

May 2015 Greece, Riga, Cataract Operation, Women's Camp, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include 1 Thessalonians 1 and 2 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/1thess12.mp3> .

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GREECE

Brother Sherwin was baptized in **Latvia** several years ago; he now lives in **Sweden** where he works for a Pizza company and spends much time preaching online. He came into contact with two Iranian Christians, MEHDI and FARIBORZ who had converted to Christianity but with very little knowledge. They only had a gospel of Matthew, and sought to distribute this to others in their city- resulting in their persecution. Any conversion from Islam to Christianity, or attempting to convert others, is punishable with death in Iran. Our brothers escaped overland to Turkey, from whence they got a boat to Greece- another major refugee route, but less publicized than the North African crossings of the Mediterranean because fewer boats get into difficulty on the voyage. Sherwin had explained the fuller Gospel to them, rather like Aquilla and Priscilla instructing Apollos further, and they were delighted to hold paper copies of the Bible and *Bible Basics* in their hands for the first time and to be baptized into the Lord Jesus near Athens. Greece is unfriendly to asylum seekers and they are hoping to move on further into Western Europe next week God willing- please do pray for them.



RIGA

We omitted last week to report the baptism of MAREK at the *Bible Center*.

Cindy's mums and kids group again planted a love heart of flowers in the local park near the *Bible Center*. It was a witness to our outreach of love, grace and truth in this drab working class suburb of Riga which clearly has been so much on the Lord's agenda over the years. Our sisters and friends had permission from the park authorities to prepare the ground and then plant it- which they did, despite rainy weather:



Cindy's group of mums and kids has grown steadily over the years and we've reported baptisms from this outreach, one just last week. They'd like to repeat their mums and kids *Summer Camp* this year at the housing project *Carelinks* operate in northern Latvia. The dates would be a week in mid August, God willing. Other mums and kids are welcome to attend; the cost is likely to be around 2000 Euros and we are open to donations for this sum. You can *PayPal* to tiybible@yahoo.com or donate via our local representatives.

CATARACT OPERATION

Our sister Tanya was baptized in the mid 1990s in the earlier days of the Truth in **Riga** and has

been a faithful attender at our meetings since then. She receives a tiny pension and needs to have a cataract operation; she very much misses not being able to read the Bible daily and has no access to a computer. The cost is around 600 Euros and we are open to donations towards this sum. You can PayPal to tiybible@yahoo.com or donate via our local representatives. Here's our sister with her diagnosis and the cost of the treatment::



UKRAINE

Our brother Maxim made it to Ukraine safely but found he couldn't renew his visa for **Latvia** until later in June. So he has returned to **Riga** and will have to return to Ukraine then. With the collapse of the Ukrainian economy and currency, many civil servants aren't working, or not working very hard, and assembling paperwork and getting any serious response to applications is very very difficult and confusing. Please continue to pray for our brother in this very stressful and uncertain time for him.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those newly baptized
- For the progress of Cindy's mums and kids group and their Summer Camp
- Thanksgiving that God has enabled so much in our ministry over the years
- For those needing operations who can't afford them
- For brother Maxim
- For our Iranian refugee brethren on their journeys

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks