

## **March 2014 Ukraine, Winter Welfare, China, UK Conference**

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 2 Corinthians 12 and 13 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2cor1213.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> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at

08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at [www.carelinks.net](http://www.carelinks.net) [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat,

use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at [www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries](http://www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries)

### **UKRAINE**

The media is giving great attention to the conflict in Ukraine and the tensions in the Crimea at this time. Here are some prayer points:

- We have a sister, Alice, in Sevastopol, in the heart of the Crimea. We've contacted her and she is fine but do continue praying for her, we have undertaken to do all we can to get her evacuated if hostilities break up.

- Ukraine has issued a military call up to large numbers of military aged men, and this includes quite a number of our brethren amongst the 300 or so we have baptized in Ukraine over the years. So far, none of our most eligible brethren have received their papers, but many other Ukrainian men have, and have begun 10 days compulsory military training. It's of course hard for a bankrupt country to fund such a huge scale mobilization, and the conflict will unlikely require tens of thousands of foot soldiers- but in any case this is a serious request for your prayers. We are in process of preparing an appeal to the powers that be in respect of the conscientious objection to military service which our brethren hold.

We remind you again of our 30 minute movie presentation about the possible significance of Ukraine in latter day prophecy- it's at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxXoeybHDt4> and also a PDF document at <http://www.carelinks.net/docs/Ukraine.pdf>

### **CARELINKS CONFERENCES**

The *UK Conference* is planned in Croydon, Surrey for March 29th, God willing. More details at [www.carelinks.net/doc/events](http://www.carelinks.net/doc/events) . You can download the UK Conference program from [www.carelinks.net/docs/CarelinksConference14.pdf](http://www.carelinks.net/docs/CarelinksConference14.pdf) Do share it with others. It's an exciting program, featuring reports from the British team who have been 3 months in Riga, Latvia; and also personal testimonies from some of those baptized by Carelinks in recent times. These include a typical British agnostic, an American ex-Pentecostal, and an Orthodox Jewish brother originally from Poland. Do come and catch some of their fire for the Truth!

And the *Carelinks USA Conference* will be a long weekend gathering at the South Ozone Park, New York ecclesia Friday 18 - Sunday 20 July 2014, God willing.

### **WINTER WELFARE**

Brother Andy Downton recently entered one of the night shelters where many of our brothers and sisters live. It's impossible to photograph inside it; but here is his word picture:

*This night Shelter is one of the better shelters. It looks like a prison from the outside with bars at the windows and steel windowless doors to the outside. Once inside things do not improve. Narrow corridors with a locked door at the end, a screened off area with an opening for registration, and four fluorescent yellow coated guards wandering about. We were instructed to*

*leave as soon as we got inside, but not before I had seen a narrow corridor leading off to the left. Concrete floors with several people lying on the floor with just a blanket. A one legged man just getting down on the floor in a very clumsy way. Some more residents were wandering about with plastic plates on which was, what looked like, a grey coloured gruel, very unappetising. It all reminded me of a Dickens workhouse. The smell was strong and unpleasant. In this place some of our brothers and sisters live!!! If you can call it living, surviving more like. But for how long? There is, believe it or not, great demand for these places. The poorest of the poor are only allowed to live in them for a certain number of days / year. Otherwise, it costs 15 euro per week for the privilege of staying here, just between 8pm and 8am. This might not seem very much, but when you consider that an elderly individual who lives here only gets 10 euro per month from the EU, it becomes a vast sum of money. The rub is that other hostels are much worse. We do not realise how blessed we are.*

The huge work being done to provide our brothers and sisters warmth during the day time, basic food, some clothing and medications- and above all, with the teaching of the Gospel- is really exactly what is needed. For those who have used up all their days / year in the shelters, we do try to provide means for accommodation. Please continue supporting the work and do consider if you or anyone you know could come over to assist .

Photo: One of our sisters waiting to go inside the shelter



Attendance at our meetings continues to rise. We're grateful for the arrival of sisters Sharon and Ruth from New Zealand, they have already proven themselves hard workers in the kitchen. Here you can see them being prayed over by the brethren at their Sunday meeting in New Zealand, and by Thursday they were in Latvia and at work in the kitchen:



## **CHINA**

Brother Donald reports another baptism: *"I baptized SU at bath tub in a hotel, below is his account of his spiritual Journey to the baptism:*

*"I had been attending a Government controlled church, baptism is seldom mentioned by them, and you have to fellowship with them for one year, pass exams then they will baptize you. So I don't like their gathering. But I then enjoyed fellowship with you online, finding others of the same age and sharing the same interests, willing to be debating Bible question. This debate and discussion was impossible to happen at the Government controlled church. There, you can only listen to what they teach, you must agree with the doctrines and attitudes taught, or else you will be disfellowshipped. One thing hurt me a little at the Government controlled church, a very small matter in itself but to me very significant, and not something that would ever happen in our house church. An old man invited me to go to the Government Church and I went. A relative of mine, a girl who is blind, went to that church with me. She wanted to go to the toilet, but for five*

*minutes no one helped her, and the church workers were just sitting there chatting amongst themselves. Also at the Government controlled church, I didn't like that they won't communion with anyone apart from those who are their members. It is like an exclusive club".*

So Su was looking for a group like ours. Su is also very afraid of death, so Brother Duncan emailed and told him that when we die, we are unconscious- but if we are baptized into Jesus, we will share in His resurrection when He returns. So for us, death is not all. We will be unconscious, but when Christ returns, we will rise from the dead and live for ever. With more study, Su became very persuaded of these and our other doctrines and was eager for me to baptize him, what I have now done. God bless"

Photo: Brother Su with his *NEV Chinese New Testament with commentary and Bible Basics* at the back



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