

May 2013 Estonia, Moscow, China, Riga

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

Deuteronomy 29 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/dt29.mp3>

Isaiah 1 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/is1.mp3>

Acts 27 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts27.mp3>

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at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; Carelinks Bible Radio is at <http://www.r-b-c.org/listen.php>

MOSCOW, RUSSIA

We're pleased to tell you of the baptism of SERGEJ in Moscow, Russia, after receiving a *Bible Basics* two years ago. He was baptized, as so many have been, in the apartment of our brother Igor, where the small ecclesia in Moscow continue to faithfully meet. Igor was baptized in 1992 and has been a great tower of strength to the Lord's work in Russia. Life in Moscow is quite depressing, people live in huge apartment blocks in tiny rooms; transport is crowded and much time is taken up with basic travelling around the crowded city of over 10 million people. Yet within that depressive concrete jungle, the beauty of the Lord Jesus still shines through and is attractive.



CHINA

Brother Feng reports another baptism as a result of Chinese Bible distribution:

"This Sunday in our group, Br KAIJING was baptized. Whilst in the college he studied very hard under a lot of pressure as everything here is very competitive. Some times he was depressed. So he tried to find religious way to relief. Buddha, Christianity etc. Buddhists believe in predestination, and this was too pessimistic for him. He preferred to be a Christian. The first time he knew Biblical words was in English class, for example in the sentence ' Lord, have Mercy on me, a Sinner" appeared in an article called" Face to Face With Guns", this was his first time knowing the word SINNER. Then came the words Satan ,Devil etc, but the teachers explained that Devil was a supernatural being in Western countries like Chinese ghost. Nearly all students in the classroom mocked the idea of a real supernatural devil.He then contacted us for a Free Bible and *Bible Basics* after seeing these things mentioned online, and then came to fellowship, I kept telling him there is a God, God created the world, Satan is refer to adversary in Bible, etc. It seems that Chinese understand this very easily as in our culture metaphor and symbolism is richly used, we are asked to make a sentence with figure of speech even from Junior school .Now he was baptized and I prayed for him to keep strong in Christ".

ESTONIA

We're pleased to report we visited Estonia this week and baptized VALERIJ in Narva. Narva is a very depressed city with nearly 100% Russian population. There have been many requests from there for Russian Bibles, and Valerij was one of them. He first became exposed to Christianity when a Soviet sailor, they were forced to put in to Trondheim, Norway, and there some local evangelicals tried to persuade them of Christ. Now, decades later, living in serious poverty in a tiny room no larger than a prison cell in a state provided block, Valerij has decided once and for

all to turn to Christ, hence his attention to *Bible Basics* and desire for baptism. He is on the fifth floor of a delapidated block, with 46 such rooms on each floor [no lifts]. There is a kitchen, toilet and shower on each floor. Our brother fears to open his door after 8 p.m. and tries to barricade himself in.

Whilst making the trip, we dropped in at the Carelinks housing project in northern Latvia. It was great to see a group of 10 local folk having Bible study in the meeting room there, this happens every Friday evening.

RIGA

We're pleased to report that our work at the *Riga Bible Center* continues with great blessing and getting relevant help as well as the Gospel to very many men and women. This week we baptized RUDITE and ARMANDS, two very different people both attracted by the good news of the Kingdom and the Lord Jesus. Rudite is an educated woman who has quickly grasped the Gospel and appreciated its very essence. You can see her here eating with us at the feeding scheme, in the red jacket facing the camera in the center of the table, flanked by old sisters and invalids of various types:



Armands is a young man who is clearly malnourished, as you can see from his skinny body in the baptism photos:



It's really no fun trying to survive on around 10 Euros / month and having to pay for any health care. You will see in the above photo a man with crutches at the table, here he is getting his food- and note how his broken foot is just in a plastic bag . Cindy does what she can in providing medical care and we often buy medicines and other care as far as we can for those who come to us.



This week at the **Riga Bible Center** was some kind of coming of age, because at Bible classes this week we completed live MP3 recordings on every chapter of the entire Bible [including the Chronicles genealogies!], many chapters now having up to five MP3 recordings about them. This is a huge resource, meaning that well over 1000 Bible exposition sessions have been given at the Riga Bible Center since we started recording them. Again we observe that the provision of food and basic clothing is seamlessly supporting a very Bible based presentation of the Gospel to the world and further exploration of God's word with those who have been baptized. This we believe to have been the spirit of the Lord's provision of food to the thousands who came to hear His message on the Galilean hillsides. We are putting these MP3 files together as a Russian language internet radio station.

If at all possible, do consider trying to support our work regularly, it really does need it.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks