

Malawi, Haiti, Riga September 2010

The *Bible Companion* readings for Sunday include the parable of the pounds in Luke 19, and there's an MP3 about this at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk19.mp3>

RIGA BIBLE CENTRE

Brothers John and Toby from New Zealand have continued their good work here, and also took a few English speaking brothers with them to the housing project in northern Latvia, and visited those being housed there. As a result of our recent French language Bible School in Latvia, we have recorded quite a few MP3s in French- see <http://carelinks.net/fr> . They are talks by brothers John Aldersley and Toby Rison from New Zealand, translated by sister Sonia Hemingray from France. They cover such subjects as Patience, Praise, Anger, Depression, The Gospel of the Kingdom, The devil, and "From atheism to Christ". They also recorded an interview with brother Charles, one of our refugee brothers. It's quite an amazing story of how God truly is at work today, and highlights how desperate are the lives and situations of so many of our brethren. John probes Charles' doctrinal understandings in some detail, and it's wonderful how someone was led to us by God after having themselves worked out that the trinity was non-sensical. You can listen to it at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/charlesd.mp3>

Attendance goes up and up... currently Brother John is presenting a Bible weekend, and we've been phoning round people asking them not to attend, because already 70 have attended. John and Toby assisted with baptizing ROLANDS and VIKTOR. Rolands was raised as an underground Jehovah's Witness in the Soviet period, but later left the movement and has been searching for true Christianity ever since. It's just amazing how God brings people to us. Here's Bro John presenting with Sis Irma translating him; and a photo of Rolands' baptism:



Brother Vlad lives in an absolutely awful room, like a box within a bigger room in a tenement block without a lift, but he has for many years devoted himself to God's word. Despite very limited eyesight, he reads the Bible wherever he can. He has taken responsibility for cooking at the Riga Bible Centre, and whenever we come to open up, he's usually sitting there reading his Bible; he says that in case he totally loses his sight, he wants to make every effort to read as much as possible now.



Our brother Viktor continues very slowly improving after his stroke, and here's Vlad visiting him:



We're very pleased with the responsibilities our newer brothers and sisters are taking; without being asked they already have worked out a hall cleaning schema between them:



Here's brother Bashir [right in the photo], an Iranian refugee brother, serving an Iranian dish he prepared for everyone:



The Riga Bible Center is appealing for any spare communion cups, holders, silverware etc. for our large breaking of bread meetings.

We are also pleased to say that new premises are being found for our meetings. But... we will need to do quite a bit of light building work. Anyone interested in coming for a week or so of intense DIY work in November should contact us soon! Brothers Graham Mitchell and Peter Eichorn are leading a team of workers then and we'd so welcome your support.

We're also trying to equip a kitchen large enough to prepare food for over 100 people. Any donations of equipment, or funds to buy kitchen equipment, would be really welcome.

And... you're so welcome to come over and assist in the feeding programs or Bible weekends. Indeed, we'd like to repeat our invitation for brothers and sisters to come and labour in this work for a longer period. The progress and potential is huge.

We've already begun distribution of Winter welfare in Eastern Europe and will report more soon, God willing.

HAITI

Septembre 23, 2010

To all our Brothers

Object: Invitation

Dear Brothers in Christ,

May the peace and Grace of God be unto you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! We praise God for his grace and his mercy towards us by giving us opportunity to drop you these lines in order to invite you to take part in the first anniversary of our ecclesia, the place of truth. That day represents for the whole members of the ecclesia an unforgettable date because it is a date the ecclesia has been inaugurated. The ecclesia has been inaugurated by our baptisms on the 27 of November 2009 and so the ministry will be one year on the 27 of November 2010. But we will celebrate it on the 28th which a Sunday. This date cannot be seen like a letter at the post office, rather a very meaningful date for everyone who is drinking in the pure Milk, which is the real truth. Besides, You have been contributed for the existence of the ministry which is doing a colossal work in our society by having now 39 members who are taking part in the breaking of the bread, That is why we do not want this date to be celebrated in your absence.

For the committee, brethren in Christ

Esmath Sainval

Williere Jean

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MALAWI

We mentioned a few months ago that we baptized a Malawian brother, Esau, and his wife Hilda, in Norway; they've now returned to Malawi, and got their former church to study Bible Basics. We've contacted brother George Mayimba, and he and other local brethren from the Salima Christadelphian ecclesia recently visited this group and are hoping to also visit the refugee camp ecclesia. We're so delighted to have made this connection with Brother George. Here they are conducting studies with brother Esau's group:



Finally, please pray for some very interested and long term contacts we have in Bhutan, Brazil and China... we hope to be reporting more news about them over the next weeks, God willing.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks