

December 2014 UK, Riga

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 2 Peter 1 and 2 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2pet12.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>

CARELINKS UK

We've mentioned several times the difficulties felt by many who have left the Jehovah's Witnesses. They leave for various reasons, and yet retain their belief that the trinity isn't correct Bible teaching, and start searching for others who share that position. And then there are others who start to question the teachings of the Watchtower, especially the huge emphasis given to a personal Satan. And some of those folks come to our websites. This week Carelinks baptized three lovely people who had had a background with the JWs. Sister Jean and Br Robin Field report:

"It is always encouraging to see another baptism and to greet new members of God's family, so the joy was even greater yesterday when we were present at three baptisms. A couple of ex-JWs, who came to us from the www.realdevil.info website, kindly opened their home to us so that one of their sons, and also, from another town, a married couple called Rebecca and Derick, could be baptised. They had come to us from the www.realchrist.info website. As often happens, these dear people came via the Jehovah's Witnesses, and it was interesting to hear them comparing their experiences of being in that organisation and coming out of it. The common theme was their desire to find what is true and do what is right, and the difficulty they had in doing that under the heavy hand of an authoritarian organisation. So there we were, nine adults, two teenagers and six children, from Latvia and New Zealand as well as the UK, all gathered to this happy event. We had to fill a large paddling pool on the patio, which took a long time, but proved big enough, and the sleet showers kindly held off until all three had been immersed. None of them had ever taken part in a Breaking-of-Bread before, as the JWs only allow their 144,000 to participate, so we all sat round the table, read, prayed, thought about the Lord's death and resurrection and shared the bread and wine. We hope another meeting can be arranged before too long, but none live very near to each other. However, we pray that until then they will be able to support each other through their shared experiences. We thank the Lord for guiding us all to this point and pray for his blessing on our new brothers and sisters".

FEEDING SCHEME IN RIGA

This is now starting in earnest, Br Jim & Sis Anne Barton have just arrived from Canada and along with sister Hannah, are going through the obligatory hygiene training before working in the kitchen. Here they are, jetlag notwithstanding, and just hours after arrival at the airport, going through the training session. Brother Maxim from Ukraine is on his way to Latvia for at least a month to assist in the work, so please pray for him- it's not easy being a Ukrainian passport holder crossing borders in Eastern Europe, travelling on night buses and having to change a few times.



SECURITY ISSUES

The preaching of the Truth always leads to opposition, and there are many radical groups around with unpleasant agendas. We've therefore decided to not publish Carelink messages on the open internet any longer; they will be there, but will require a password. Let us know if you need to know it- hopefully most will be able to read the messages as emails. Please do not re-post them on the open internet without checking with us first, thanks.

Carelinks began as a prayer request network, and we wish that to continue and to place more emphasis upon it. So amongst other things, please do pray for:

- The ex-JWs baptized in England
- Other ex-JWs who are interested
- Those of them who have lost their families and relationships because of their decision for the Truth
- Jim, Anne and Hannah as they work hard this week in the Riga kitchen and try to get used to getting around in a foreign land
- Brother Maxim on his long journey overland to Riga from Ukraine

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks