

## June 2012 Greece, Riga, Mali, Mexico

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Revelation 7-9 and there's an MP3 on these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rev789.mp3>

### GREECE

We've just returned from a visit to Athens, where an Iranian refugee brother was baptized. He has chosen a new name, "SIMON", and truly he is an unusually zealous 'hearer' of God's word. He has an awful existence as he has no documents at all.

That someone with such a passionate, indeed the word "acute" comes to mind, love of God's word is in such a materially awful situation with no visible way out is indeed tragic. Our brother has plans to try again [as he has tried before] to travel northwards and seek to get into Italy where at least the situation is somewhat better than in Greece.



Please do pray for our brother and for the witness to the Truth which he is now making as he distributes the PDF of *Bible Basics* to his various friends and relatives worldwide by email whenever he can get online.

### RIGA

We're pleased to report the baptism of IGOR, a tattoo covered long distance truck driver with some pretty interesting stories as to how the Lord preserved his life and brought him to the Truth. Here you can see him and Duncan listening carefully to Vladimir and Janis giving a baptismal address based on Colossians 2; note the chess set, which was sent over to us by a Carelink reader in South Africa when we appealed for them a while ago. Things like chess and the free hair dressing service have really helped create fellowship and relationships at the **Riga Bible Center:**



There's a huge amount of Bible study going on in the Riga Bible Center... just as there should be at a Bible Center! Many people who've never had a Bible or seriously engaged with God's word are being given Bibles and hearing the Gospel. We really feel we are doing our job to be a light to the nations here.

### MALI

The great work begun by the Lord here last year continues to bear fruit and sister Astrid provides the following update:

About time to provide you with an update of the situation of our dear brothers and sisters in Bamako. The situation has not been easy the last few months. Undoubtedly you have heard of the coup d'état in March by an army officer, resulting in a terrible chaos in the country and a near free rebel Moslem state in the north where people now suffer under sharia law. The international community are attempting to force the 'government' to return to democracy by imposing severe sanctions. Our small group at Yirimadio, Bamako are doing reasonably well. The 5 sisters were very happy with the money received and all now have their own little business

going with which they can feed themselves and their children. The gardening project is mainly carried out by Salomon who still suffers mental pain from the rejections he had to endure because he is an African albino. There was a problem with the well, but that is solved now too and people, animals and garden have enough water to meet their needs. The first crops will soon be harvested. I am not sure about the progress with the micro finance institution with which they were in touch to develop a workshop using the sewing machines. I'd guess this is postponed for the moment during the instability and uncertainty in the country. Let's be grateful to our Lord for giving us the opportunity to help out in Yirimadio, just in time now that food prices are rising to an all time high and hunger strikes the country (and the other 18 million people in 9 Sahel countries). They all need our prayers.

Love

Astrid

### **MEXICO**

The Gospel continues to spread to the most unusual people in the remotest places. We received an application for Bible literature from a contact in a small town in Mexico, who subsequently confirmed his interest as follows:

GOD BLESS YOU BROTHER ,APRECIATE POR YOUR LETTER, IM SORRY BECAUSE MY ENGLISH IS TO SHORT BUT I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW MY WISH IS LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GOD BECAUSE HE IS GOOD. IM EX DROGADICT, ALCOHOLIC AND GANG MEMBER FROM CALIFORNIA BUT IM A NEW PERSON AND I HAVE A NEW LIFE I AM 43 , HAPPILY MARRIED IHAVE 4 KIDS AND I WANT TO TEACH THEM ABOUT OUR GOD AND SHOW THEM HIS WAY; I LIKE TO PREACH IN THE STREET AND BUSES. BROTHER I WOULD LIKE IF YOU CAN HELP ME WITH SPANIS M,ATERIAL BACAUSE MY ENGLISH IS SHORT AND I CAN READ VERY WELL IN ENGLISH. THANKS FOR YOUR SOPORT AND GOD BLESS YOU.  
MY MA,E IS JAVIER

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We'll send him some literature for distribution, confident that the Lord is powerfully at work so that His word never returns void.

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