

China, Brothers Maris and Leonid, TB Hospital, Refugee Camp, September 2009

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Often we mention cases of need and yet the amount of footwork to be done and associated issues in assisting them is considerable. An example of this is 17 year old Brother M , whose baptism and suicidal problems we reported at <http://carelinks.net/doc/893280335> . It's easy to say "He needs to get professional help...", but that's easier said than done in Eastern Europe. We did just that after his latest attempt, and got him admitted to a psychological hospital. He's a delicate 17 year old and he was put in a huge ward with some pretty ill older men, the first night he had a huge man come and lay on him . So please do continue praying for him, and his mother and sister who are very distressed for him. We visited him recently on his birthday and held a little birthday celebration for him in the nurse's kitchen area, out of sight of the other patients. Cindy baked a cake and the nurses even gave us some flowers, they said nobody much bothers with psych patients let alone gives them a birthday party:



So please do continue praying for him, and also for brother Leonid whom we've mentioned in previous messages.

We're trying to ensure that as many as possible of our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe have vitamins and minerals this Winter, and we've already started distributing them. Here's Cindy with some of the family housed [very successfully and happily] at the Carelinks housing project in northern Latvia, explaining the packets to them- we're grateful to a kind brother in America for sending a parcel of them to distribute.



We've also been led to witness in the TB Hospital outside Riga, thanks to the seed sown by a sister there. We were able to baptize two patients, EGONS and VITALY. There's no bath tub we could use where they are, so we took them to the Riga Bible Center, where currently we have only cold water as hot water has been cut off to the entire block. They were eager for baptism, and both went through with the immersion in cold water, coughing and spluttering as they did. We also baptized OLGA, who heard the truth of the Gospel from another sister. Here's brother Vitaly after his baptism, dried off and wrapped up to return to the hospital:



CHINA

Meanwhile in China we ask for your prayers for sister Ji-Ang. The situation in China varies- in

some places there's little opposition to spreading the Gospel, in others (especially in rural areas) there's quite a lot. Our sister has been zealously preaching in a rural and remote area, and she's unregistered with the authorities as she's independent. However, some trinitarian group who is registered with the authorities have reported her for spreading 'strange religion' and she faces quite some difficulties with the local Police at this time. Please pray for her, although our contact with her is infrequent.

MEDIA

The growth of Islam in Europe and indeed worldwide is largely unappreciated. There's a quite chilling presentation of some statistics about it at <http://aletheiacollege.net/islam.html>

Those who read from the "Bible Companion" reading table will be reading Luke 20 on Sunday, and there's a brief exhortation available on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/brokenhearted1.mp3>

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks

PS Readers in the UK and Australia are welcome to attend the Carelinks Conferences upcoming in December and January, God willing. More details at <http://carelinks.net/doc/events>