

## March 2013 Bible Mailing, Riga, China, Vitamins

We have MP3 audio talks for the Bible Companion readings for this Sunday:

Numbers 5 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/num5.mp3>

Proverbs 2 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/prov2.mp3>

Luke 16 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk16.mp3>

The archives of our chapter-by-chapter MP3 talks are

at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html>

### VITAMINS

Sister Cindy writes:

*Vitamin and mineral deficiencies are common amongst our brethren and sisters, as getting nutritious food is a daily problem for a most of them. I would like to start to give them all a vitamin and mineral supplement along with their soup on Sundays and Mondays when we have our meetings. This would mean distributing about 160 vitamins per week. If someone in the UK or elsewhere in Europe (for customs reasons) could send us some multi vitamin/ mineral tablets which contain above the daily requirements for at least vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12, C and Niacin so that we could give them one tablet twice per week, I think it would help to improve the health status of a lot of people. If you are able to get some to us, please email me: [cindyheaster@gmail.com](mailto:cindyheaster@gmail.com) . We can buy vitamins locally at a cost of about 12 pence per tablet.*

***Please only send from the UK or within the EU, otherwise we will have to pay duty on whatever you send.***

### BIBLE MAILING

Our Carelinks team includes brothers and sisters who have spent their lives trying to preach the Gospel. Through much trial and error over the decades, working through correspondence courses, various books, *Bible Basics*... we believe that the *NEV Bible* with commentary and *Bible Basics* at the back of it is the most effective way of preaching the Gospel we have developed. People actually read the text of the Bible for themselves and have it explained to them as they study. People these days seem to read about the Bible but not so much the Bible text itself, and their lack of familiarity with the actual Bible text means they are easily swayed by whatever they hear taught by others. We believe faith must be rooted in God's word, and relationship with God involves engaging with His word the Bible. Whilst on one hand God calls people, on the other hand, technique is not irrelevant- Paul so preached that people believed.

Earlier this week, our webpage offering a free Russian Bible picked up on the search engines big time. Instead of getting say 2 requests / day in Russian, we have been getting about 120 requests / day. We send people a fairly tough letter explaining our doctrinal position and asking them to reconfirm their interest, bearing in mind that our aim is to help people study the Bible with a view towards baptism. And about 50% of Russian people are responding positively. We have had the most lovely letters of confirmation, often from people in remote areas who say they cannot obtain Bibles, all promising to read it, confirming they believe in God but simply want to know Him better. Many of them mention their disillusion with the Orthodox church, which provides neither Bibles nor Bible teaching. The cost of mailing this number of Bibles is significant. We don't know if the number of requests will go down or not, but if it keeps at this level we will have to remove our offer of a free Russian Bible- there are simply too many takers. We believe that most of these people who are confirming are completely sincere and are without the means to pay anything, and it's very hard for poor people in rural areas to transfer money anyway. It costs around \$10 to send a Bible to someone in Russia. We really do believe

that this is the essence of preaching the Gospel- to distribute God's word with explanation of the true Gospel. So we are unashamed in asking for your donations, large or small, to enable this good work.

We made a similar appeal recently re. Chinese Bibles. Again, God's word is going out to people who never held a Bible in their hands before. We engage in this work knowing that when the Gospel has gone into all the world, then the end shall come. Please pray for all the people receiving God's word, that they will respond.

### **RIGA**

We are pleased to report the baptism of VLADIMIR at the Riga Bible Center- you can see him here [second from right] giving a good testimony to his faith, being baptized and lovingly welcomed into the body of Christ, and then climbing out of the bath to embark upon his new life, with his tattoos bearing witness of the past he has left behind:



**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**