

March 2012 Russia, Bahrain, Sister Ella

This Sunday's *Bible Companion* readings include Luke 9, and there's an MP3 on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk9.mp3>

RUSSIA

We're pleased to tell you of the visit to and baptism of YEVGENIJ [Eugene], who's been in discussion with us for a long time now. He has a truly excellent grasp of all our doctrines and is very active online in preaching the Truth. He lives in a small town 150 km. from Vladivostok in far Eastern Russia, on the sea of Japan, not far distance wise from Japan, and on the Chinese border. Truly the Truth is spreading into all the earth, the Gospel is truly going into all the earth before the end comes. Our brother is truly isolated in many ways, but he knows English [as well as Russian of course] and is online a lot, and on Facebook. Why not send him some encouragement and keep in touch with him out there? Do contact us for his details.

BAHRAIN

Some years ago we reported the baptism of a number of brethren from Western Nepal. One of them was a young man called Y. Subsequently our brother got work in the Gulf states and has done well for himself, qualifying as a surveyor and working on road construction projects. He has kept in contact and requested *Bible Basics* to share with co-workers. They work very long, demanding hours and have little time off at weekends. But the message of the true Gospel commended itself to four of his colleagues, and he requested a visit to help him baptize them. We drove out in a pickup truck, about an hour into the desert, hugging the coast. There in the Gulf brothers S, D, G and T were baptized into Christ. We sung "*This is the day that the Lord has made*" afterwards, and fellowshiped together in joy, spirit and truth.

Our brethren have demanding working lives, and the connection between baptism and the **Red Sea** crossing made in 1 Corinthians 10:1,2 was a big theme for us all. They like **Israel** are living hard lives; and in spiritual terms God lead them out of all that, through the water, into a wilderness journey. It was so appropriate that our brethren came out of the water literally into the desert of the Arabian peninsular. Their first steps in the new life were literally through the desert. Our hope is in the promised arrival into the promised land. Again we marvel at how the hand of providence works, networking worldwide in order to call out a people for the Name.

Photos: Our brethren's handiwork on the highway; getting out of the pickup truck where the desert meets the sea; symbolically crossing the Red Sea



SISTER ELLA

We baptized sister ELITA last weekend at the Riga Bible Centre; her testimony is in the email flyer:



Photos: Sister Ella; being baptized with sister Tatyana present; eating at the Bible Center feeding program; Ella's two bags; leaving the Bible center with her two bags, followed by Tatyana

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