

Haiti, Carelinks Conference, January 2010

WINTER WELFARE WORK continues- we'll update later, God willing. Attendance at the Riga Bible Center continues setting new heights, and we're pleased to report the baptism of VIKTOR, currently in the refugee camp. We are hoping for yet more fruit from the work there soon.

Although overshadowed by the disaster in Haiti, the *Carelinks UK Conference* was a very spiritual and encouraging gathering, with the best attendance so far for our UK gatherings! Thanks to all who came and to those who presented, and to Steve & Sue for organizing it so well. MP3 recordings of the talks are downloadable from <http://carelinks.net/doc/mp3>

HAITI

As mentioned previously, Brother Nick from the UK managed to get to Haiti via the Dominican Republic and deliver aid and identify needs. A fuller update will be forthcoming but brother Esmath has emailed the following emails during Nick's visit:

"Hello Brothres,

I am extremely happy this morning to have your feedback , thanks to Our God we are swimming in his grace inspite of what happened . I was with Brother Nick last night... Regarding the tents, You can devide them by sending both size because some of the family are Big composed of 8 people but some othres are 3 or 4 people. I have already begun taking actions for my people. eighty percent of my people stay in the locale [ecclesia] until we have tentes for them. We have already bought a Generator for 600\$ US and Paid yesterday to provide light in the ecclecia because there no electricity. I bought food and water for them and I am going to buy some others things to cover the locale because it begins to be to small for my people. I am persuaded that Brother Nick will be at the eccleecia Sunday and He will report to you what he sees. Thanks for having us in your mind, May God bless you!... I took some other pictures last Saturday while providing food to the needy orphan children. I have taken some pictures together with Brother Nick who came from England to visit and work with us... Dear my dear brothers, My warmest salutation to you in the name of Christ our redeemer. Thanks to God this week was an exceptional week under the power of God. We thank God for sending our tireless Brother Nick who decided to come to Haiti in such difficult situation, it is only the Love of God which could do so. Mosquitoes persecuted him a lot but he accepted to stay with us in the Yard.Regarding yesterday morning, the service was nice and Brother Willière led the service and Bother Nick delivered a very spiritual message while I translated. The place was packed and the place is already too small . There were 118 people attended the service!. Please keep on praying, so that the real Gospel of Jesus Christ will be spreading in Haiti. May God bless you all so much !"

Photo: Visitors and brethren at the ecclesial gatherings which are attracting so many people- 118, when they were only 10 a mere 2 months ago! Note how they are meeting under sheets, which won't be any good in the forthcoming rainy season. Hopefully the heavy duty canvass we're sending over will be better.



Photo: Orphan children cared for by Brother Esmath with food provided for them on a makeshift table; the generator purchased to provide electricity



One very urgent identified need is for tents. We have purchased some smaller tents and sleeping bags, and at the time of writing have just obtained a small ex-army canvass marquee [large tent]. We are going to courier these over around the time you receive this message. A trial package of clothing was couriered over by a Carelinks UK brother using the only delivery service currently operating in Haiti, and this has just arrived in Port au Prince, Haiti. Having tested the delivery method, we're now going ahead and send over the tents, sleeping bags and marquee.

Photos: Buying sleeping bags and tents in the freezing Winter of Eastern Europe; a brother and sister who live in the night shelters signing a card for the Haitian brethren



Please do continue praying for the huge problems which face our dear brethren and their families in Haiti. We'll report more next time, God willing.

Carelinks have been trying hard to obtain phone number and contact details for a CBMA baptized brother, Kenson, in Haiti, so that we can offer assistance to him. Our requests to them for this haven't been responded to and we wonder if anyone who might happen to know them can supply us with them, so that he too can be assisted with accommodation and fellowship at this awful time of loss.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks