

## December 2013 Ukraine, Carelinks USA, Riga

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include James 2 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/james2.mp3> .

You can see the archives of our MP3 files

at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; *Carelinks Bible Radio* is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at

08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at [www.carelinks.net](http://www.carelinks.net) [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat,

use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at [www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries](http://www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries)

### UKRAINE

There have been mass demonstrations this week in **Kiev**, with over 1 million people on the streets. None of our brethren and sisters have been hurt, but with the capital and Government brought to a standstill and the currency in free fall, prices are shooting up, many cannot get to work or travel around easily. Let us pray that Ukraine will end up with a Government that allows our 300 or so brethren and sisters to freely practice their faith in Christ. Despite that significant background noise, we were able to visit **Odessa** this week to baptize SAMUEL, an African currently living there. Our brother is very zealous in his desire to develop a group of believers there, let us pray he will be led to the right people who wish to respond to God's Truth.



### CARELINKS USA

Bro. Mike Warren, our Carelinks USA Secretary about 10 years ago, has been active this week in following up the continual stream of interest we get from North America:

*"On Wednesday December 4, 2013 at 10:30 AM I had the privilege of baptizing SAMUEL. Samuel is 28 years old. He is a tall, thin, dark-haired man with piercing dark eyes. He's been married for five years and is expecting his first child (a girl) in January. He lives in Albany, Oregon. Samuel was brought up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, he left that church when he was 16, which is also the time that he left home. As he's gotten older his desire to have a relationship with God has grown. He also wishes to raise his daughter as a follower of Jesus. Samuel found Carelinks online, and began to study. He contacted Duncan Heaster, who put him in touch with me, as I live only 90 miles north of Albany, Oregon. After being in contact with Samuel through email, and after talking with him before the baptism I was assured that he is a strong Biblical non-Trinitarian and clearly understands the purpose of baptism, and the basics of the Bible about who God is, who Jesus is, the state of the dead, the doctrine of resurrection and the truth about the Kingdom, so I agreed to baptize him. We were planning on performing the baptism in a lake. However, since the temperature is below freezing we decided to settle for the comfort of the warm swimming pool at the YMCA in Albany. After the baptism we broke bread. Please keep Samuel in your thoughts and prayers. In Our Shared Hope, Michael Warren "*

### RIGA BIBLE CENTER

We'd really like to thank all of you who contribute to enable this wonderful *Bible Center* and ecclesia to operate and reach out to so many. Attendance has risen sharply in recent times-

below you can see Cindy buying yet more bowls in the supermarket, and also tending to a sister. Cindy's medical abilities are so well used by the many brothers and sisters who have no access to medical care due to the cost. Cindy writes: "*This sister had an infection on top of her lice, and had lots of pussy, scabby sores on her scalp, and the puss had matted her hair impossibly together as she didn't have anywhere to wash it when the infection started. The puss and hair combined into a sort of helmet, and I doubt any treatment would have been able to get through it [hence the need to shave her head]. Poor her! At least it's Winter, so she can cover it with a hat until the summer. Makes us realize how fortunate we are to be able to take a shower whenever we want*".



We baptized ANDREJ and then with hair still wet, here he is taking a turn cleaning up the hall :



We're also pleased to tell you of the baptism of YURI, who came to us from our outreach to ex-JWs. Yuri had felt for 1 years his need for re-baptism as he felt the JW baptism was into their organization, but wanted to find a non-Trinitarian group. He didn't think any such existed- until he came to us via the internet



He gave a very powerful testimony afterwards in the kitchen, speaking of the psychological damage done by the JW disfellowship and the joy of being properly baptized into Christ. It's in Russian only but for the record is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaMps2AzFdl>

Without doubt the Lord is using the *Bible Center* as a powerful means of reaching out to so many people in so many ways. Please do continue your support

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**