

## February 2014 Riga, Australia, Carelinks USA Conference

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Mark 12 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mk12.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> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at

08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at [www.carelinks.net](http://www.carelinks.net) [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat,

use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at [www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries](http://www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries)

### CARELINKS USA CONFERENCE

You'll find a warm welcome and stimulating, varied program at the *Carelinks USA*

*Conference* scheduled for Fri. 18 - Sun. 20 July 2014 at the South Ozone Park Christadelphian Hall, 120-22 131st Street, South Ozone Park 11420 **New York**, God willing. More details

at <http://carelinks.net/doc/events> . We suggest you download and print out the flier

at <http://www.carelinks.net/nyc2014.pdf> and display it in your meeting hall if possible- do spread the word! The presenters will be brother Duncan Heaster and brother Andy Downton.

Brother Andy and his wife sister Mel are currently living in Riga for a 3 month stay, helping coordinate the Winter feeding program. There is an average of 1 or 2 baptisms / week in Riga at the moment, and what's going on in Riga is surely amongst the most dramatic examples of God's saving activity in our brotherhood at this time. Andy will speak directly about his experiences and the lessons which could be learnt.

In other news from Carelinks USA, we're delighted to share the news of the baptism of ATONYA. Her husband brother Dean writes: "*I hope all is well with you and your family. I just could not wait to give you some wonderful news. My wife, Atonya was baptized here in our flat last Sunday, Feb.9. I was so happy to partake of the bread and wine with her after the little ceremony. She had been reading **The Real Christ** [www.realchrist.info] and said she was ready, I knew she had been talking about it quite regularly but was a bit surprised to hear of her feelings. We spoke of the deception we had been brainwashed with in the Roman church, and I have been reading selections from *Elpis Israel* to her. So anyway my friend, all is well here. I am a bit ecstatic knowing that we have come to the true gospel concerning the Kingdom of God and things pertaining to Jesus Christ. Whether you admit it or not, I thank you so much, your friendship and teaching brought us to the truth. May God continue to bless you in all you do, Your brother and sister in Jesus Christ*

*Dean and Atonya Mansi"*

### CARELINKS AUSTRALIA

We mourn, really and truly, the sudden falling asleep in Christ of our dear brother David Joseph. David was truly a prince in Israel, a personal tower of strength to many of us involved with Carelinks, and a wonderful supporter of our work from the beginning. We truly long the more for the Lord's early return, and meanwhile pray at this time for sister Peggy and the family.

On another note, brother Steve Jones [Cindy's father] sets us all a great example by his witness in the workplace- his car mechanic's yard in the southern suburbs of Sydney, in his case. He has copies of *Bible Basics* and the *NEV Bible with Commentary* on display for his clients to take, and due to this he is planning to baptize one of his clients this weekend. Let us know if you would like literature to distribute in your own context.

## RIGA, WINTER WELFARE

Sisters June Williams (Guildford, UK) and Miriam Clark (France) report as follows, following on from the report of brother Denis at :

*"Our week here has been another humbling experience but it is heartening to see the work that has been achieved through the dedication of not only Duncan and Cindy but their helpers - Mike and Vanessa (Folkstone) and Andy and Mel (Horley). We have been able to assist them in the kitchen to help daily feed the 100+ brothers, sisters and others which is a feat in itself! Since last year improvements have been made to the hall but still there are problems with the air conditioning the repairs to which have so far taken a month. This is just one example of the day to day difficulties which crop up and have to be dealt with. On Wednesday Duncan took us to visit a group of homeless brothers and sisters who live in the corner of a disused warehouse. It was cold, damp and utterly cheerless but for them the alternative was to sleep on the street... a far cry from our comfortable existence back home. Although they seem to have so little they were still prepared to show love to a fellow brother who needed a roof over his head. He had broken his leg and was forced to leave hospital with nowhere to go due to lack of a place to live and not being allowed in the night shelters because he has TB. Just a few of our experiences which we thought we would share with you. June and Mim"*

Many homeless people in the West are in that position because of substance abuse, but many in Latvia amongst the Russian population are not like that. They get a tiny pension, some as little as 10 Euros / month, and have no choice but to live in the night shelters- if they can. Sister Medina has to be out of her shelter by 8 a.m. and can't return until 8 p.m. She walks the streets in her overcoat, clutching within it her most important document- her 'Order of labour', a recognition of over 25 years work of a high and conscientious standard in a factory (notice the hammer and sickle emblem at the bottom). But despite that, and having damaged her leg by continually pressing a stiff pedal all those years, she has to trudge the streets in her old age. But she is amongst the most joyful of our members. It is a pleasure to feed her and keep her warm most days in the Winter:



We're pleased to report the baptisms this week of ANDREJ and ANATOLY- you can see Miriam & June and others they mention below:



As reported by sisters June and Mim, brother Kolya broke his leg and was taken to hospital. As all health care has to be paid for, he was given the very minimum help by a doctor who had no duty to help him. He simply put his leg in plaster, with no X-ray done. Our brother has nothing apart from the clothes he stands up in and an old cell phone. So at 11 p.m. our brother was told to leave the hospital. His trousers didn't fit over the plaster, so he was given a pair of thin, disposable hospital trousers. He had no money to get anywhere. He needs caring for. He had to wait all night in the emergency waiting room until we got the message and could come and collect him in the morning. He was discharged with no crutches or pain killers, hobbling on his plastered leg and hopping along. He needs assistance, and so we took him first of all to the four

brethren living in the derelict warehouse, whilst we bought crutches, pain killers and some food to cushion the pain killers. We also bought more blankets and warm clothes. We really believe that the funds you kindly donate really are achieving great things with God's blessing, and providing directly relevant help at the cutting edge of human need- indeed, the need of our brothers and sisters in Christ. To try to give you some idea of the work done just that day with June and Mim, we videoed some parts of it... you can hear the constant coughing of our brethren in the warehouse, they all have TB which means they can't sleep in the night shelters. We believe this movie needs to be watched by the brotherhood, it's at <http://youtu.be/7McaR5pmcvw> . We will continue to try to appropriately provide what we can for our needy brethren and will try to move our brother into the housing project in northern Latvia. Here are a few stills from the video:



We'd like to particularly ask for your prayers for us to have wisdom as we try to care for the Lord's people.

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