

## **May 2015 Refugee Feeding, Latvia**

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 12 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts12.mp3>

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### **REFUGEE FEEDING**

We'd like to remind you of the feeding scheme and outreach planned for May 20 - June 20 in Melun, near **Paris**, France. Aimed primarily at assisting the African refugee and immigrant brethren there, as in Riga we plan on teaching the doctrines of the Gospel in a converted warehouse and then providing food after that. Our appeal last time produced two provisions of rice cookers; but we're also in need of large cooking utensils such as pots and ladles and also electric ring heaters. Helpers are welcome to drive over- do contact us. We can probably provide accommodation for a couple of nights. Two car loads are being driven out, one from South West England and another from the London area, and we are appealing for good quality second hand clothes [including for children]. Preferably, from locations in the South East of the UK. Sister Debs Cwiecek is happy to try to collect them, you can email us or call her on 07854081865

### **The following are also needed and you might like to consider funding some of them**

- *Hundreds of sets of disposable bowls and spoons and cups [there is no facility for washing up where we will be operating]*
- *Parboiled rice*
- *Canned tomatoes*
- *Tomato paste*
- *Vegetable oil*
- *Some dried bay leaves, curry powder, thyme and chilli powder*
- *Chickens [lots of them!]*

### **LATVIA**

As many readers will be aware, Duncan & Cindy and family are going to be based in the UK from the end of June, living with and helping care for Duncan's parents , Marcus & Gwladys . Please pray for them in their move. Their work will God willing continue, just with London as the base rather than Riga, and they expect Lord willing to still be active in Latvia; indeed the wider work of Carelinks seems to continue to increase. The work in Riga is now benefitting from increased support from Western visitors- although that support really does need to continue and it would be great if it could increase. Please do not think that the work in Riga will cease or decrease- not at all. Momentum has been built up here over 25 years of work and it is clear the Lord means it to continue; please do continue supporting and consider coming over to assist with the feeding scheme. Let us know when and for how long you can come. The need is great- many of the brethren are amongst the poorest of the poor, and there is always strong interest from contacts and those studying *Bible Basics*. Just crossing a railway line near the hall, one notices a homeless brother who has found some scrap metal [springs from an old sofa mattress] and is carrying them across the tracks to the scrap metal merchant for a few Euros.



The Russian minority receive just a few Euros / month for pension; health care for them has to be paid for, and of course all medicines bought. The likes of sister Medina have been kept alive, humanly speaking, by the work you fund; her clothes likewise come from those we distribute at the back of the hall. Here's Cindy sorting out her latest prescriptions [*Carelinks* pay for the medicines] and sitting with her for food at the feeding scheme, which still requires your regular support even after Duncan & Cindy leave Riga:



Please also keep praying for brother Maxim from Ukraine, who is having problems renewing his visa and may need to now make two trips back to Ukraine due to the paperwork situation- and it's not a country he needs to be in given the call up situation. Here he is at the feeding scheme:



A few years ago, *Carelinks* ran a program of getting 30 day chicken projects off the ground in rural areas in Eastern Europe. The idea is that new born chicks are raised in a warm environment with electric light bulbs directly over their heads and fed intensively so they can be slaughtered as broilers after 30 days. We're delighted to say that this is still ongoing; here's a sister's kitchen in rural Latvia last week with the chicken run in the kitchen, the chicks next to the radiator and the light bulbs dangled over their heads- with grandchildren [and other little children] running around:



**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the work in Latvia
- For all homeless brethren
- For brother Maxim
- For the refugee brethren and feeding program in France and those assisting with it

**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**