

June 2011 Sister Judite, Carelinks USA

This Sunday's Bible readings include Revelation 12 and 13; there's an MP3 on these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rev1213.mp3>

We'd like to thank all the British and Australian brothers and sisters who've been in Riga recently painting the Bible Centre, running 2 Bible weekends, passing out leaflets etc. Currently we have Andrew Fotheringham and Rick & Janine Hennig from Adelaide ministering this weekend also.



One pressing situation at the moment is regarding sister J, and sister Wendy Kennett from the UK reports as follows:

SISTER J

A visit to a sister expecting her third child. It sounds like an occasion to celebrate. But J's situation is disturbing –....Access to health care is similarly restricted because of the low level at which the government subsidy is set. One sector of the population suffers an additional disadvantage. The descendants of Russian workers who migrated to Latvia during the Soviet era often do not automatically qualify for Latvian citizenship: they have an official status as “non-citizens”. For less well-educated ethnic Russians, these obstacles mean that they are disenfranchised and disadvantaged. Ivan has therefore found a place for them to squat. It was the squat that we were invited to visit. As we turned off the main road onto a dirt track between a cemetery and a series of allotments we began to wonder whether we would find the place. But Ivan was waiting in the rain to show us the way. We parked up and he led us along a path overgrown with tall grass and cowslips. Our legs were soon soaked through. After about a hundred yards or so, we entered one of the allotments. It had probably been neglected for years. There was an old chair out in the rain, and the remains of a fire, but no signs of cultivation. At the end of the allotment was a tumbledown shed: home to J and Ivan. A battered wooden structure containing single bed and a couple of bedside cabinets. We found J lying on the bed looking depressed and lethargic. The room was small and dark, with standing room for two people. Duncan and Ivan stayed out in the rain. There was no means of cooking, no source of water of any kind, no bathroom facilities, no heating. Just a dirty shed. Any water used by J and Ivan came from a well in the cemetery, intended for watering the flowers. In many a third world country, despite the grinding poverty, there is the support of a village community to fall back on. But here, generations of Communism has cut those community ties without providing a replacement. And in Latvia, winters are long and hard. There is a high death rate among the poor.

Cooking facilities:



The Bible-centre is a life line to J and Ivan. We gave them a lift back there, ready for the Bible class that evening. At the thought of going there, J lost her lethargy. She and Ivan were laughing together in the car. It heartened all of us to see her more cheerful, for her general situation could hardly be more miserable. She was at least able to have a shower and a good meal, and an

evening of warmth, company and spiritual food. There is no easy long-term solution to their problems but J's current situation is impossible. A shed without any facilities is not a place that it is possible to contemplate having a child – least of all during a Latvian winter. Help is sorely needed to provide the immediate care associated with pregnancy and birth, which J cannot afford, and to find some better temporary accommodation. Any support that you can provide – whether through prayer or more material contributions – would be greatly appreciated. You can paypal to info@carelinks.net or transfer as explained at <http://carelinks.net/doc/otherdonations> .

UPDATE: Last night we were informed that the supposed owner of the derelict shed had chased them out of it. At 11 p.m. they were on the street shivering in the heavy rain, thinking about spending the night in a park or in the cemetery. Duncan and Andrew grabbed some mattresses and sleeping bags from the hall and took them to a sister who rents one room and they crashed there on the floor.

Please do pray for sister J. Our outreach has reached the very marginal areas of society and has brought forth a response, and we seek to follow where God leads.

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The Klennert family continuing mailing out large amounts of literature to those requesting it from all over the Americas. Slowly this work bears fruit. Here's an email just received from the Detroit area:

*Just finished with **Bible Basics** and wanted you to know that from reading it, I believe God has lead me to the Truth and I will be looking into the process of being Baptized. Have been attending a local Ecclesia and will let them know of my intentions. God Bless you and thank you for your prayers. P.S. Intend to give the book to my brother and pray God will work on him. And from a Messianic believer elsewhere in the US:*

*I just got my copy of **The Real Devil** a couple of days ago in the mail. Right now I've gotta say, I'm impressed. I haven't believed in a supernatural "Satan" for a little over a year now, but I never knew just how much the tanakh made reference to pagan mythologies in order to deconstruct them. I really enjoy and appreciate the time you've put into the research on this topic and now I'm gonna have to do my own research on Semitic paganism. Thank you for the vast amount of information you've put into this publication and for helping to reaffirm what I already thought to be true.*

*Shalom,
Nathan*

We'd remind readers that copies of *Bible Basics* and other literature like *The Real Christ* and *The Real Devil* are available from our representatives in UK, Australia and USA.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks