

## January 2015 Conferences, Riga, Smart Phones

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 20 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt20.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html>

### CONFERENCES

Many thanks to all who attended and assisted at the **Carelinks Australia** conference. It was a very encouraging time. Br. John Thatcher sums up:

*"We've had a lovely Carelinks weekend starting with a 60th birthday party for Steve Jones. So many people and it all went beautifully. Then on the Sunday Duncan exhorted at the Hurtsville District Ecclesia to a pretty full hall. We all left feeling that if God had to drag Abraham toward the promises well He can do that for us too. Then after the meeting we were served a Borsch soup lunch to see what the Latvians get in the feeding program. Then in the afternoon we had a brief Carelinks rundown with updates on the various things going on. Then , there was an interesting talk on IS, which we all enjoyed it's been a great weekend"*

The **Carelinks UK** Conference will be held God willing on Saturday 28 February; program and details at <http://carelinks.net/doc/events> .

### RIGA

Br Rob Clements describes the work this week at the feeding scheme:

*Vanessa, Debbie and Rob arrived in Riga on 6 January. Vanessa is here for a few weeks and the others for ten days. We started cooking on Day One as we arrived on the last day of Jim and Ann's magnificent stint and Hannah had gone down with a nasty bug. Thankfully she has now recovered and has been working hard in the kitchen. It has been great to see many old friends who come to the Riga Bible Centre, and also plenty of new faces too. There is an amazing mix of ages and approaches here, but everyone who comes is struggling with life in more ways than one. Rob has been doing the talks this week, focusing first on the apostle Thomas and then on the 'big themes' that run through God's word. The audience is always attentive and enthusiastic, and coped this week with the challenge of being asked to sing some hymns some in Russian and some in English. We have been living in the newly refurbished accommodation at the Bible Centre which is comfortable and warm, and so have been able to enjoy being 'on site' which allows us to pace the work well and to do small bits of maintenance and the like. Helping with the winter welfare programme really is an enjoyable and fulfilling thing to do and we would encourage anyone reading this to consider volunteering next year, whether you are in your teens or in your seventies. Much love to you all.*

Rob



However we are sorry to tell you that the windows were smashed at the hall this week, which isn't too pleasant for those living there. Please do pray that our work will continue, and safely:



Despite all that, the Lord is continuing to work. Just as we go to press, we've just baptized NIKITA and ENDIS. They have both attended on and off for a long time, and they are both very serious. One has tattoos witnessing to a previous life, and the baptism was yet again a testament to the Lord's ongoing and powerful transformation of human lives through the preaching of His word in the Riga soup kitchen.



### **Smart Phones, Apps**

We're aware that an increasingly high % of folks are using Smart Phones. We would like to produce some apps for smart phones... perhaps based around books like *Bible Basics* or the *NEV Bible with commentary*. Please let us know what you would like to see in a Smart Phone App...

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For no more vandalism and unpleasantness at the Bible Center
- For blessing upon our newly baptized brothers, that they do not slip back to old coping patterns
- For those doing the work
- For wisdom as we seek to spread the Gospel through Smart Phone technology
- That the Conferences might lead to more 'boots on the ground' in the Lord's work

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