

## January 2014 Winter Bible School, Riga, South Sudan

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 28 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt28.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; Carelinks Bible Radio is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php>

### WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL IN EASTERN EUROPE

Every dollar donated to enable the recent *Winter Bible School* was truly well spent, and used by the Lord to create a wonderfully spiritual environment for the scattered brethren throughout the Russian speaking world. We're thankful for safekeeping throughout- the hotel where we held the conference had all spare rooms taken over by Police bussed in to deal with the riots, so we had off duty policemen walking all around us throughout the last few days of the School. We had speakers including Alan Atkin, Steve Gretton, Paul Hosking and Jeremy Neate from the UK, and Joe Badlu from the USA. Brother Joe Badlu summarizes his impressions:

*"Despite the demonstrations, riots and bloodshed in the center of the city of **Kiev**, about 65 brethren and sisters attended the Bible School here. Some others feared to come because of the violence, but we were quite safe. It was an amazing experience to meet elderly brothers who had been looking forward so eagerly to coming to the School for a whole year. They had braved very low temperatures [it was -25 C during the School] and one 87 year old brother travelled five days to be at the Bible School. They came from remote areas of **Siberia** and the Arctic to be together with those of like faith at Bible School. At the end of each presentation or lecture, brothers and sisters engaged in deep discussion of the Biblical topics in an animated but friendly manner. The highlight of the Bible School was the baptism of two brethren, SVYATOSLAV from **Ukraine** and NIKOLAJ from **Russia**. It was most spiritually uplifting to be amongst brothers and sisters who showed such zeal and passion for the study of God's word. It was a pleasure for me personally to meet face to face brothers with whom I had previously been in communication by email, from Russia, Ukraine and the UK"*

Brother Joe Badlu is the treasurer for Carelinks USA. The funds donated for the project of sending out Bibles to remote parts of Russia and Ukraine are forwarded by him to the brethren who are posting the Bibles out. Here you can see Brother Joe receiving very detailed accounts and receipts from a local brother:



It was good to see some more recently baptized present, including our African brother Samuel who was recently baptized in Ukraine:



You can view the testimony of 87 year old brother Pavel who travelled five days to Bible School on various trains. It's translated into English and worth listening to.

See <http://youtu.be/lGQWcq2Ddil> . Here's a picture of our brother taking careful notes [as many of the bre & sis do] on the talks:



We're truly grateful to our speakers and to those who sponsored the local bre & sis to attend. We're interested in hearing from potential speakers for our *Summer Bible School*, which God willing will also be held in Kiev in July this year. Do be in touch if you're interested. Speakers talk one sentence at a time through translators- here you can see bro Jeremy Neate being translated by bro Alexei Tishchenko:



You can see recordings of many of the sessions on our Russian Youtube channel <http://www.youtube.com/Hristadelfiane>

### **SOUTH SUDAN**

We're pleased to say that sister Olesye is now safely in **Kenya** after fleeing the nightmare situation in South Sudan and getting first to **Ethiopia**. However the town of Malakal where we had an ecclesia has continued to be a focus of the fighting this week, with awful atrocities reported from there, such as the rebels going into a hospital and shooting the patients in their beds if they were from an opposing ethnic group. We continue to pray for our South Sudanese brethren with whom contact has been lost.

### **RIGA**

Our team of workers has been strengthened by the arrival of brother Pete Eichorn and two sisters from the Nantwich UK ecclesias. We're pleased to report the baptism of NELLIJA; here she is being welcomed into fellowship by brother Andy Downton of Horley, UK ecclesia:



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