

May 2014 Builders and support required, Belgium, Ukraine, Medical Aid, Greece

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 13 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts13.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>

UKRAINE

Please, do continue praying for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. This week Ukraine announced the return of military conscription and the call up of military aged men, and this includes many of our brothers. Please do pray for them and for us to have wisdom as we try to do what we can for them. We've mentioned before that Slovyansk, the town which is currently central to the conflict, is home to a small ecclesia and we have previously reported visits to that town and baptisms there. The town is right now the scene of fighting and the young family there are remaining indoors- although this creates all manner of problems with not being able to work, buy food etc. We have spoken to sister Ira and also spoke to an older brother or sister in another flashpoint in the area, and made a movie featuring the conversation. It's in Russian but they speak with great emotion of how thrilled they are to know we are praying for them and thinking of them. They took the initiative in reminding us that they continue reading daily from the *Bible Companion* and breaking bread together; they say that telephone contact comes and goes, there are strict curfews and movement is difficult. And seeing masked gunmen patrolling your street, barricades and check points everywhere is of course very nerve wracking. You can view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDegOYnICio>

Here is a photo taken in happier days of the ecclesia in Slavyansk; please pray for each of them in fact this is the photo on the front cover of the latest edition of *Introducing Bible Basics*:



BELGIUM

There are now many **Iranian** and **Afghani** brethren baptized in Belgium and we are doing what we can in appealing to the authorities to grant them asylum status. There is no way they can practice their faith in the regime they have fled from.

This week we made a special appeal for brother A, please pray for him. Whilst in Brussels it was a pleasure to visit and baptize sister ALMA and her 16 year old daughter ANNA. We appealed in previous Carelinks for Farsi Bibles to be sent to Belgium and there was response to that appeal. One of these was given to Alma, and along with *Farsi Bible Basics* she came to a thorough conviction regarding the Lord Jesus Christ.



Brother M assisted with translation and prayers. It was good to see *Bible Basics* used as it is intended to be used- as a guide to be read alongside the Bible, rather than simply read and uncritically accepted. In the discussions before baptism it was good to see brother M and our new sisters discussing the doctrines of the Gospel with *Bible Basics* open next to open Bibles:



Our sisters are keen to make public witness to their acceptance of Christ and rejection of Islam; so we have made a video of their baptism and at their wish have placed it on the open internet. It is mostly in Farsi but you can see it and share in their spirit of joyful commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7tQeqkphss>

There is a need for more Farsi Bibles and literature to be sent to many places so please do consider supporting this work.

GREECE

Anyone going to be in Athens early next week, God willing? Do be in touch if you'd like to be involved with some baptisms and assisting our Iranian refugee brethren there including brother Simon in prison.

BUILDERS, PAINTERS AND SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR RIGA

The increased attendance which resulted from the Winter feeding program in Riga has not tailed off; we're getting regular attendances of over 100 brethren and sisters plus other visitors to both the Sunday breaking of bread and to the Monday Bible class. We'd like to repeat the feeding program next Winter, God willing. Let us know if you'd like to come. But in preparation for that, we'd like to renovate the space at the back of the hall and turn it into suitable accommodation for visitors so that they can sleep at the hall instead of having to rent accommodation or stay in hotels. This requires some major redesigning and rebuilding, new toilets and showers. We have had some kind donation towards this project but our building team say that another 5000 pounds is required. Please consider donating what you can; our local donation details are below, and you can PayPal to tiybible@yahoo.com . And we also invite anyone with basic building or decorating skills to come over and be involved. August or late July is the intended time for the work.

MEDICAL AID

The email version of the newsletter mentioned some specific cases of medical need- ask us if you'd like to be sent the details.

Our local donation details are below, and you can PayPal to tiybible@yahoo.com .

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks