

## December 2016 UK, Belgium, Latvia, New web site

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 John 5 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/1jn5.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://christadelphia.net/audio.htm> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468>

Download the NEV Bible with commentary and Bible Companion bookmarks at <http://n-e-v.info/NEVBIBLE.pdf>

### LATVIA

Duncan and Cindy are back in Latvia for some time this Winter. The meetings continue five days out of seven each week, and are enjoying higher attendances than this time last year. We put together a four minute video of scenes at the *Bible Centre* [cleaning, cooking, hair cutting etc.] and also at the English language church we run on Sunday afternoons; it's

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19iCcFvzEhU>

here's Jim & Anne Barton from **Canada** and Cardia from Erith, **UK** handing out the meal:



This is truly a great project and it can do with more volunteers and donations and indeed all the support you can prayerfully give it. Let us know if you'd like to assist or visit.

We have also been distributing Winter Welfare support in Eastern Europe. We visited elderly sister Tanya ["Aunty Tanya"] from the **Riga** ecclesia; she's living with another woman in an awful wooden building, without electricity and cooking facilities, lit only by candlelight. The room she lives in can only be described as something from a Dickens novel, and the stench from the other rooms and inhabitants is simply awful. She lives and sleeps in a heavy donated fur coat. Despite her age, she eagerly assisted us in carrying the firewood we brought her up the rickety stairs, as snow fell in the freezing temperatures.

This is one of the worst situations we've seen in Riga; even sleeping on the street could be better than this in many ways. She doesn't drink or smoke, and to come to the end of a working life with no pension, ill health, no health care or relatives... is tragic. And yet clearly she knows the presence of the Lord Jesus.



### UK

Each night in a park in central Croydon, a group of homeless people congregate. Various folks bring them food and clothing. Last week, we spent three nights there with them. Over half of them were middle aged or elderly Eastern European migrants who had somehow become excluded from the social system; or men in work who simply can't afford to rent anywhere on minimum wage. Many statistics show that the number of homeless people in London is increasingly dramatically. Many of those affected are not alcoholics or drug addicts.

There is also the problem of asylum seekers whose claim for asylum is turned down, but they can't be deported as they lack documents. They become part of a growing underclass of people unable to legally work and who receive no state support- they are in limbo. Some are in

wheelchairs. In scenes reminiscent of the feeding scheme in Riga, they gather with their belongings in plastic bags, and enjoy having a chat with each other. We took them clothing, some kindly donated by a sister in our house group, and food.

Here's sister Cardia making sandwiches for them the night before she flew over to work at the *Bible Centre* in Latvia. These people are open to the Gospel, although they may be unlikely to set foot inside a formal church. Please pray for us to have wisdom as we seek to introduce them to the true Gospel; and by all means go and feed and clothe them yourselves. Let us know if you want details. Sorry for the lack of flash in the photos:



And again a reminder of our *Carelinks Conference* in Croydon, last Saturday in February God willing.

### **NEW WEB SITE**

We've now finished work on a general website which gathers together most of our material from across the web, as the official website of the *Christadelphian Advancement Trust*. We hope it's a helpful site giving a thorough and fair introduction to our beliefs and practices.

Do have a look and share it with others as appropriate- [www.christadelphia.net](http://www.christadelphia.net)

### **BELGIUM**

We invite you to write to a faithful brother who is in prison in Belgium or to visit him. His faith is a witness to the power of our Lord in adverse circumstances. He comes from a Persian background and has no visitors except one or two a year who visit him from **UK**. If anyone is interested in visiting him or just writing to him to encourage him in his hope for the return of Jesus and the establishment of the Kingdom, and in his daily pilgrimage, please apply to [steve.gretton@gmail.com](mailto:steve.gretton@gmail.com) for more information. We've also heard from sister Helen Pyper of Carelinks **New Zealand** of the continued spiritual growth and safe keeping of our imprisoned sister in Japan, although her regime there is indeed very harsh.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For all our brethren in prison
- For our web outreach
- For the work of the *Riga Bible Centre*
- For all those cold and hungry in Eastern Europe this Winter

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