

July 2013 China, Riga, Syria, Malawi

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SYRIA

We've mentioned in previous Carelink messages the plight of our brother who was baptized in Syria a few years ago, our only brother there. His home village is in the center of some of the worst fighting around Aleppo, and he fled to Turkey. Now he has been joined by his family. We're hoping to visit him and them next week, we ask for your prayers and material support if at all you can. The war in Syria has left at least 100,000 dead, with hundreds of thousands wounded and millions made homeless refugees. Please do try to support our brother.

SOUTH SUDAN

We are planning a visit here to contacts and ex-pat workers this coming week, God willing. Please do pray for blessing on this trip, in a country still wracked with civil war, no transport network, functioning banking, postal or health system outside Juba- it's all quite a challenge. Please do remember this prayer request.

MALAWI

Brothers John & Greg from New Zealand have just returned from a trip to Malawi where there is huge growth in the true Gospel, with a number of new ecclesias having developed recently. This trip, John & Greg baptized nobody but spent all their time running training sessions for local brethren, as it is of paramount importance wherever possible to 'commit the things of the Gospel to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also' (2 Tim. 2:2). There are indeed such brethren in Malawi and we feel our role is to develop them to take responsibility as far as possible for baptisms and pastoral care.

John and Greg report: "Brothers Austin and Leonard have been working with passion and a zeal for the truth, preaching the truth of the gospel of the kingdom all over the country. Many from mainline churches have adopted the truth, and been baptized. Normally, we have spent a lot of time travelling to the various towns and villages to visit the brethren. This time, due to time restraints we had decided to hold a bible teaching seminar in the capital of Lilongwe, and bring the brethren to us, thus eliminating the wasted time on travel. The attendees numbered 47 plus ourselves. The group was selected as being potential leaders in their areas and came from the North in Mzuzu, to the South in Bangula, Nsanje and Zomba. They were divided into 2 groups and we broke bread with both groups each day - as was the custom of the first century Christians in Acts 2. This in itself, is something special for most, as the cost of wine prohibits most from being able to afford it. Each group were taught the same programme, with some differences depending on various questions covered. Core topics were: The Kingdom of God, The nature of the devil, The oneness of God, The importance of Truth, Baptism and Beyond. These topics were enthusiastically received and as seen in the photos, the brethren took copious notes in their booklets supplied. The subjects covered basic doctrine, but also what God expects from us post baptism - to walk in the spirit and not in the old way of the flesh.

During breaks between the 1 hour to 1.5 hour talks, there was fervent and joyful praise offered to the Lord.

The photo shows Brother Leonard with a brother who has converted from being a Muslim. I asked him why he changed. His reply was that there was no joy in the Muslim faith, and he saw the joy of the true Christians. Praise God that his wife and family have also converted with him, but there is pressure in his district from the Muslim community. They try to buy the faithfulness of the people with gifts of cows etc. But Jesus has bought us with his blood because he loved us so much.



This photo shows Brothers Austin and Innocent and Daniel. Innocent and Daniel are subsistence Farmers from Nduluka - around 30 kms North of Nkhotakota. They are staunch brothers in the truth, and last year, when another group of Pentecostal missionaries tried to get them to follow their way, they firmly showed them the boundary of the village!



We are very happy to see the development of knowledge and faith in their lives. The problems of overcoming the flesh are common to all men, and the Malawian believers are not exempt from that. But considering we do not offer any paid pastorships - as does the mainline churches; and that their affiliation with the truth is for the truth's sake only; we have to admire their dedication. Two of Carelinks' key focal areas in Malawi - as worldwide- are the supply of Bibles, and the *Bible Basics* study manual. 217 Bibles were able to be supplied on this trip which would bring the total to around 1000 in the last 18 months. 2000 copies of *Chichewa Bible Basics* have also been printed and supplied. We praise God again for the privilege of being ambassadors of Christ and his truth."

CHINA

We're pleased to report the baptism of another brother in rural China. Brother Donald reports: "MENG FANGCAI requested a Chinese Bible from seeing us on the internet. He decided to be baptized after reading it and our literature intensely. I tried to visit two contacts of br Fangcai in that village, and I left 4 copies of Bible and *Bible Basics*. I pray to God that our new brother can use the books well and bring more people to Jesus. God bless"



RIGA

We're pleased to report the baptism of ANDIS, yet another of the Lord's many people in this city- performed in the sea in very windy and cool weather:



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