

May 2013 Summer Bible School Appeal, Sweden, Jewish Brother Baptized

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

Joshua 19 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/josh19.mp3>

Isaiah 25 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/is25.mp3>

Hebrews 8,9 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/heb89.mp3>

You can see the archives of our MP3 files

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

[c.org/listen.php](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 [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat,

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2013 SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

These schools may be the only time most of these Brothers and Sisters get together as they are so scattered, often in total isolation. Over the last year we have had a lot of baptisms in **Russia** and **Ukraine** and it's really important they all get a chance to spend some time with each other. Several young couples have met and are now married as a result of meeting at these Bible Schools; and many isolated brethren and sisters comment that they live '*from Bible School to Bible School*'. There is a very warm and intense spirit of fellowship; but without your support, these gatherings can't happen. The *Summer Eastern European Bible School is booked for July 3-9, 2013, God willing, in Moscow, Russia*. Speakers will include Brother John Galbraith from Australia, along with local brothers. John & Erica will be ministering also in Latvia before the School. We'd like to not only invite your attendance, but also to encourage you to consider sponsoring a brother or sister to attend.

DONATIONS

The total cost of these Summer gatherings [excluding fares for speakers, which are met privately] is about GBP 16,000- if we limit attendance to about 75 bre & sis. This works out at about 200 GBP / person on average. We really do need your support. This year we've decided to appeal for donations and we will then ask whoever your sponsor to send you their thanks, as in previous years. Many of those attending will travel for days by train to be present. The total number of kilometers travelled by attendees will be huge. This accounts for the intensity of fellowship. But rail fares have doubled in recent times, and are far more than the monthly salaries let alone pensions of many who would love to attend. If you wish, you can sponsor someone individually and send funds to them direct by Western Union, and try to build up a personal relationship with them by post or perhaps email. Contact us at info@carelinks.net if

you'd like to do this- or you can make a general donation. The cost may seem huge but without these gatherings the sense of community in the huge region which makes up the Russian speaking world is somewhat lost.

You can donate by cheques made out to 'Carelinks' sent to :-

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There are details of how to donate anonymously and by bank transfer at <http://carelinks.net/doc/donations>

Please note that currently 1 GBP [British pound] = 1.6 US\$, 1.4 AU\$, 1.2 Euros. Please pray for the community here as they grow in grace and the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus.

JEWISH BROTHER BAPTIZED

During the Russian empire of the 19th century, Jews from throughout the empire were forced to live in 'The Pale', an area comprising what is now **Lithuania, Western Ukraine, Belarus** and parts of **Eastern Latvia**. They were only allowed to live in some towns, and were not supposed to live in villages. The population of many towns in this area was over 40% Jewish in the 1930s. During the Nazi occupation, many were destroyed and others fled to the countryside, where they remain to this day. This is why you find small Jewish graveyards and even worship houses in the depths of the countryside in this part of the world. Eastern Latvia is increasingly deserted, abandoned homes and farms are everywhere, and much of the land is unused and returning to pine forest. Bus services long since ceased to operate in many areas, and most people still living there are subsistence farmers. Here's one of many overgrown bus stops on a dirt road- a sad reminder that life for ordinary people was better, with more access to services, under Soviet Communism than it is under failed capitalism:



Few roads are asphalted, people live down tracks and dirt roads. It took six hours hard drive from Riga to reach SHURIK GARTMAN. But how worth it this was. Our brother lives in an EU supported care facility down a dirt road far from any asphalt road. He had turned to Christ many years ago and in his isolated village, searched the Scriptures carefully- and come to share our views. He read in a newspaper about the **Riga Bible Center** and our *NEV Bible* with commentary. We sent him one- and he has read it from cover to cover including the

commentaries, and also *Bible Basics*. He couldn't believe that there were others who shared his convictions about the Kingdom on earth, hell as the grave, the nature of the Lord Jesus etc. It really was a pleasure to baptize him, and we felt truly as long lost brothers who had found each other. It's too bad our brother is without internet access and is so far from anyone much. He would so love to talk for hours about our faith. Provision of internet access to these small care homes would be a worthwhile project for some humanitarian organization. It would be a real lifeline for the folks there. At present they have a very limited library of books- now full of our publications, thanks to Shurik- and a TV to watch. All day long, 7 days a week. Most residents have read all of the few books in the 'library'. They now have a few more to read! Here's our brother on his bed where he sits much of the day, with the newspaper where he first read about us, which he considers a great momento to the hand of providence:



Truly God is at work very, very actively, even now to "make up His jewels" and prepare the way of the rough roads for the Messiah to come to Zion. They were our pleasant thoughts together from Isaiah 40 and Malachi 4.

SWEDEN

We have mentioned the plight of our brother Ali and Sister Selma in Sweden. They are now there without documents, fearing deportation to **Afghanistan**, and have had a baby in April. They are living in very primitive conditions- and like so many, really need our prayers in this desperate situation which has no human solution to it. The kind couple who are in touch with them report as follows:

"I think it's some time ago since I sent you some message about Ali and Selma. We have heard nothing from The European Court of Human Rights yet, but we hopes that it will be soon. They still lives in a hidden place [in forest]. At the end of April they had to move. Now they are living about 50 km from here so we can't visit them so often. [The baby] grows and are healthy. Ali and Selma are doing very well after the circumstances".

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks