

May 2011 Italy, China

This Sunday's *Bible Companion* readings are from Acts 20, and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts20.mp3>

ITALY

Over the last few years we've reported visits to an ecclesia in Naples, which began with the baptism of brother Festus. Our brother works tirelessly to spread the Truth. He runs a weekly *Bible Basics* class to which he gets a good attendance. It was a pleasure to meet with them this week, as the current group had come to the end of their studies of the lessons and some wished to be baptized. We can't speak more highly of our brother and his great efforts. We works amongst the large African community in Naples, so in fact the message is getting out to people who have come from many parts of the world. The ecclesia meet three times / week and make good use of the various literature they've been sent by brother Marcus and the **Christadelphian Advancement Trust**. This UK registered charity mails out a huge amount of literature on the Truth each week, and without them the work of Carelinks would be much impeded. We commend them to the brotherhood for over 20 years faithful work in spreading the Truth through distributing literature, and also mailing out books, exhortations, Sunday School material and old Christadelphian magazines to those baptized worldwide. As a matter of domestic interest, there's a cute video of Marcus being assisted by 2 year old Evija in packaging *Bible Basics* and the *NEV New Testaments* for the group in Naples at <http://www.heaster.org/eviparcel.html> . We also would like to thank our team of internet specialist brethren who so effectively manage our websites and emailing, which are the source of so many contacts.

So it was a day of great joy to assist with the baptisms of Sisters ANABEL, JOY, CHICHI, OSAMUYIMEN and DOROTHY and Brothers OUBOKHAN, OGO and OSAZEE after a lengthy period of worship and deep Bible study at the hall which the ecclesia meet at. The ecclesia have had a number of refugees from Libya and Algeria visit them and they have tried to assist as best they can.

The sisters especially emerged from the waters of baptism with such great joy and relief- they had been studying hard for a long time and had really come to this decision for baptism from a serious process of consideration:



CHINA

Brothers John and Guy from New Zealand took time off from a business trip to meet brothers, sisters and contacts and to run some seminars focusing on the doctrinal areas of the Godhead [and the error of the Trinity] and the hope of resurrection [as opposed to the idea of an immortal soul]. They baptized BELINDA, a contact who first connected with the truth through the work of brother Donald online, and also two brothers, X and Z.

We thank our brothers for their work and example of pressing the situations of secular life into the Lord's service wherever possible. Brother Donald reports on their visit and seminars:

"I knew Belinda from a Christian chat room, she was quite confused with the trinity and lots of explanations from a local Church pastor. It was God's willing to meet Bro John and understand the Bible correctly on the many difficult passages. There were really so many questions so I just

listed several here, e.g.

1. John found many Bible passage to support that the Trinity isn't in the Bible. According to the trinity, Jesus is God the Son. But 1 John 5:5 says: "And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God." Bible says that Jesus is the Son of God. The trinity says all three persons of the triune God are co-equal. But at John 17:3, Jesus said his Father was the ONLY true God. Jesus said at John 14:28: "The Father is greater than I am."
2. Not all the Bible verse can be comprehend literally, it use Symbolism . Such as Rev. 17:16 The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.
3. "soul" is probably one of the most misunderstood terms in use today. But from Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Which means the body dies, the soul is also dead."

We marvel at the way God is so actively at work to bring others to Him world-wide. Truly the Gospel is going into all the world, in spirit and in truth, and we are honoured to be a small part of it, thanks to your provision of the resources. May "the end" soon come.

We'd again remind you of the **Riga**, Latvia campaign June 15-22, and the **Moscow**, Russia Bible School July 1-6 both God willing. You are warmly welcome!

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks