

March 2011 Winter Welfare, Slava and Nina, MP3s

The Bible Companion readings for Sunday include Luke 19, and there's an MP3 on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk19.mp3>

WINTER WELFARE

Last week we reported on the needs of our subsistence farmer brothers and sisters who are now in their hardest part of the year, as last year's harvest is eaten potato by potato, beetroot by beetroot until a new crop can be sown and harvested. We mentioned our beloved sister Nina who wanted a new chainsaw to replace her old one, so she can continue to cut up firewood. We bought one, and are grateful to Br Rowan Barton and Elpida for making the long journey to take it to her.

Here's the chainsaw being picked up by Rowan, and then, quite some hours later, taken across the snowfields to Nina's home. She lives some way from the nearest asphalt road:



She has a lot of problems with her back and hobbles around her very isolated home, often needing to hold on for support. Note her indoor clothes line. Here's her bed, heating tube and cut up firewood ready to burn; and her grateful as ever to God and to us all:



Thanks so very much for your support of the Winter welfare program which allows us to help many brothers and sisters like Nina.

So many others benefit from basic medicines and health consultations with Cindy, as do the local mothers who attend our mothers and toddlers group:



Br SLAVA and Sis NINA

This bro & sis are very Godly, devout believers in the Lord living in a remote place in southern Russia. They live in poverty, real poverty, as subsistence farmers. Recently their 32 day year old infant son Lev died, it's not clear what from, he died overnight, and there is no medical assistance nearby. We managed to talk with them both on someone's cell phone, with network fading in and out. It was a very pathetic conversation, they have nothing apart from their children and some chickens and a literally tumbledown home, and their faith in God, although as we discussed between the tears, "Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour" (Is. 45:15). They know no English and the postal service is most unreliable but we thought you might send them some condolence cards. They will likely keep them amongst their few personal possessions for the rest of their lives. They are really so absolutely distraught. We can provide their postal address on request. Here are some file photos from May 2008, showing

the situation in which they live and one of their other children in the same makeshift, deathtrap bed in which their latest baby just died.



Please do pray for them.

MP3s

Many Carelink readers are in spiritual isolation or small groups. We encourage strongly the daily reading of the Bible and have found the *Bible Companion* the most useful method for this, despite experimenting with other plans. We realize many of you, as many of those we baptize around the world, are unable to attend regular ecclesias, and we always encourage brothers and sisters to break bread alone if they can't attend an ecclesia. We therefore produce MP3 recordings of talks based on the New Testament *Bible Companion* readings for each Sunday, so you have something around which to base your meditations at the Lord's table. Here's the schedule for the next three months, Lord willing:

- March 27 Luke 19 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk19.mp3>
- April 3 Galatians 3,4 <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/gal3.mp3>
- April 10 John 1 <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1.mp3>
- April 17 John 9,10 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn9.mp3>
- April 24 John 20,21 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn21.mp3>
- May 1 Acts 9 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts22.mp3>
- May 8 Acts 20 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts20.mp3>
- May 15 Colossians 2 <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/col2.mp3>
- May 22 1 Timothy 1-3 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1tim2.mp3>
- May 29 Philemon <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/philemon.mp3>
- June 5 Hebrews 12 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/heb12.mp3>
- June 12 1 Peter 2 <http://aletheiacollege.net/audio/1pet2.mp3>
- June 19 2,3 John <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/23jn.mp3>
- June 26 Revelation 12,13 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/rev1213.mp3>
- July 3 Matthew 3,4 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt4.mp3>

We'd also remind you of the online breaking of bread using *Skype* technology, whereby brothers and sisters can break bread 'live' with each other- more information at <http://wwobb.com> or <http://carelinks.net/bin/onlinebb.php> .

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks