

January 2014 South Sudan, Belgium, Feeding Scheme, Western Latvia, Rwanda

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 21 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt21.mp3>

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at <http://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

FEEDING SCHEME

This week in **Riga** the feeding scheme has been run by some very dynamic believers from around the world- in addition to Mike & Vanessa Boler and Andy & Mel Downton, we've had Rob & Debbie Clements from the Ipswich **UK** ecclesia and Belinda Burns from Sydney, **Australia**. They've worked so hard not only in feeding audiences of between 100 and 130 every day [mostly baptized brethren], but also cutting through the language barrier by music, readings and teaching using Google Translate. They've run the scheme without a translator for three days now. There's a brief video of Belinda and Mel getting everybody singing along at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkeeqNDUFZ0> . Belinda & Mel have a wonderful way of getting the best out of everyone, Belinda went out and bought a drum and got brother Andrej enthusiastically keeping the beat:



As ever at the **Riga Bible Center**, teaching the doctrines of the true Gospel merges seamlessly with supporting the basic human needs of the forgotten lower end of society- basic warmth [it's been down to -15 degrees] and nutritious hot food. One of our contacts, JANIS [with the beard] you can see eating below after the Bible study, whilst Rob & Mel serve. But here he is being baptized and welcomed soon afterwards:



We were also pleased to baptized ZHENYA and you can see the group of visitors rejoicing with him here::



SOUTH SUDAN

We appreciate your prayers for the chaotic situation here. The good news is that sister Purity Olesye has made it out of South Sudan over the border to Ethiopia and is now en route to Kenya. However, **Malakal**, where we had an ecclesia, has become a focus of the fighting. Thousands

have fled for their lives, and nearly 300 drowned when a boat sunk which they had boarded to flee down the Nile. Brother Amos reports:

"It is sad to read about the boat. I heard about it this afternoon. Sister Purity, by Gods grace, she is safe, i just talked to her this morning. She is in Gambela, Ethiopia. I am very worried about John and the three brothers we baptized. I am scared afraid that those brothers could have been on that boat".

Br. Phil & Sis. Miriam Worsnop in Australia have a number of South Sudanese in their Bible study group / ecclesia.

Miriam reports: *"Elizabeth just phoned me about 1 hour ago. Her father & two orphan children are alive. Elizabeth has said thank you and praise God for the prayers that they have been answered . Her father and the children (4 & 6 yrs) hid by night and walked during the day. The children's feet are very bad and bleeding from all the walking. They got to the river Nile, where a man took them across without payment. They are now in a camp with many others. God Willing we will have raised \$1600 by Monday to send to Juba to hire transport to take them into God Willing Uganda or where they can enter a better refugee camp. When Elizabeth's father reached the camp today he found someone who had a phone and he was able to call Elizabeth this afternoon. Conditions are very bad but they are alive. There are other ones we know here, who have had many family members who have been killed"*.

So please do continue your prayers and for us too as we seek to assist from a distance and through many barriers.

BELGIUM

Duncan took the opportunity of so much good company being in Riga to spend a day with the ever growing number of immigrant brethren in Belgium. We're delighted to tell you of the baptisms and devotion to the Lord of MEHDI, SALAR and BENJAMIN. Please pray for them in their various problems and projects in the Lord's service. Two of them came from the direct witness of existing brethren in Belgium. Our Iranian brethren are communicating the Gospel to some within Iran itself, and are planning on making their own missionary journey to Turkey at their own expense to meet and baptize the contacts. We hope that three brethren from Carelinks in the UK who have met the Belgian Iranians will be able to be with them for the baptisms. Please pray for this extension of the Gospel.



WESTERN LATVIA

We had a call from a computer technician in Western Latvia who has been reading our material online after becoming disillusioned with mainstream Christianity. It was a pleasure to visit and baptize this delightful man, VIESTURS. Our brother fixes computers for folks and asked us to pray for an elderly man called Agris, who like so many in this sad land has no family and was depressed and suicidal. Our brother gave him an old computer, he got online- and came alive. Viesturs asks us to pray for him, that he will now respond to the true Gospel and find life more abundantly. We also took the opportunity to visit the group of believers in the isolated care

home in that area, and had the company of about 30 listening to some studies on prayer.



RWANDA

About 8 years ago a young Moslem man in Rwanda called Omar requested literature from us and decided to convert to Christ. He was baptized by us in the Hotel Mille Collines in Kigali, the hotel which features in the documentary Hotel Rwanda. This quiet young man was very devoted to his new faith, and at the time was in teacher training college. He finished, and was then posted to a remote part of Rwanda. There in deep jungle in quite literally darkest Africa, our brother has grown in his faith, kept in contact over the years and has interested his whole school in the true Gospel. He also helped translate the French version of **The Real Devil** movie. He recently received a box of the **NEV French New Testaments** with commentary which we published, and you can see the joy of his fellow teachers on holding God's word in their hands in this remote place. The box took over 6 months to arrive. Our brother and his contacts speak English as well as French. Rwanda, contrary to its image, is now a safe and lovely country. Let us know if you'd like to go visit our brother and assist with baptizing his contacts. This would be a trip you won't forget, to a solid brother who has shown his stability in the faith for some years but is somewhat cut off from the rest of us by distance.



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