

November 2012 Bible School Funding Appeal, Congo, Carelinks Australia

We have MP3s for all the *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday:

Nehemiah 13 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/neh13.mp3>

Amos 5 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/amos5.mp3>

2 Timothy 2 <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2tim2.mp3>

CONGO

You may've seen on the media that fighting has broken out again in Eastern Congo, with tens of thousands of refugees fleeing. **Goma** has been captured by them, and the BBC report that they are moving towards **Bukavu**- see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-20433142> and more recently <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-20468755>. There are ecclesias in this area and they certainly need our prayers. The fighting is characterized by gross violence including rape and mutilation of limbs. The figures alone are awful- tens of thousands of people fleeing in recent days, 110,000 people in refugee camps... over 5 million killed in the violence in the area since the mid 1990s, not to mention the extraordinarily brutal nature of the conflict, with rape and mutilation occurring daily; recent news from Israel has rather sidelined the massive scale human tragedy that is going on in Congo. We need to just take a reality check and realize that there are many of our brethren in that very area which is affected. So far as we know all are accounted for but communication is very difficult. To focus our prayers, here's a picture of the ecclesial hall and members in Bukavu taken on a Carelinks visit a few years ago :



CARELINKS AUSTRALIA

There are people throughout Australia who've been reading *Bible Basics* and let's pray that some of them respond to the call of Christ in baptism. God willing, we are holding two publicity meetings in Australia which you are welcome to attend:

BRISBANE

Friday 7 December at 7 p.m. at the home of Cliff & Nicky York, 30 Rifle Range Rd, Narangba QLD 4504. Contact us for more details or call Cliff 0429959756 or Nicky 0414737820 . Brother Duncan will talk about God at Work in Human Life Today

SYDNEY

Sunday 9 December at 3 p.m. at the home of Steve & Robin Jones, 17 Emerson Place, Menai NSW 2234 . Contact us for more details or call Robin & Steve on 02 95436810. Brother Duncan and Sister Cindy will talk about God at Work in Human Life Today.

If possible, please email us ahead of time if you plan on coming - info@carelinks.net

WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL APPEAL

2013 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL

These schools may be the only time most of these Brothers and Sisters get together as they are so scattered, often in total isolation. Over the last year we have had a lot of baptisms in **Russia** and **Ukraine** and it's really important they all get a chance to spend some time with each other. Several young couples have met and are now married as a result of meeting at these Bible Schools; and many isolated brethren and sisters comment that they live 'from Bible School to Bible School'. There is a very warm and intense spirit of fellowship; but without your support, these gatherings can't happen. The **Winter Eastern European Bible School** is booked for January 23-27, 2013, God willing, in **Poltava**, Ukraine. Speakers will include Brother Peter

Cresswell from the UK and others from the UK and other parts of the world. We'd like to not only invite your attendance, but also to encourage you to consider sponsoring a brother or sister to attend.

DONATIONS

The total cost of these gatherings [excluding fares for speakers, which are met privately] is about GBP 14,000- if we limit attendance to about 75 bre & sis. This works out at about 180 GBP / person on average. We really do need your support. This year we've decided to appeal for donations and we will then ask whoever your sponsor to send you their thanks, as in previous years. Below there are some examples of the type of brethren and sisters who attend; if you're particularly moved to support one of those cases, do contact us.

You can donate by cheques made out to 'Carelinks' sent to :-

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CANADA

Canadian representative, to whom Canadians can send checks [made out to "Carelinks"]: Steve and Connie Keating, 3420 Lakeshore Road, RR 3, Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0 Canada Email: steve_keating@hotmail.com .

There are details of how to donate anonymously and by bank transfer at <http://carelinks.net/doc/donations>

Please note that currently 1 GBP [British pound] = 1.6 US\$, 1.4 AU\$, 1.2 Euros. Please pray for the community here as they grow in grace and the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks