

## December 2102 Australia, Malawi, Russia

We have MP3s for the *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday:

Job 1 and 2 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/job1and2.mp3>

Jonah 2,3 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jonah23.mp3>

Hebrews 8,9 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/heb89.mp3>

### AUSTRALIA

God willing, we are holding two publicity meetings in Australia which you are welcome to attend:

#### BRISBANE

Friday 7 December at 7 p.m. at the home of Cliff & Nicky York, 30 Rifle Range Rd, Narangba QLD 4504. Contact us for more details or call Cliff 0429959756 or Nicky 0414737820 . Brother

Duncan will talk about *God at Work in Human Life Today*

#### SYDNEY

Sunday 9 December at 3 p.m. at the home of Steve & Robin Jones, 17 Emerson Place, Menai NSW 2234 . Contact us for more details or call Robin & Steve on 02 95436810. Brother Duncan and Sister Cindy will talk about *God at Work in Human Life Today*.

If possible, please email us ahead of time if you plan on coming - [info@carelinks.net](mailto:info@carelinks.net)

### RUSSIA

We're pleased to announce the baptism of VALERIJ in a town in southern Russia. Our brother has had a long search for the Truth passing through various religions and denominations, first becoming convinced of the unity of God whilst in the army many years ago. Here's our new brother after baptism



It was a pleasure to have sister Vika from Gelendzhik and brother Alexei and sister Vera from Min Vody travel some distance despite their major health problems- in order to break bread. Alexei was baptized nearly 20 years ago and has been a wonderful example of witness and genuine care for others. Sister Vika is really in a bad situation. A refugee from the fighting in Abkhazia, she has no documents and survives by making and selling pies. However, she can hardly walk. Indeed, she cannot walk- she gets around on two crutches and has various spinal and other issues. She gets no state support at all. No pension, no free medical care, nothing. How she survives is amazing- and she travelled a round trip of 500 km. just in order to be with us and visit another sister in hospital. Now facing old age, our sister has a very bleak perspective before her. All her close family members- siblings, parents and son- are all dead. Truly the hope of the Kingdom and knowledge of the present love of Christ is all she has. And therefore she is never short of a smile, despite being in much pain:



It was a wonderful thing to see our sisters and brother waiting for us on a bench with their bags, walking stick and crutches:



Of such is the Kingdom. They are the salt of the earth. We thank God for blessing our preaching over the years and leading us to His true people. Vika has a kind heart and used to give her potatoe pies free to a hungry looking young boy. He brought her a present one day to show his gratitude- a *Bible Basics* his father had. This was the start of our contact with our sister and clearly it was of God. We provided her with major welfare and will try to continue to do what we can, although the Governments of Russia, Georgia and Abkhazia all don't want to give her any recognition of citizenship. So please pray for this lonely but joyful old sister.

### **MALAWI**

Brothers John Aldersley and Greg McIver from New Zealand travelled to Malawi and spent 14 days on the ground from 8/11 – 22/11. This was their second trip – having been to Malawi in March earlier in the year. John and Greg report:

This time we had taken a data projector for giving Power point talks on the Kingdom of God / Nature of the devil / The Oneness of God / Endtime Prophecy. As last time, we experienced a hunger for God's word among many people wherever we went. Malawi has been heavily evangelized by apostate Christendom over the years, and most of the people in particular who live outside the main centres have some form of Christian belief. However, it seems to us that the support from the West for the churches they have established is very thin. In particular, most church members do not have Bibles or Bible instruction. Even the “pastors” or leaders of the churches have very little Bible knowledge. The work in Malawi does not revolve so much around converting the atheist unbeliever, as it does teaching the Truth to those who already believe in God and the Christian faith. Many of these people have only ever known infant sprinkling from their traditional Christian churches, so preaching the Kingdom of God and repentance through baptism is a priority.

#### **9/11**

Drove to Dzaleka refugee camp to collect about 23 of the refugees who form the church there. Ferried them to Lodzi where we hired a lodge for the day. Gave exhortational power point talk on the Power of One which encourages us all to realize that we all can make an eternal difference working for the Lord. Also a power point talk on the nature of the devil. After lunch, Greg spoke on Faith. It was inspiring to see that the refugees have built their own church hall from handmade mud bricks. They have reached a stall point being unable to afford the roof. I appreciate this sort of initiative, so we gave a donation towards the roof, and also some bags of maize



#### **11/11**

Drove to a village called Ngona where a church has been established. It started from a woman who heard our teaching last time and left her Pentecostal church. Others followed her, and we also met her son Limban who has left the Seventh Day Adventists to follow the Truth. We taught again on the Kingdom and the devil. Visited sister Ruth where a house church meets – broke bread with her family and gave Bibles for the group there. Frederick came back with us from Ngona to be baptised in the bath at our lodge. When I asked him why he wanted to be baptised,

he said: "Because I want my sinful ways to be forgiven". There's not a better reason for baptism than that! We went back to the lodge where 2 Pastors and one of their wives had arranged to meet us to discuss our doctrine. I showed them our beliefs, but they later emailed and said they cannot work with us – can't win them all!

#### **12/11**

Travelled into town in the morning to try to get the data projector fixed. As a result we met a young man named James who we preached to and he was happy to take a copy of *Introducing Bible Basics*. He led us to a young man who fixed the projector for us. I learnt last time to trust God when things go wrong, and all things work for good – Rom 8 v 28. Drove to a small village near Bunda – approx 100 kms round trip from Lilongwe to meet Alice who had requested a free Bible online. We met with her and her church and taught them the Truth before handing over the Bible and Bible Basics. We returned to our lodge at 6.30 pm to meet Douglas and Dixon – 2 other pastors who wanted to talk to us. God has quickened me to use the same tactics Jesus used in Matt. 15 with the Canaanite woman. I bluntly told them our beliefs, and that we have no paid ministry. It will test them as to whether they love the Truth or not.

#### **13/11**

Arrived in Nkhota where we were met by Catherine / Esther / Florence and Alice. Apart from Alice, the other sisters were stalwarts last time and travelled with us everywhere. It seems they are just as keen still – praise God! We gave the group there a Power point talk on the devil. We spoke to a woman called Love, who is a school teacher. She was a Muslim and wants to become a Christian. I explained to her the vast difference between Jesus and Mohammed. Jesus' credentials as far as the prophecies He gave and those which came before Him show He is the true Messiah.

#### **14/11**

In the morning we met a young man called Khurwa who it looks like has Polio, and is quite crippled. He is very bright and works for a company involved in advocating for the handicapped as the financial controller. He has embraced the Truth and has volunteered to do translating work. Drove to a village called Thale – only about 20 kms from Nkhota. Used Austin's generator to give Ppoint talks on Kingdom of God / Baptism. 3 baptisms in the pool filled via the village pump – a slow process!<:



#### **15/11**

Drove to a village called Nduluka – approx 20 kms from Nkhota – 7 kms of which is along a dirt track. Last time we had walked this. Again we had our meeting under 2 shady mango trees – this is truly one of the highlights! Bros Innocent and Daniel have started a group here and Greg spoke on the importance of Truth as a follow up to what they already know doctrinally. We were given Nsima and relish for lunch in their newly built church hut – again a great example of initiative shown. There were 13 of us brothers all eating together which reminded me of Jesus and the 12 having fellowship around a meal. Distributed Bibles and *Bible Basics*. On our return to Nkhota, we baptised Alice in the evening in Lake Malawi. Alice kneeled and sang a song of praise with her hands to the Lord before her baptism. Alice has come from a Roman Catholic background.



**16/11**

Drove to Dwangwe – a sugar factory town about 60 kms North of Nkhota. Laurent – a pastor we met last time has invited us to teach his church. There was too much light for the projector but we spoke on the devil to about 35 people. Again they are hungry for good scriptural teaching.

**17/11**

Drove to Matiki – near to Dwangwe and taught about 100 people in a hired school room. Gave ppoin on the Kingdom / Hell / soul / baptism. Broke bread. Baptised 33 people in Lake Malawi. Came back to Nkhota and talked to 2 young men – Charles and George who both seem to think that the devil is causing them problems in their life. We went over the Truth of the Bible and showed them that only God can curse. As we do everywhere we go, we gave them a notebook, pen and Bible and they wrote down all the scriptures relating to the devil being human nature etc.



**18/11**

Left Nkhota for Chitala. Met in a school hall and again used Austin's generator to give ppoin on the devil. Greg again followed up talking about the importance of Truth. Arrived at Mangochi about 9 pm to meet Bro Esau who is the brother baptised by Duncan in Norway who then showed Leonard *Bible Basics*, and Leonard with his evangelical skills has been spreading the Truth since.

**19/11**

In the morning we showed a ppoin on biblical church leadership to Esau and his wife and several others who Esau had invited. In the afternoon, we drove approx 5 hrs to Blantyre. Leonard's daughter is at university here and had invited about 7 students to hear us teach. We gave ppoin on Kingdom of God / devil. One muslim girl was there and so we made a point of emphasising the special nature of Jesus. A man called Elton had contacted Carelinks via the internet looking for Bibles for his church, so he joined us in Blantyre for the teaching, and we encouraged him to teach the Truth faithfully.

**21/11**

We spent a couple of hours in the morning discussing the way to further develop the Truth.

Leonard and Austin both agreed that the main priorities are:

Transport cost / Bibles / Teaching books / self sustainability.

So, we see our mission as primarily twofold:

1) To supply Bibles to Malawi

2) To supply *Bible Basics* in Chichewa. Carelinks has just ordered another 1000 copies to be printed in China and delivered in Malawi around Jan 2013.

As well as Bros Leonard and Austin, they also have several brothers (George, Andrew, Innocent, Daniel and Wallace) and a number of strong faithful sisters (Catherine, Esther, Florence) who are pillars of support; as well as many others coming to the knowledge of the Truth. Let us support our brethren in our prayers, in the furtherance of the Truth in Malawi.

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