

May 2015 Appeal for Anna, France, Esword modules

APPEAL FOR ANNA

The *Riga Bible Center and Soup Kitchen* is continuing operation although Duncan & Cindy are going to be based in the UK. The hygiene and food safety requirements for the operation are considerable, and we have been given very strict regulations to keep to. Visitors from the UK are planning to come out to **Riga** over the Summer and support the local brethren and sisters in their work. And then God willing the Winter feeding program will begin in earnest later in the year. Please do keep supporting the work financially and please consider coming over to assist. The responsibility for the food and hygiene is significant, and we're pleased to say that our young sister Anna has come forward to do this work. She is taking it very seriously. She has given up her part time job in order to do it; but we're looking to support her with around 200 Euro / month. Please do consider supporting her. She has no state benefits or support whilst studying and so she is really in need of this support. Please do consider setting up a standing order to Carelinks; and pray the work will continue to have the Lord's blessing. Brother Maxim ran the meetings this weekend with no Western visitors and attendance and interest is keeping up. Here's sister Anna and sister Cindy outside the Food Hygiene directorate in Riga, where Cindy signed over all the documents into Anna's name:



FRANCE

Our teaching and feeding scheme in Melun, near Paris, has now started. David & Liz Hemingray from Nottingham UK joined Duncan & Cindy and family and have been busy with food preparation and setting up the scheme here for the next month. The local brethren who are already baptized are just so keen. We fed 25 people on Saturday and about 55 on Sunday. Food preparation is quite a nightmare as at the warehouse where we are meeting, there is no more than a couple of electric sockets and one tiny hand basin for water. Food has to be prepared at the home we're all staying at and transported there, although we're preparing the rice there, thanks to the new rice steamer:



Response has been wonderful. In the warehouse there are all manner of African immigrant groups meeting. We have been invited to take over the main teaching at one of them, and the contacts of our existing brethren are many. The clothes brought from UK have now been distributed, and it was wonderful to see so many coming to the meetings with their *Bible Basics* and green *NEV Bibles* or *French NEV New Testaments with commentary* which our brethren have been distributing. As in Riga, the feeding scheme is dovetailing so well with supporting the preaching of the true Gospel. You could see our literature being read whilst folks

were eating their rice and stew:



Whilst folks were eating, our baptized brethren engaged the folks in discussion about the trinity and other doctrinal issues. Some who came are in need of food, others came for fellowship, and it was great to see folks pulling out their Bibles, or mobile devices where they had their Bibles downloaded, and engage in warm discussion. The open mindedness of these folks was wonderful to behold; many are adrift from the churches they previously attended in Africa and are very open to solid Biblical instruction:



The whole scene is like a taste of Africa in Europe. Duncan is going through the chapters from *Bible Basics* in English with French translation, as some only speak English and others only speak French. This will be available online in due course, God willing. The first session is now online, along with the noise of crying

babies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi4OgH27BQY>

Several brought their children, whom we also fed and tried to entertain as best we could:



The cost of food especially meat in France is somewhat higher than we anticipated; so we are open to your continued donations.

The wife of one of our brothers is coming over from the UK in order to be baptized although she has so many problems with her JW family. Please pray for her [Millicent].

E-SWORD

Many will use this excellent Bible software. Brother Brian Armour has kindly produced our extended commentary on Matthew as a module which can be downloaded and used within the E-Sword program. You can download it

from <http://www.gospelstudies.net/MatthewEsword.cmtx> ; just install it in the e-Sword folder in your Program Files on your hard drive. There are other commentaries including by HP Mansfield and other writers available for download in similar format from

<https://sites.google.com/site/morebiblesoftwaremodules/home/e-sword-files-for-pc-1>

We strongly recommend this method of electronic Bible study.

PRAYER POINTS

- For brother Maxim and sister Anna and the locals in Riga as they run the Bible Center
- For the feeding and preaching scheme in France

- For Millicent

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks