

May 2015 France, UK, China, Ukraine, Riga, Bibles

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 23 and 24 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts2324.mp3> .

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FRANCE

Please continue to think of supporting the work of feeding our African refugee brethren in Paris, and other African refugees, over the period May 20 - June 20 God willing. There is also a car driving over from the Nottingham UK area, which can also take some clothes and food.

CHINA

The work of Bible distribution in China continues, although the cost of posting so many Bibles is significant. Over 350 have been mailed out in the last 2 months. Brother Donald reports yet another baptism as follows:

"I baptized br Yang at the outdoor swimming pool, He told me his personal testimony. I excerpt parts: I grew up in a rural village, elder village people support superstition. When people got sick, They didn't see the doctor instead of burning paper (they draw strange words on the paper) and drink it together with water. in my village there is also a person called immortal, people will ask him for help when they are in trouble. During that time a christian came to my house and preach the gospel. I was there but my father and grandpa walked away. I was very interested and listened carefully. But I was too young and can't make any choice. to tell you the truth, I only thought it is a legend and didn't believe. This is my first time heard the gospel. When I go to school, I like reading very much, ie stories, Three Hundred Tang Poems, 5000 years of China, Encyclopedia and Bible story, I smelled fresh fragrance of these books. and very interested in scrutiny the author's idea and contents. But it is Bible, I can only understand say 10%, so I ask others for help but their views I can't accept, I also apply Bible from carelinks website and advert in Chinese. it seemed your idea are more acceptable ie There are no immortal souls when people dies, we become dust. as Bible says He created man from dust, and breathed into his nose to give him life. God can destroy the soul (Matt. 10:28), So souls are destroyable...

So He decided to be baptized into the real Christ. the truth. God bless". Here you can see our new brother with his *NEV Chinese Bible with commentary and Bible Basics* at the back:



BIBLES

Just this week we have received news of the profitable distribution of the French *NEV New Testaments* [this includes commentary and reduced Bible Basics at the back]. Brother Herold from Mauritius kindly sent us a picture of him distributing them in a hospital on the island of Mauritius, and explaining the message to a patient; and we heard from brother Luc whom we baptized in Mali, who is now in his home village in Burkina Fasso and has distributed the French

Bibles in schools and is continuing to teach many:



The publishing and distribution of these Bibles is hugely expensive but there is a steady flow of baptisms from this work; and God's word is getting out there literally over the world, into remote villages in China, Russia and Burkina Faso, and into the islands of the Indian Ocean. We would like funding towards producing the Bible in Spanish, and some time we will need to reprint in Russian. To fund the printing and distribution of Bibles is a true legacy and we encourage those able to make major donation towards this work to do so; and to consider leaving legacies towards this work. Contact us for details.

RIGA

Pleased, so pleased, to say that Cindy's friend and fellow young mum NATALYA was baptized by Cindy this week. She first got in touch with us when Daniel was born 3 and a half years ago, and was the woman who took the photographs of him newborn. She has met a number of Western visitors to Riga over those years. So all the years of kids church, women's events etc. were worth it... to save this otherwise secular-but-religious Russian Latvian woman [with a very kind heart]. We're so thrilled that Cindy's patient witness has paid off. Here are some old photos of various events featuring Natalya... including all the prams at women's church at the Riga hall. Natalya is far from the first baptism from Cindy's work with local women but we are so glad that after such an extended period of witness, Natalya finally decided for the Lord. May this inspire others to reach out to secular folks whom they encounter in daily life. We look forward to Cindy getting to work likewise on the suburbs of South London, which are no less full of secular-but-religious women.



Here are Cindy and Natalya at her baptism:



Cindy is planning another women and children's Bible Camp at the property in northern Latvia in August, God willing; all are welcome.

CARELINKS UK

We baptized 6 Iranians in the UK recently as readers will recall. We're so pleased to say that they have been meeting weekly with a local brother. There are others in the UK also responding.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For brother Maxim and his visa and safety issues in Ukraine
- For the newly baptized, Yang and Natalya
- For the feeding and preaching project in France

- For continued blessing and funds to print and distribute Bibles and *Bible Basics*

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks