

January 2013 Winter Welfare Support, Carelinks UK Conference

We have MP3 files for the *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 11,12 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/gen1112.mp3>

Psalms 16 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/ps16.mp3>

Matthew 8 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt8.mp3>

We are busy as usual at this time of year in seeking to assist many brothers and sisters with Winter support- assistance with paying for heating, buying firewood, providing hot food, and seeking to make rooms and homes warmer against the cold. Already we have had reports of temperatures below -40 C in parts of **Russia** and **Kazakhstan**, and in **Latvia** we have already had -25 C. Death rates are far higher in the Winter than in Summer in Eastern Europe, and we are seeking to do all we can to ensure that those most at risk- the elderly, sick and those with babies- are supported. This is more than a full time job as we are operating over a large area. We have already begun distribution of firewood- here's some delivered this week:



Those forced into the night shelter system- the Gulag Archipelago, as it is known- are in a bad situation, especially those who don't have citizenship. They must be out by 8 a.m. and only allowed in after 7 p.m. They must spend the day on the streets, and cannot leave anything in the shelters. So they carry their few belongings with them. The streets are very icy and for old people, it's a nightmare trying to move around. Cindy spent hours on Saturday caring for an old sister who needs a knee, back and hip operations and can hardly move; but having nobody to care for her, she has to somehow go over the ice on her frame to get food. And there are so many like this who receive no assistance from anyone apart from us. We are opening the **Riga Bible Center** every day in January and February, and we have various brothers and sisters coming over to assist with providing meals each day. We aim to provide up to 2000 major meals and probably several hundred liters of coffee and hot drinks during this period alone. Please pray for those doing the work, may it glorify the Father and His dear Son, and be a beacon of light in this dark world.

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We have a really wide and stimulating program lined up for Saturday, February 23rd in Croydon, God willing. It promises to be good Bible study mixed in with gripping personal testimony from very live wire new converts. The program is at <http://carelinks.net/doc/events> and all are welcome.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks