

May 2013 China, The Blind and Lame, Live Fellowship, Remote Response

There are MP3s for the *Bible Companion* readings this Sunday:

Joshua 3 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/josh3.mp3>

Isaiah 9 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/is9.mp3>

1 Thessalonians 5 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1thess5.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>

LIVE FELLOWSHIP

Now we have internet at the **Riga Bible Center**, we have begun broadcasting our talks live- Bible class and breaking of bread on Sundays, beginning at 10:00 a.m. GMT with Bible Study [first two portions of the *Bible Companion* readings, then around 11:15 GMT breaking of bread based around the New Testament portion]; and Bible Study on Mondays at 15:00 [3 p.m.] GMT. The audience are Russian speakers but there has been so much interest that we will try to do in both English & Russian. This means you can virtually be present at our meetings. You can simply view it by going to www.carelinks.net, scrolling down and pressing the play button on the video screen there. You can make it go full screen by pressing on the button to the right hand side of the smaller video screen displayed. But if you want to give live commentary and prayer requests in real time, and chat with other viewers, register at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/riga-bible-talks>. You can log in with your **Facebook** account, if you don't have one, then you can open a free account with **Ustream**. It may be a bit cumbersome as we are only just starting this, and it will be in the two languages, but with patience we think you'll find this a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. We'll leave the cameras on during the breaks so perhaps you can talk live with those present who know English.

THE LAME AND BLIND

We mentioned previously the great work of brother Aigars in teaching the Truth to his fellow residents in a care home for invalids in a remote location in **Latvia**. The ecclesia there have really grown since their baptisms. They have little else to do in the middle of nowhere apart from to read the Bibles and literature we have given them- and to talk to others about their faith. And so we were pleased to baptize ARVIDS, ILZE, INARA, LIDIJA, EVGENIJA, ZIEDONIS, SINTIJA, INESSA, ULDIS and JUDITE on a visit there this week. We salute brother Aigars, a small and modest man but mighty in Christ, for his distribution of *Bible Basics* and teaching of others. Here he is with his 'weapons', the Russian *NEV Bible* and *Bible Basics*, in the conference room of the care home- and here are the audience which eagerly gathered for further Bible teaching:



These are the forgotten of this world, some very intelligent who have cerebral palsy, others with various deformities. Many not ever visited by their children, just left to exist. But a spiritual, Christ-centered revolution has happened in the hearts of these dear brothers and sisters. It was just such a pleasure to listen to their comments and questions from their Bible reading. And despite being isolated in that care home, brother Aigars has managed to take his mission 'into all the world' by getting our literature stocked in the 'Biblioteka Bus', the mobile library which stops weekly at the nearest village, providing a mobile library service to village people in the rural areas. And so the word of God and of His Son is going yet further:



Giving cartons of Bibles and *Bible Basics* to Aigars is a good spiritual investment. May we all be inspired to think how we can take the Gospel further into our worlds.

The Lord with whom we feel more than ever 'co-workers' seems to have a special eye for the forgotten and the invalids in Eastern Europe, just as He did during His ministry in the villages and hamlets of Galilee 2000 years ago. A few years ago we baptized brother Oleg in Riga, a partially sighted man. This was whilst we were meeting in the basement [of fond spiritual memories] in Kalnciema Street. But then we lost contact with him. He was an educated and erudite man and we gave brother Sasha the job of somehow trying to locate him. Sasha succeeded, finding that Oleg had now totally lost his sight and is in a home for the blind. Sasha faithfully leads him to the meetings, and recently we visited Oleg. It's a pathetic situation. He is in a small room with other totally blind men, most of whom have largely lost their minds as well as their sight, and two are deaf. They simply sit there, up four flights of stairs, with no lift. There's a television in the hallway, which they listen to. Oleg wept at the meeting and when we took him back to his room. He so longs for more spiritual and more intellectual company. We're trying to arrange an MP3 player for him and some other things. And he too is busy trying to share the Gospel with others whom he sits next to at meal times, as the men in his room are barely able to be communicated with. Please pray for Oleg.



There are things we'd like to provide Oleg with, and also, we will soon need to reprint the Russian Bibles [they cost around 6\$ each]. They have a reduced version of *Bible Basics* bound up with them. Your donations would be really welcome. Our PayPal address is tiybible@yahoo.com .

CHINA

Br. Donald reports: "I baptized br MENG in the swimming pool by full immersion, the baptism photo is very similar to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Br Meng was brought up in a Christian family, his grandmother and grandfather were both Christians and listened to the stories of Jesus when he was young. Once he wished to enter Theological Seminary , but there was no opportunity for him as he needed to be introduced by government registered priests, now he studies in a Normal university. During his spare time he teaches some junior students and tells them about the story of Jesus. But later Br Meng was criticized for this by school leaders. I will keep in touch with our new br and pray for him".



People are requesting Bibles by Text message, phone, Emails etc., and being distributed as you can see even my motorbike. We have a screen shot from our brother's cell phone- requests are coming in all the time. The interest is very great so please continue to pray that God's word will continue to go forth and not return void. We really do need your support to fund the postage on so many Bibles being mailed out to eager people all over.

REMOTE RESPONSE

We have some seriously interested contacts in really remote parts of northern Russia and Siberia, also in South Sudan. Anyone who fancies the challenge of making several days journey each way to these areas, far off the beaten track of any backpackers, please let us know! And pray these people will come to baptism.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks