are a few pictures of the baptism. Please pray for our new brother! *I baptized Richard with his family looking on; he has a wonderful heart for God and a love for the things of the Kingdom.*



As the time of Christ's soon appearing, as we look upon the epoch of a new creation in ourselves and the restoration of the earth, Jesus gave us a command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Each of us does that in our own ways. Working with Bible Basics contacts throughout the United States has been a blessing for all involved. We with Carelinks have contact with people all over the nation, sending Bible Basics and other materials to any and all interested. I would like to share a few snippets of some emails that we have recently received:

Email #1

I received the material you sent me. I got the bible study book, a book on Alcoholism, a little book on God and a nice card from you. Thank you for sending all of the above. You are very nice to write such kind words. I am hoping my life will start changing so I can be close to God as well. Because I am still in the process of changing I still feel I want to start drinking and such. I guess that is what you might call "fleshly desires." But, I am so determined to change for the better. God's way is always the best. I have wasted too much of life to stay miserable and unhappy. Now I want to change so I can help other people, especially women whom have drinking and addictive problems. I really have a heart and compassion for people that are sad and depressed. God is wonderful! You have helped me a lot just with your kind and positive words. I shall start reading the material and I will start praying more often

Email #2

Just received my Bible Basics test results. Could have done better, but I think I transposed some letters from my study book. Your letter mentions a Bible reading planner. I have tried to copy some from different sites on the Internet and they all get run together, even if I copy them to Notepad first. Trying to reconstruct the verses and the days is tough. So, your planner is hard copy?? I hope. Or is it on the net? Have looked at the book, Bible Basics. I am handicapped (polio at age 13 mos) and now that I'm a senior citizen, it is much more difficult to move around. I must use crutches at all times and my leg brace keeps my leg in a straight position as I

walk. I can bend it at the knee when I sit. But at most it is uncomfortable. I am really looking forward to taking it off tonight and getting in bed and curling up with Bible Basics which promises to be an excellent read and spiritual aid.

Email #3

Forgive my lack of communication, first my move and settling, then my computer dieing, then my phone dieing. Its been a little hectic. Needless to say my walk has struggled, but my knowledge continues to grow, which I have at least been able to recognize as a good lesson in terms of we can know the world and yet that knowledge should still lead us to an ever increasing desire to pray and read Gods word. My engineering makes me want to just check it off on a list. Anyway, Im almost done with those books Charlie, and I think that makes like 27 of your books Ive read Duncan, haha. I pray you are well(when I do). Also my friend Ted has just taken off, he would very much like to skype with you and me Duncan, seeing as how he and me stay up very late studying alot. Anyway also wondering any insights from you two on how we got cultures? aka like asian people etc. I know Genesis 10, but any other exortations would be appreciated also anything on Babel.

Email #4

It is dificult for me to accept the devil doesnt exist ,but I am open . The questions are coming to me and I need to ask you a lot... Thank you!

Email #6

It was a pleasure to 'meet' you today! Praise God for the ministry he has given you. You were a great encouragement to me today. I am interested in why you think the return of Jesus is close. Close as in our lifetime close? Or as in the year ahead? Tell me your thoughts please.

Email #7

I wanted to ask you if you can send me some of the baptism pamphlets if you have some. Let me know if you can send them.

So as you can see, we are quite busy with questions, requests for information, inspiration and so on. We keep going knowing that Jesus will soon be here. It is a blessing knowing that so many people are seeking the things of God, and we get to be of use to help them see the scriptures a bit more clearly through the dark glass.

VARIOUS UPDATES

Meanwhile back in Europe, we're pleased to announce the baptism of OLGA at the Riga Bible Centre. We continue arranging health care for our paralyzed brother Viktor and others sick at this time. The money grabbing attitude of health workers in areas with no public health care provision is really so sad, and frustrating and time-consuming to deal with, as one effectively ends up bargaining for the price of a brother or sister's health, eyesight, cataracts etc.

We are doing all we can to mobilize existing brothers and sisters to visit and care for others who are sick. Here are two of our 'trainee elders' visiting our paralyzed brother Viktor. Such care and grace is a new concept to former atheists, and is a witness to the transforming power of the Gospel:



We're grateful to Brother Dan Joseph for cooking so faithfully for 6 weeks. He provided many meals to needy brothers, sisters and contacts, and shared the spirit of Christ through doing so. The growth in Riga is quite amazing. Brothers and sisters arrive at the hall well ahead of starting time for the meetings- the photo below is from just before the mid-week Bible study. You can see they are mainly night shelter dwellers because they have their bags of possessions with them. You can see, quite unposed, brothers Vlad and Mihayel in discussion about the Scriptures- zoomed in photo below:



FINLAND

Brother Henrik informs us of another baptism, of RIKHARD, initially as a result of the "Living with alcoholism" outreach. Henrik writes:

"Rikhard is ex-JW and an ex Methodist. He has had Lutheran, JW, and even MORMON baptism ! But NOW I was convinced he **really** wanted to turn away from his sins. So I taught him the importance of the FULL and true Gospel and starting to live in sanctification. Please pray for him. I wish I had more time. Your alcoholism booklet is sooo good and I would love to translate it (along with other stuff) to Finnish, but I need the strength and time from the Lord".

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks