

## **Jamaica, Iraq May 2010**

This Sunday's Bible readings are from Hebrews 1 and 2. There's an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/heb1.mp3>

### **JAMAICA**

We've had several enquiries about the welfare of our brothers and sisters in Kingston given the recent violence and over 80 deaths so far in the rioting, mostly in the vicinity of the ecclesia hall in Kingston. Brother Davion Sinclair is the secretary of the ecclesia in Kingston and he informs as follows:

"the situation here in kingston is very bad, however i must say that all our brethrens in kingston and surrounding are ok. but at times we came under heavy gunbattle with the thugs and the force. and i can say no church will be held until further notice as the Kingston ecclesia is situated on a battle field. with killing of a security in front of premissis. the city is in a total lock down.... at the moment the situation is slightly coming to an end with lots of controversy. our meeting will be closed until further notice as it sits on the battle line in kingston. we here in Kingston and Jamaica are very terrified of the situation. on sunday when the operation was about to go forward our meeting came under heavy gunfire from each side of its surrounding with members eager to get out and go home. it was a bloody and scary moment for all as there were non stop gunbattle and explosion leading up to wednesday. please continue to pray for us as we encounter on a daily basis news of bodies still lying on streets and in homes decomposing. a year and date not to be forgotten.

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Davion Sinclair  
Kingston, Jamaica"

So your prayers will be appreciated for the faithful there.

**IRAQ** [for security reasons this online version of the carelink is abbreviated and non specific]  
We're delighted to report that two Carelinks committee members made the journey to Iraq to baptize a Moslem contact with long term interest in the Bible and Christianity. We appreciated your prayers for this unusual and at times challenging trip. So many things great and small nearly went wrong and stopped our meeting, but God was surely with us, and we arrived at our prearranged meeting point within literally 2 minutes of each other.

We could've done with a satellite telephone- anyone with a spare one is welcome to donate it to Carelinks as we could use one on these kind of trips.

Our brother travelled a road where there are daily killings, and travel websites advice that travelling it is 'suicidal' and 'looking for a bullet'. He came to meet us in a quieter area of Iraq because of the difficulties for us entering Baghdad itself. Such was his desire for baptism. He was given a Gospel of John 12 years ago, then realized this wasn't the whole Bible, so he got a New Testament, read it, and realized from the text that this too wasn't the complete Bible; and so he borrowed money to buy a complete Bible, which he also read. He then embarked upon the path of seeking the correct understanding of the Bible. He had asked several Christian groups to baptize him. However, to baptize a Moslem can result in execution or severe problems; everyone fears converting Moslems. And so he was always turned away from these groups. This was all in God's hand and God's good time.

We were able to give him an NASB Study Bible with maps and concordance, which sister Anna Ryder had left at the Riga Bible Centre. He was so thrilled with it. He's very into Christian music, and we gave him some Praise the Lord CDs.

He now rejoices that now everything makes sense in his life. So our brother truly "went on his way rejoicing" although his journey home lay through some of the most dangerous territory on earth. We took this photo with some trepidation- every highway intersection is heavily guarded by security and they don't take kindly to being photographed:



Whenever we hear of yet more deaths in Iraq we can pray our brother is OK, and especially that he continues to grow in Christ and bring more people to Him in spirit and truth. Anyone who may be travelling to Baghdad on business or contract work is welcome to contact us to see how they could assist.

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