

July 2014 Winter Feeding Scheme Volunteers, Riga, Belarus, Carelinks USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 14 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt14.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 USA

Next weekend, God willing, is the Carelinks USA gathering from Friday 18-Sunday 20 July at the South Ozone Park ecclesial meeting place in **New York**. You can see more information at www.carelinks.net/doc/events . All are welcome to what promises to be a most stimulating program!

RIGA

There were another two baptisms this week in Riga. ALLA has attended for a couple of years and has become progressively more committed. She gave a wonderful testimony before her baptism, which we recorded in Russian. It's an amazing story of a person with an engineering degree and a very sharp mind, who obtained a Bible from us and read it over a period of three years. She says that her acceptance of baptism was partly because she saw the truth of the doctrines taught and partly because she perceived the basic love and care for persons in our work. It's a most encouraging testimony.



Brother Sasha [far left] has brought many to Christ over the years and here you can see Br Andy Downton helping him baptize SERGEJ last Sunday in the Baltic Sea.



WINTER FEEDING SCHEME

What is going on in Riga, Latvia continues to be an amazing demonstration of God at work, with at least one baptism most weeks, real progress in the spiritual development of so many; and relevant welfare support being given to the hungry through the feeding scheme. Our plan, God willing, is to try to do the Winter feeding scheme five days / week for 3 or 4 months in the period December 2014 - March 2015. We really encourage you to come over for a week or more to help in this work; the work is straightforward, not unduly heavy but plenty of it, and doesn't require any language knowledge. We're now taking bookings- and we'd be happy to hear from anyone who would like to have a go at giving the Bible talks each day, using Google translate to produce your presentation. Please contact Andy & Mel Downton meldownton@btopenworld.com or Mike & Vanessa Boler vanessaboler@yahoo.co.uk to book your slot in the work. We're delighted to say that sis Hannah Aldersley of New Zealand is planning to come at that time for nearly 3 months, God willing- and we urge other young people to likewise rise up to the challenge.

BELARUS

In September 2013, we reported a baptism and asked for special prayers for Belarus: "We have many contacts in Belarus, many of whom fear to be baptized... Please pray for their faith and

commitment to grow yet stronger". You obviously prayed, because since then we have been regularly reporting baptisms in Belarus. This week we were delighted to baptize EMILJA and SOFIA . They deeply appreciate the truth and we seek God's continued blessing on this family and His work in Belarus [more information in the email version]

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks