

May 2014 Belarus, Latvia, Congo

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 2 Timothy 1 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2tim1.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> .

BELARUS

This week we visited the beloved family of believers who live near the **Ukrainian** border. We baptized Sasha in the 1990s and his wife Natasha in 2000. They live very near the site of the Chernobyl disaster, and Sasha is an invalid as a result of this.

This dear family have suffered terribly on various fronts as a result of the radiation and also persecution for their faith [see email version of Carelinks for more details]. They live in an apartment up eight flights of stairs in a concrete block with no lift.

Sister Natasha is really the super-mum, coping with her seven young sons, and the family's various health issues. And brother Sasha is a great spiritual father to them all. It was therefore with very great joy that we baptized their eldest son last year; and this time, we baptized their second son, ARTYOM. He is a very spiritual young man and his baptism was such a wonderful example of a young man from a disadvantaged background truly coming to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Hope of the Kingdom. Seeing the family with their *Russian NEV Bibles* with commentary, and reflecting on our relationship with them over nearly 20 years, we take courage that our efforts are producing fruit that is remaining, to His glory.

Here's Natasha with a family photo we took last time and enlarged and framed- she was thrilled with it; note the ever present clothes to wash next to her.



Here's Sasha with his two baptized sons:



And Artyom, so prayerful and close to God and Jesus at his baptism:



This family would love to attend the **Summer Bible School**- at least, Sasha and the three oldest sons. We appeal for your donations to enable this. The Truth is the one great thing in their lives. You can donate through the usual channels or by PayPal to tiybible@yahoo.com . Brother Joe Badlu, who operates the Carelinks PayPal account, adds this information:

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Love in Christ,
Joe"

The war in Ukraine is the subject of everyone's talk, and the media in Belarus are pushing very strongly the idea that the Kiev Government are influenced by Nazis. There are calls for mobilization [army service is compulsory anyway]; war memorials from WW2 are decorated with fresh flowers, and brightly painted slogans are along the roadsides, even in rural areas:



There is definitely a strong anti-Western spirit, reminiscent of the height of the cold war era. Please do pray for our dear brotherhood in Russia and Ukraine, that they will not have to suffer from this very unpleasant situation more than they can bear.

LATVIA

We're pleased to tell you of the baptisms of LUDWIG, a German Latvian, seen wearing the baptismal costume sent over by sister Hazel of *Nantwich ecclesia, UK*; and ALLA, mother of brother Sergej and good friend of sister Marija [who just celebrated her 80th birthday but is still so active in our work at the *Bible Center*]



CONGO

The *French Bible Basics* and *NEV Bible* with commentary are being distributed in Congo. Some French speaking refugees from the massacres and conflict in the Central African Republic are in contact with our brothers and thus the Gospel is being spread to new ethnic groups which we had not previously reached with the Truth. Brother Kim reports the baptisms of five people and that 13 people are gathering to learn the Gospel. He writes: "They need Bibles. We had only 3 Bibles for reading but we were 13 persons with 3 Bibles".

Here are the group; you can see the man at the back in the center holding a copy of *French Bible Basics*.



With the cost of postage so high, we really do need your help in getting literature out to these isolated groups; please do continue to enable us to do so. For when the true Gospel goes into

all the world, then the end shall come. So said our Lord. And you can see from just this week's report that this is very much happening through our work.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks