

June 2014 China, Turkey, Iran, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 2 Peter 3 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2pet3.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>

UKRAINE

The horror in Eastern Ukraine, especially in Slavyansk, is just not being reported by the Western media . Children and civilians are being killed and maimed by the continual shelling of civilian areas, including schools and hospitals; many thousands from the wider area have fled over the Russian border as refugees, although Slavyansk itself is encircled by Ukrainian tanks. You can read and view more at

<http://rt.com/news/165808-ukrainian-refugees-horror-bombings/>

Slavyansk was bombed with white phosphorous, which elsewhere the West have forbidden to be used in war; even though they were not burnt by it, our sisters were left with sore throats and eyes from inhaling it. There are amateur videos of this burning white fire being dropped (which water cannot extinguish) at <http://rt.com/news/165628-ukraine-incendiary-bombs-phosphorus/>

We're pleased to say that one of our number has now escaped from there and is in an apartment in another part of Ukraine, and we are by all means trying to get the others out too. The problem is [according to communication with a sister within Slavyansk today] that those who have Russian passports are not allowed out of Slavyansk, even children. Please do pray for this whole situation. It certainly appears like an intentional civilian massacre is being perpetrated. Banks and Western Union are now not working at all in Slavyansk. Never before have we been so convinced that such war and violence are deeply non-Christian. Please do continue to prayerfully support our efforts.

TURKEY / IRAN

Our large network of Iranian brethren in Europe continue to spread the true Gospel to contacts and relatives back in Iran. This is done against all odds, as the regime there continues to oppress Christian converts and Sharia law requires the execution of any who leave Islam within three days of their conversion. A group of our contacts came over the border into Turkey for baptism, and it was our pleasure to baptize them into the Lord Jesus, although we realize more and more our limited ability to provide pastoral care and follow up in Iran. Even electronic and mobile communications are not secure, and there is a religious police whose job it is to track down and investigate any such converts. We simply believe the Divine promise that *"He which has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ"* . So please do pray for our new brothers: O, A, R, A, H and A.

[More information in the email version]

Because of its geographical position, Turkey is absolutely flooded with refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan... about everywhere. Press reports this week alone speak of half a million refugees fleeing northern Iraq. People are sleeping in the open air, begging on the streets, whilst the more wealthy are driving Syrian and Iraqi registered vehicles around, clogging up an already populous country. There is no way Turkey can continue receiving these millions of people. We really do long for the Lord's return as there seems no viable human solution to these issues.



The crisis in northern Iraq is on a huge scale, with at least 500,000 refugees fleeing the takeover of much territory by radical Islamists, with mass killings reported. A few years ago we made the only *Carelinks* visit to Iraq and baptized a brother in the area. We're grateful to say that he is no longer in Iraq and so is not personally affected by the violence.

CHINA

The progress of the Gospel continues throughout China, with genuinely interested people contacting us almost every day. Again and again we give honour to whom honour is due, in that brother Donald continues his tireless work of many years now- teaching, visiting and baptizing contacts and also making great efforts to provide pastoral support to them in Chinese. Our brother has been a star convert and we pay tribute to him. This week we're pleased to tell you of the baptism of MA, seen here with Chinese *Bible Basics* literature which has been printed with your support:



With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks