

February 2013 Riga, UK Conference and Carelinks UK, China

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

Exodus 37: <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ex37.mp3>

Psalms 96-99 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ps96.mp3>

1 Corinthians 7: <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1cor7.mp3>

RIGA BIBLE CENTER

We're pleased to report the baptism of TOMAS, yet another response to the great work the Lord is doing in Riga.

CARELINKS UK

We're pleased to report the baptisms of ANDREJ and his wife EVA. Originally from Poland, our brother and sister live in the UK and after initially responding to *Bible Basics* online, were much helped to the Truth by brother Wacek Cwiecek and his family. Here they are at the Carelinks Conference this last Saturday with one of their children, along with bro Wacek and his sons brothers Mieszko and Jonatan:



The Carelinks UK conference was a very spiritual day, focused around the theme of the activity of the Father and Son today. Around 75 brothers and sisters attended in total. We heard much enthusiastic reporting from those who'd recently visited Riga, and also a great talk from brother Wacek Cwiecek about the burden he feels for his fellow Poles in Poland, waking up at night sometimes concerned how he can preach more effectively to them. Our brother lives in England with his zealous family, and described his recent visits to Poland, baptizing and encouraging those already baptized.

Photo: Bro. Wacek giving his inspirational talk



We had intended to have some speakers from Eastern Europe, but getting visas is now very difficult as Western Europe has effectively closed its borders to many of the poorer states of Eastern Europe which aren't in the EU. We showed a video interview of sister Ludmila Chernyahovets explaining how she had helped around 30 people to baptism from her advertising of *Bible Basics* on the counter of her pet food kiosk in Poltava, Ukraine. It's a very interesting testimony to how actively God is at work- you will be able to view the video at <http://youtu.be/Z8693FU6bOA>

All the talks were recorded and are available as follows:

Duncan Heaster: God at Work in Human

Life <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/dh2013.mp3>

Vanessa Boler: Past, Present & Future Plans for Feeding

Schemes <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/vb2013.mp3>

Andy Downton: Impressions of Riga Bible

Center <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ad2013.mp3>

Mel Downton: Impressions of Riga Bible Center [with reports from June

Williams] <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/md2013.mp3>

Wacek Cwiecek: God at Work in Poland <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/wc2013.mp3>

Steve Gretton: Jesus Must Reign in His

Church <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/sg2013.mp3>

Rob Clements: The Work of the Holy Spirit [soon to be available at
] <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rc2013.mp3>

We put some collective work into practicing and producing two songs sung by the conference in Russian- special thanks to Peter Cresswell, Anna Ryder, Mel Downton and Cindy for their great efforts with all the music, and to Steve for conducting us so well. The Russian words were displayed on the screen in Latin letters, and after several practices, pronunciation drills and quick Russian lessons, a great finished product was created: 'Sing Hallelujah' and 'Abba Father' enthusiastically sung in Russian by a large group of English brothers and sisters . We videoed the singing [including some part singing] and you can hear the MP3 s at <http://www.hristadelfiane.org/audio/AvvaOtce.mp3> and <http://www.hristadelfiane.org/audio/PojAllelujah.mp3> . We'll be able, Lord willing, to play these at many gatherings in the Russian speaking world - to demonstrate the love, care and effort made by the English speaking brotherhood. Here you can see the words being sung, and our supporting musicians:



CHINA

We continue supporting our various house groups in China and so invite your prayers regarding the following concerning trend:

"China's Christians felt a noticeable rise in persecution in 2012 as the Communist government began the first of a three-phase plan to eradicate unregistered house churches, a new report says. Incidents of persecution of Christians rose by about 42 percent last year compared with 2011, according to the report by human rights group China Aid. Many of these incidents involved groups of Christians. In total, the number of individual persecuted Christians rose by roughly 14 percent and total individual detentions increased by nearly 12 percent..." - you can read more in a very concerning article at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/february-web-only/how-china-plans-to-wipe-out-house-churches.html>

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks