

Haiti, Western Europe, Feeding Scheme, Kyrgyzstan May 2010

The Bible Companion reading for Sunday is Isaiah 6, and there's an MP3 study on this chapter with special reference to the breaking of bread

at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/is6.mp3>

WESTERN EUROPE

We're pleased to report the baptism earlier this week of VERA, a Russian woman living with her family in Germany quite near to our local representative sister Lindsey Mason in Luxemburg. Duncan spent some hours in discussion with her and then the next day Lindsey came along to be present at the baptism. Vera loves the Bible and reads it with a magnifying glass due to failing sight; she was absolutely radiant after her immersion and we look forward to continued fellowship with her.



FEEDING SCHEME

The large number of brothers and sisters in Riga living in night shelters present a unique challenge to us in terms of pastoral care. Increasing numbers of elderly people with no means of renting accommodation are coming to live in these shelters, and the authorities seem to be making them as unattractive as possible. At some of them, those who stay there must leave now by 07:00 a.m. and return only at 8 p.m. [the times used to be 8 am and 7 pm]. The next move in one of them has been to take away the lockers which were there so that those staying there can store absolutely nothing there. Sister Nina called very distressed to say that she had had to leave the shelter with her possessions and had nowhere to take them so she was waiting outside the hall with them wondering if she could leave them there. She and many others have taken their few bags of belongings to the Riga Bible Centre; those bags are the sole earthly possessions of our dear sister.



Whilst we can only do so much to help, brother Dan Joseph of the Bodalla, Australia ecclesia is a chef who's between jobs, and he's kindly offered to come out to cook for our brothers and sisters in the first half of June. Anyone interested in coming out to help him should contact us immediately; the aim is to provide one good meal per day in that period. The cost of food is likely to be around 40 GBP / day; and we'd like to run this for at least 2 weeks. Any who'd like to sponsor the purchase of food are welcome!

HAITI

The ecclesia in Port au Prince have received the Bibles and French Bible Basics sent to them, and their regular meetings continue under canvass. They are hoping for more baptisms this Summer, and send greetings and continued gratitude to all who supported them. They sent

some photos:



KYRGYZSTAN

Our last carelink message commented on the situation here, and since then there has been more unrest as you may've seen on the media, as the new 'Government' is overthrown in some areas by a counter-revolution and there has been more bloodshed and rioting. Whilst our brothers and sisters aren't currently in undue physical danger because of this as they remain in their housing areas and don't participate in the demonstrations, the effective lack of Government means that wages and pensions often aren't paid- and this seriously affects our brethren and sisters who are already on the lowest rungs of a very poor society. And Police presence is very weak to enforce basic law and order.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks