

January 2014 Riga, Japan, South Sudan, Serbia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 7 and there are 3 MP3s about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt14.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; *Carelinks Bible Radio* is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at 08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at www.carelinks.net [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat, use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries

SERBIA

A couple of years ago we had contact with a young man called BASSAM in **Tunisia** who wanted to come to Christ. He accepted the Trinity and was baptized by a Protestant church in Tunisia. His mother is Jewish and was one of the Jewish women forced to marry Moslems during the various waves of Jewish persecution in Tunisia. This young man was very zealous in his Christian faith. Moslem extremists shadowed him and took photos of him, in church and in the company of Jewish friends. He was beaten several times and strangled. He reported this to the Police and had it documented. Such was his continued zeal that a fatwa- a Moslem death threat- was issued and pinned up around the town, calling for his death as a Kefir, an apostate, and falsely accusing him of being a Zionist and friend of America, as they had photographed him with an American missionary. We have a copy of the Fatwa and can share it with you . It's all in Arabic but we suggest you run it through Google Translate to get the picture. It includes photos snapped of our brother by Islamic agents, at the church he attended, with an American missionary, and in the company of Jews. A blue arrow has been inserted to demonstrate who he is in the crowds. His full name and date of birth are published with the order to kill him, replete with quotations from the Koran to justify it. It's scary how these extremists are spying on people. This information has been published on a Jihadist website- we have the link for anyone interested but don't wish to give it any advertisement online. It would be a good idea to show this to our young people and make them run the Arabic material through a translation program, so that they realize what threat is posed to God's people by militant Islam- and the cost of following Christ.

During this period he carefully studied *Bible Basics* and *The Real Christ* and became zealously convinced of the error of the Trinity and pre-existence of Christ- resulting in his rejection by the Trinitarian church he had worked so zealously for. He fled to Serbia, simply because he didn't need a visa to get there, and ended up in Belgrade, appealing for asylum there and living on food donated by kind people who sense his sincerity. He has a good, well documented and solid case for asylum- please pray he is granted it and consider supporting our brother at this difficult time- he is not allowed to work or study whilst his asylum application is being considered by the Serbian Government.

He is truly an unusual young man, and we made a movie of his testimony -now at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQyyYqnCISE> . The issue of re-baptism is deeply personal but he makes a compelling testimony. It was a pleasure to therefore baptize him this week.



As our brother speaks French, we also took the opportunity to produce a video with him explaining in French why he rejected the Trinity for the Unity of God, a pre-existent Christ for the Biblical Jesus born of Mary, and wanted re-baptism into Jesus as Son of God rather than God the Son. It's at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTsdfEFUEKg>

Please realize the seriousness of this situation for our brethren in Islamic countries, falsely accused of political Zionism because they have embraced the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom as the true "Hope of Israel". That a detailed fatwa could be written and published against our brother is very sobering.

JAPAN

Our new sister Danielle, recently baptized in prison, has written an amazing letter of gratitude; you can read it at the following links. It's a great encouragement to the power of God's Truth and His ability to spread that Truth of Jesus Christ to the most obscure locations and situations:

<http://www.carelinks.net/files/dan2014a1.jpg>

<http://www.carelinks.net/files/dan2014b1.jpg>

<http://www.carelinks.net/files/dan2014c1.jpg>

<http://www.carelinks.net/files/dan2014d1.jpg>

RIGA

Andy & Mel Downton (Horley) and Mike & Vanessa Boler (Folkestone) have arrived in Riga for the next 3 months to provide hot meals each day for the brethren and sisters and contacts. We look forward to Rob & Debbie Clements arriving this weekend to assist them. Our prayers are with their great efforts. Here's Mel & Mike already at work:



They were able to participate in three baptisms on their first weekend. VALENTIN, husband of sister Marina [in the photo below]; ANDRIS, an elderly man facing grave health issues; and VLADIMIR, a spritely gentleman who looks like some kind of Christadelphian Solzhenitsyn, who simply loves what we have to teach. He was at one time a guard on the Berlin Wall and still remembers some German from his time stationed in Berlin:



SOUTH SUDAN

Brother Amos, who has got out of South Sudan safely to Kenya, reports as follows. We are grateful to him for channelling funds sent to those in need:

Dear brethren, GOOD NEWS Brother Martin is now in Nairobi, he was airlifted by the Kenya Defence Forces. He got the priority due to his illness, he has been in Nairobi since Yesterday. I am to go and see him there, he is hospitalised in a private clinic. I told his wife not to worry since he was sent funds to ... cater for his bills. He is having malaria and typhoid, it is not serious. I talked to him, in fact he could afford to laugh on phone. Sister Purity started journey through Ethiopia today. I managed to convince my friend who works with the UN Malakal to avail funds to Purity. He did that, I will send deposit his money tomorrow, she managed to pick the funds

yesterday evening from Nasir UN. She sent me a message confirming that to me. Today, I have not managed to talk to her, maybe network problems!! The three brothers in the UN camp are also fine, however, they only have one phone they use for communication. They lost their phones, I was using Martin to get to them, and now Martin has given me another number of their friend there. I asked them to be beeping me once a day so that I call back. I cannot call them directly because the phone is not on always. We hope and pray for peace soon enough. More still, this should not scare us from spreading the gospel in S.S. Even the Apostle Paul passed through a lot to bring people to Christ. Your servant in Christ, Amos

Remember that our local South Sudanese brethren are still out of contact and at great risk. All these situations are in a sense quite overwhelming. Thank you for praying for them all. Please continue to do so.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks