

June 2014 Ukraine, Bibles, Georgia

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Revelation 3 and 4 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rev34.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>

RIGA

Attendance continues very good at the *Bible Center*, with increasing participation from local brothers and sisters. Here you can see a one armed sister and an 80 year old pensioner cleaning tables and floors; a great example of people finding their calling and rejoicing in doing something concrete and actual for the

Lord: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoHJUhkQX0Y>

UKRAINE

The situation in Eastern Ukraine and especially the encircled town of Slavyansk has deliberately been unreported or misreported in the Western media, as the Western-backed forces of the Kiev regime are encircling Slavyansk and shelling the town around the clock. Water and electricity are now cut off, food is scarce and very expensive, schools and the hospital [see photo below] have all been hit, and the UN admits there have been nearly 300 civilians killed... a figure the Russian side is far too low. Many civilians have taken weapons into their own hands. And the white phosphorous bombardment has left people with sore throats as a minimum' you can see a picture of it coming down below. The only people allowed out through the so called humanitarian corridor are women and children who have Ukrainian documents. The following pictures make the situation clear.

The ecclesia there is comprised of a grandmother, her daughter, her son-in-law [all baptized] and the young child of the daughter and son-in-law. The problem could not have been worse- he has Ukrainian documents, but as a military age male wasn't allowed through the checkpoints; and the others all have Russian documents. Petrol is running out in the town, and the only way out is to pay drivers large money to risk their lives and vehicles crossing through back lanes late at night. Here's one of the checkpoints, with Passports being checked:

This week we are relieved to report that our brother got out, and is now in a safe area of Ukraine; and the sisters and child got out and are now safely over the Russian border. Please do pray for this family. We really appreciate your prayers and support at this awful time. Please do continue them, as there are so many ongoing needs, not just for them but for so many others in the area. [Pictures on the email report]

GEORGIA

It has been some years since we made a visit here, and the CBM appear to have pulled out of the area. We were pleased to revisit this week, and to baptize R and M. Both of them are from Iran, and were brought to the Truth by the internet witness of one of our brethren in Belgium. They had read our material as PDF files, and it was a joy for them finally to hold *Bible Basics* in their hands in hard copy. They had formerly been involved with the JWs, and had learnt from them at least that the call of Christ is to radical risk and persecution. It was an incredible journey, coming over the border into Georgia solely in order to be baptized into the Lord Jesus, and paying their own way. Despite many possible variables, we arrived at the pre-arranged meeting point within 10 minutes of each other, which has the stamp of the Divine on it.

BIBLES

Many thanks to those who expressed willingness to come and help unload 4000 Bibles by hand

[no hydraulics] ; and especially to Rick, Andy, Vaz & Cardia for being such a huge help to Marcus on the day of arrival:



The *Swahili New Testaments with commentary and reduced Bible Basics* at the back are now with us, so let us know if you have a need for them. Our hope and prayer is that the Lord's word will now go forth wider and yet more powerfully in East Africa and its diaspora.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks