

China, Winter Welfare, Refugee Brother, Eye Operation, Czech March 2010

The Bible reading for Sunday according to the Bible Companion is Luke 12, and there's a study for this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk12.mp3> .

EYE OPERATION

We're pleased to say that the funds have been sent for our brother's operation. Our Sister Sonia has spoken to the eye surgeon by telephone, and the operation has been scheduled; it should be possible to save his sight in the affected eye. Both our brother and the other two brethren in the same town as him have expressed their deep appreciation.

WINTER WELFARE

We continue distributing Winter welfare and providing meals once or twice / week at the Riga Bible Centre. The economic situation in Eastern Europe is like it is rapidly becoming worldwide- the middle class are disappearing, a few are very wealthy and very many are living in poverty.

The blessing upon the Riga Bible Centre is really amazing. We're pleased to report the baptism of a further three people, sister ELENA and a married couple, SERGEJ and ALLA, who were formerly associated with the Salvation Army but were deeply impressed by our doctrinal teaching.

Here's sister Elena being baptized; and Sergej and Alla giving a good confession of their faith before baptism:



We distribute clothes, firewood, medicines and blankets in addition to helping with paying heating and other utilities bills. One of our sisters especially does a lot to get those in need what state assistance is available, as the huge bureaucracy puts many people off even applying. Brother Pavel has just this week received his passport, after many years of trying- and he has been given an apartment to live in in a depopulating village, which at least is better than living in the derelict house he has been sleeping in. He's so thrilled that all these things came about after his baptism, and he's making a great witness to many. Here's our brother with his new passport; and one of the lovingly knitted blankets from Bodalla ecclesia in Australia which we distribute:



REFUGEE BROTHER

We have been doing our best to support our brother S. who is kept in a Refugee Camp outside Riga.



Our brother faces a death sentence or certain imprisonment if returned to Iran, and so we are making every effort to help him win his appeals in court. Please pray for him in the great stress he is under.

CHINA

The true Gospel continues to spread here, and another Bible Basics contact, WANG, was recently baptized by brother Feng in a swimming pool. Wang emailed afterwards:

"I really so appreciated the baptism , after getting out of water ,I can feel the Christ actually lives in me, and has given me a new spiritual life".

Our two young brothers are working together to translate The Real Christ into Chinese. We get many encouraging contacts from China- here's a sample received this week:

"Thank you for reply. I am a Chinese college student, my English name is Emily. When I was a little girl, my parents ,like many other Chinese ,had no believes. However,I had a neighbour who believed in God. She was such a good person that she always told me something about God. I believed her and I believed in God. But later she moved somewhere else,then I was alone. When I could read and write, I read bible in Chinese.I began to know much about the world and the lives. However, I never went to the church that time because nobody around me had any belief in Jesus, I was even too young to go out of my hometown as the church was far from my home. Some people even treated me as a foreigner. so I learnt the bible by myself. And I think you are my teacher now since you have tauhg the bible for many years. Now I study in university. My problem is that the bible is written in Chinese and not translated exactly. I know it's also God's language, but sometimes it seems really difficult to understand it. So, I want a bible in English. I wish to learn better. I have the same conclution with you that the trinity can't be accepted by me. I believe Jesus is the son of God who came to help people to get rid of sin. He sacrificed himself to tell us God is with us. And that is my opinion. I am always not alone, because God is with us. looking forward to hearing from you"

CZECH

And then the other side of the world in Czech Republic, another Bible Basics contact is seeking to study yet further and be baptized, having shed the delusions of Catholicism:

"I'm interested in studying with Aletheia Bible College because I would like to gain deeper understanding of the Scripture... After serious consideration I decided to be baptized in the name of the Lord, God willing, at the end of May 2010 during the Prague Bible Weekend. I would like to become "furnished completely" for reaching other people with the "Gospel of the kingdom of God." To say more about my background I should mention that I was raised in conservative Roman Catholic family. My faith and trust in doctrines of Pope and his priests was very weak and I was scared of purgatory, hell and eternal torment. So I turned my attention to Bible as a direct revelation from God to find out what the Bible truly says about these topics. The Truth I discovered then was amazing and it "set me free". I get acquainted with Christadelphians a year ago when I answered to Google advert. On thisisyourbible and then on biblebasicsonline.com I came to grips with what the Bible really teaches and confirmed that my own conclusions were almost identical. I'm in regular contact with many Christadelphians, especially from Australia and it is wonderful encouragment to "talk" with them about the Bible but I would like to have opportunity to study the Bible in a systematical way like they can do in their ecclesias. And that is what I hope Aletheia Bible College could provide. I'm looking forward to your e-mail".

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks

