

February 2013 Feeding Scheme, Belgium, Bible School Needs, UK Conference

We have MP3 audio files for the *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 28 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ex28.mp3>

Psalms 83,84 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ps8384.mp3>

Mark 13 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mk13.mp3>

BELGIUM, SWEDEN

The various dramas of our brethren from **Iran, Iraq** and **Afghanistan** continue in many European countries. Several of our brethren in **Belgium** have had their cases recognized as genuine and have been accepted, we're pleased to say. We recently visited them and had a most encouraging time with them, including with an Iranian brother baptized in **Latvia** who is now reunited with his wife and family in Belgium. It's great to see the sincerity of our brethren, in that they continue to preach and witness even now that their own cases have been resolved. As a result of this work we were pleased this week to baptize MOHAMED from Iraq, a contact of our brethren in Antwerp- he's second from left pictured here in his freezing, totally unheated room, reached by very dangerous steps and located over a noisy workshop:



In **Sweden**, our Afghani brother and sister are not so fortunate. Here's the latest news this week from the local Swedish lady who is trying to help them. Please pray for them and let us know if you are in Sweden and are willing to assist and fellowship with our brother and sister:

"I promised to keep you informed of what happens. A and S got their last negative in the time they were at the hospital, saying that they should be sent to each own country. Then we decided that they never should go back to the "camp" in V. Now they live in a little house in the forrest near a lake and are doing well comparing with the circumstances. And now we have claimed to the European Court of Human rights in Strassbourg. I sent it to day so now it's only to pray to God and wait the answer. Now the not 2 months left to when the babyboy will come. They look forward to that. I have been to the maternitive-center with Selma, everything was ok, and we shall go back the 27 febr. They make the controll but no registration. "Hidden" people don't exixt. "

BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS

Islamic power is growing so fast that we are almost not noticing the most fundamental change in the world power balance which is going on right before our eyes. This creates increasing problems for many of our brethren and sisters, especially those baptized in areas which were previously nominally Islamic but are now becoming more extreme. There are over 350 baptized brethren and sisters in the Russian speaking republics of central Asia- **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan** and **Tadjikistan**. They fear meeting due to pressure from the Police and local Moslem neighbours, and they fear to baptize their contacts. We would therefore like to hold a **Bible School** for them not far over the Russian border, to which of course local Russian brethren and sisters could also come. We'd like to do this in April or May, God willing, but if we invite all those who could come, the cost of supporting transport and accommodation would be significant. So we're appealing for your support of this project, and of course anyone interested in attending is welcome to do so.

FEEDING SCHEME

Br Rob & Sis Debbie Clements (Horley) and Br Simon Kent (Ipswich) are coming to the end of the final week of the special Winter Feeding Scheme at the **Riga Bible Center**, and they report as follows. We'd like to add our special thanks to them and all those who contribute and continue to contribute to the Winter welfare work which is clearly so very much needed for hundreds of baptized brethren and sisters and is dovetailing so well with the spreading of the Gospel in Eastern Europe. They were able to witness the baptisms of AGRIS and ANDREJ:

"Deb, Rob and I formed the third part of the tag team to support the Riga mid-winter study programme. Duncan and Vladimir taught the study sessions whilst we cooked and then served an evening meal. We have benefited greatly from the two earlier teams: Vanessa's organisation and recipes, Jeremy and Mike's painting and handiwork, Andy's plumbing and Mel, Mim and June's advice and helpful hints at the handover. We feel blessed to have been able to provide some help to the ecclesia. Cindy gave us a long list of deep cleaning and painting tasks whilst she managed two sick children and visits from Health, Hygiene, Fire Regs - all the necessary pre-requisites to building a church that lives to serve the community. The church expands, the hungry are fed, the gospel is preached. May God bless the church in Riga."

Simon Kent

Here are a few pictures of their work- helping paint the new kitchen, taking clothes, blankets and firewood to those in need, cooking and dishing out hot food



In other Riga news, last week we overlooked reporting our joy at the baptism of ZOYA, friend of our very faithful brother Armands.

UK CONFERENCE

The Carelinks UK Conference looks to be a very stimulating day- all welcome! Program at www.carelinks.net/doc/events

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks