

November 2012 Carelinks UK, Puppet Show, Malawi

This Sunday's *Bible Companion* readings each have an MP3 study available for them:

Manasseh's Repentance (2 Chronicles 33)

- <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2chron33.mp3>

The Prostitute and the Prophet (Hosea 1) - <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/hos1.mp3>

Paul and the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 14,15)

- <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts1415.mp3>

MALAWI

Let's be aware of the amazing spread of the Truth in Malawi by our zealous brethren there. We pray too for the upcoming visit there of brothers John & Greg from **New Zealand**; and whilst praying for African trips, let's remember sister Astrid who is currently visiting the ecclesia in Burkina Faso as we write. In Malawi, the Chichewa version of *Bible Basics* is being distributed all over, including by zealous brethren on bicycles going to the areas far from asphalt roads. The Truth really is spreading, and many are responding. Brother Leonard has just returned from a trip around Malawi and he reports: "We are going to every corner here in Malawi, may God bless all of us".

Photos: *Bible Basics* received by the ecclesia in Thale; bricks made by ecclesial members on their initiative in order to build a simple meeting place; a box of Chichewa *Bible Basics* sent from New Zealand being distributed into the interior.



PUPPET SHOW

For a few years, Cindy has been running various outreaches to women and children in the very working class and depressed suburb where the **Riga Bible Center** is located. She goes up to mothers she sees with young children and invites them to come along to her mothers' group and women & kids church which she holds. There has been excellent response in terms of attendance, but the women have been slow in coming forward for baptism. This week things turned around. Cindy has arranged various events lately which have attracted good attendance, e.g. a course about first aid for mothers, and a puppet show about Bible stories. You can see a man watching on the far right in the second photo. His sister is one of the regular attenders. He was in a bad car accident and needed multiple operations which he couldn't afford. The women raised some funds towards these operations and now he is out of hospital and able to walk, he has become very interested in our church, our understanding of grace, and the Bible. After the puppet show, which in its own way was really quite moving, he stood up and said with tears that he would like to be baptized. We were delighted to discuss the Gospel further with him and so are pleased to report the baptism of AIVARS. You can see him here with his sister and Cindy, giving his confession of faith. We feel this is yet another example of where welfare outreach and the expression of grace in practice attracts people to more deeply learn and accept the underlying principles of faith which we teach. This conversion has been a great encouragement for all involved in Cindy's various outreaches:



Commenting on last week's Carelink message, Cindy adds:

"Today at the meeting while I was talking to Sintija, she told me of how happy is she is and how her life has changed after her baptism. She was always cynical of churches before, but is so glad to have now been baptized. She has given up alcohol and narcotics and is hoping to resume her studies to become a qualified cook so that she can find employment more easily. Please pray for her!

Cindy"

CARELINKS UK

Our Carelinks UK team are delighted to announce the baptisms of KUMBA and FATIMA after completing the *Bible Basics* course.

We're hoping our new sisters may be able to come to the Carelinks Conference in Croydon in February 2013, God willing.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks