

January 2015 Australia Conference, Russia, Latvia, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 6 and there are three MP3s about this chapter

at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt6a.mp3> <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt6b.mp3> and <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt6c.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>

CARELINKS AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

We're sorry to say that at the last minute the Rabbis have pulled out of the planned debate which was to be the center of the Carelinks Australia Conference. So this isn't going to happen, and instead there will be a presentation and discussion about the role of Islam and the Islamic State [ISIL] in Bible prophecy. This will be at the **Hurstville Ecclesial Hall**, 1 Myall Street, Oatley NSW at 3 p.m. on **Sunday 11 January** God willing.

RUSSIA

We're delighted to report the baptism of DIANA, daughter of sister Elena in the Moscow region. Elena asked us to pray for Diana's conversion at the *Summer Bible School* and the Lord has been very active in responding to those prayers over the last 6 months.

UKRAINE

It was a great inspiration to have over Jon & Deb and Cardia Cwiecek from the Erith UK ecclesia- they showed an amazing commitment, maturity and zeal for the Lord's work whilst in Latvia and Ukraine. The last Carelink reported them sitting on a train to Odessa in southern Ukraine. Sister Deb takes over the story:

"We met Artem in a snowy bus station and, after having a quick bite to eat, we took a taxi to a Sauna where they had a big enough pool for his 6ft3 frame. The one we visited was plush but rather dangerous as the shallow end of the pool was about 8ft deep and cold! Thankfully Jon, Duncan and Artem can swim and are all around 6ft or over but this test showed us again how desperate Artem was to be baptised.

God's hand was clearly at work in our lives today as we were not sure he would take the arduous 6 hour journey to meet us, he must have thought the same thing! Artem must have a fairly deep conviction of the truth to make such an effort. He seems sincere about his new journey despite his family disowning him. Although born in the Ukraine, he lived in Israel (Nazareth and Jerusalem) as a Jew with the rest of his Jewish family until he started to read the New Testament and found a love for Jesus. His family rejected him when he left the synagogue and he felt persecuted by family and friends so he decided to move back to Ukraine where he is currently unemployed due to the economic unrest. He stumbled upon the Carelinks websites when scouring the internet for answers. He found what we were teaching was closest to what he reads in the Bible. Duncan, Maxim and Artem exchanged messages and Artem completed the entire Bible Basics course before he asked to be baptised.



In Kiev and Odessa, we have seen many off duty soldiers grouped in the train stations and streets. It does seem a country at unease so we ask for prayers of safe keeping for our brothers

and sisters here. We spent a whole day distributing about 2500 leaflets. We took a tram, just any tram, and waited until it reached an area with high rise blocks. And then we walked to another such area that we saw on the horizon. Most of the blocks were locked but we got quite good at following old people as they approached the blocks, and slipped in with them. Inside we found racks of many letter boxes and we were spurred on by the thought that each leaflet might be the difference between eternal life and eternal death for these people in their rather sad lives. So many times we found the locked doors opening for us. God was really with us. We must have walked around 20 miles that day. As Paul says in Galatians 5v25, 'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit'. This slightly mad journey full of waiting in 'cheap and cheerful' cafes, blizzards, hotel rooms and dodgy saunas has taught me to be more aware of God working in my life and to trust in Him as He has certainly provided for us".



LATVIA

The feeding scheme, firewood distribution and Bible teaching continues, with Jim & Anne Barton set to return to Canada next week and be replaced by Rob & Debbie Clements and Vanessa Boler from the UK. We're happy to report the continue progress of the Gospel with the baptisms of ARKADY and IVAR.

Our young sisters spoke freely about their work and experiences in Latvia and Ukraine in a brief video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSXUDRp1EtI&list=UUYP5dgMyPo1m-pFlqpyojTQ>

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the newly baptized this week : Diana, Arkady, Ivar and Artem
- For the brothers and sisters in Ukraine
- For more Jewish people to accept the Lord Jesus as Messiah and Saviour
- For those who have lost families and relationships as a result of accepting the Lord Jesus
- For those travelling long distances this week
- For the new team arriving in Riga

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks