

## Finland and Estonia, November 2006

We reported previously on the growth of the Gospel in these northern lands and we're pleased to say that a visit was recently made there "to confirm the souls of the disciples". Our Iranian brother and sister Sohail and Parvane are still living in a small town near the Arctic Circle, finding it hard to adjust to the extreme cold. We provided Sohail with more artist's materials- it's a big comedown from being a lecturer in art at an Iranian university to now being stuck near the Arctic Circle, struggling to learn Finnish and having little chance of finding employment. The Finnish Government have been very supportive of them however, although sending them to such a remote place isn't that helpful to them. Sohail has suffered a heart attack, related to the wounds inflicted on him by the Police during the escape from Iran. He's cheerful and grateful for the Lord's support of him and his family. Our new Finnish brethren have obtained more literature for them in Iranian [New Testaments, Bibles etc] and we took them with us to give it to them.

Our brethren are really a wonderful example of 'what can be done' in spreading the Gospel in an affluent and materialistic society like Finland. Our initial lecture was attended by about 15 people, and they've continued meeting with them, and their little band of two has now grown to four with the addition of SIRPU and TIIMO, both well versed in the Scriptures.

The little ecclesia there are certainly active, reaching out to all kinds of people, placing Bible Basics in public libraries, contacting people on the internet etc. They're pushing ahead with producing more Finnish literature and produce a small magazine in Finnish- any interested can see their work at <http://www.carelinks.net/languages/finnish.htm> .



Photo: Crossing into northern Sweden near the Arctic Circle

Our brethren feel very much the power of grace and how this alone can transform the hearts of people. On their initiative they've started renting a building which they're renovating to provide temporary accommodation for ex-prisoners, specifically those who are young and were in prison for the first time. They're seeking to provide comfort and counselling to these troubled youngsters, and hope to set up an office for their outreach work in this building too.

Photo: Cindy and Henrik outside the building [there are so few daylight hours in northern Finland



at this time of year, hence the after-dark photo]

Our new brethren are hoping to come over to the Carelinks Conference planned for the first weekend of May in Kendal, UK. Come along and meet them! More information at <http://www.carelinks.net/events.htm>

We continued to Estonia and enjoyed warm fellowship with the lovely ecclesia in Tallinn, delighted to report the recent baptism there of LEILI.



Photo: Warm fellowship with a few of the Tallinn brethren.

We give thanks for the wonderful response to the Gospel all over the world at this time.

With much love from your brothers and sisters of CCM