

January 2015 China, Winter Welfare, Computers, Africa, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 27 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt27.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>

CHINA

We're used to publishing photos of men with tattoos and a wild past being baptized in Latvia, but the urgency of the Lord's calling to those in the highways is in fact going on worldwide.

Brother Donald reports from China:

"I baptized Li who was born in a rich family and never have to worry about clothes, food etc. and then searched for adventures in life through fighting and violence. Finally He was sent to prison for it. I hesitated to travel and meet him for a week, but something moved me on, I thought God was trying telling me and I decided to go. During my staying with him, I spent much time telling him Bible things and we talked much about the true understanding of the Devil and how this should lead us away from violence. And we looked at Bible verses and thought of their real meaning, for example: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27).

"vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

"All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

And the prodigal son parable.

I also emphasized that all these evil behaviors are not caused by external Devil but sin within. And encourage him to read Bible every day to conquered the devil within. Please be praying for him. God bless"



WINTER WELFARE

The feeding program is continuing in **Riga**, Vanessa Boler has really done a wonderful job in setting up good standard accommodation for the workers at the feeding scheme- sis Rachel Harrington from Folkestone UK is arriving as we go to press. In the cold, snow covered, depressive atmosphere of Riga, the *Bible Center* really is a light in a dark world, providing what people really do need- food, warmth and the regular explanation of the Gospel .

Just today, we found a tearful brother Indars outside the hall. He walks with difficulty a stick, and was carrying a bag of belongings and also holding the hand of his young daughter. Our brother was baptized as a result of our English language meetings, but he now lives far from Riga in a village. His wife had suffered a miscarriage, and so had had to get the bus into Riga, and then trams to the hospital... and so he had come down to see her, and needed somewhere to sleep the night. Fortunately Vanessa was present and was able to minister comfort and support:



This photo captures the spirit of how many genuinely needy, struggling people are coming to us and finding at least some level of relevant support.

We also continue our pastoral and preaching work in hospitals and care homes for those who've suffered strokes or struggle with other disabilities. Brothers Robert and Aivar continue to share the same room in one such care home, far out in the forests and next to a frozen lake. Generally forgotten by the world, the folks here are truly in need of the Gospel, and we've been able to continue taking literature there. And this week we also delivered a laptop, loaded with our books, videos and MP3 audio files. The laptop was donated in response to an appeal on *Carelinks*. Despite limited sight and hearing, Aivars is just thrilled to be able to watch the recordings from the *Riga Bible Center*; this laptop has really enabled fellowship and spiritual feeding:



And of course people with health challenges worldwide are looking for the Gospel... here's an email from North America which arrived this week:

"Salutations! My name is []. I am almost 41 years old, newly found I am permanently disabled after multiple spinal surgeries, & am desperately trying to find SOMETHING of value to understand & learn with religion. I was not raised with any type of religion, but have recently found a willing desire to learn, and find it extremely hard to understand, or have anyone to question & discuss with. I do not have any income as I have applied for permanent disability, but that takes time. I humbly ask for a free copy of *The Real Devil*. I already requested *Bible Basics* & eagerly await its arrival. I thank you sincerely in advance of reading my email request"

AFRICA MALAWI

Over the years we have been active in visiting and supporting work in **Malawi**, especially after a Malawian we baptized in Norway converted his former church to the Truth. And so we were sorry to receive reports this week that over 200 drowned and a quarter of a million people have been displaced by floods which have turned much of southern Malawi into a lake. We've also been active in the massive Dzaleka Refugee Camp. After the initial baptisms there a few years ago, they are now building a hall, and are very happy to have just received the *Swahili NEV NTs with commentary*. Many in the camp are Swahili speakers, originally from Eastern Congo and Rwanda. So again, we appreciate your enabling of such projects- these contacts and brothers and sisters are so thrilled to have any kind of Bible of their own. There are obviously no bookshops in refugee camps... the food handouts are themselves often disrupted or inadequate. Here are photos received this week of the receipt of the Bibles and progress on the hall:



NIGER

Our one brother there, Jude, has sent pictures of the devastation on churches there by Moslems rioting over the Charlie Hebdo cartoons ; he is very scared as there is a mass turning against the Christian minority there. Not only have churches been burnt and ransacked but there are lynchings of Christians going on.



PRAYER POINTS:

- For brother Jude and others facing Moslem aggression in Niger and other areas
- For the ecclesia at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp
- For the work of producing and distributing Bibles
- Thank God for the response to Carelink appeals, and for how He has used the responses in His work
- For Indars and Sylvia with their miscarriage
- For the brethren in the isolated care homes
- For those affected by the floods in Malawi
- For the Ukraine Bible School this week, bearing in mind the serious escalation of the war in Ukraine

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks