

November 2013 Macedonia, China, Chairs for Riga, Winter Bible School

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Acts 13 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts13.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> ; Carelinks Bible Radio is at <http://r-b-c.org/listen.php> ; and God willing, we have our live video link service in English this Sunday at 08:00 a.m. GMT - you can view direct at www.carelinks.net [scroll down to the video screen] or if you want to make comments and participate in live chat, use <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/biblecenter> . You can view recordings of previous sessions at www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries

MACEDONIA

We've been visiting Macedonia on and off for nearly 20 years, but there have 'only' been a few baptisms (although each one is a wonder) due to the power of the Orthodox church and the distractions of the economic and political situation. However we're pleased to tell you of the baptism of a delightful family here. JADRANKA, her son DRAGAN and her two daughters in law, ALEKSANDRA and TEODORA. This was initially due to the faithful witness of a brother we baptized here some years ago. The family are great enthusiasts for our literature, which you can see them with in the photo:



Jadranka [far left] works as a nurse, and has had a tragic life- recently having suffered the death of her husband, and also both of her brothers, one from a heart attack and the other in a car crash. Not surprisingly, she and her family have turned to God and His Son in spirit and in Truth. Please pray for these very dear people. They are in need of assistance materially, and we will be pleased to receive any donations for them.

We made a video about our basic beliefs, in English and Macedonian, our first video production in Macedonian. It's at http://youtu.be/RZbJk2Y_77c and is a simple presentation of the Gospel aimed at comforting those in need of comfort.

We now have a few hundred videos spread over four channels on You Tube, and between them they have attracted nearly 30,000 views worldwide. Our main channel is at www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries .

RIGA

We're delighted to report the baptism of a gypsy woman, MARIANNA. Our sister was nervous about being baptized for various reasons, thinking herself unworthy. The baptism was especially joyful for her and for us all, as the photos make clear:



Riga Bible Center needs more chairs! This is partly due to increased numbers, and partly because the cheaper fold-up chairs [funded by an appeal a few years ago] are breaking. More solid chairs which will last longer cost around 20 Euros / \$30 each- and we can use up to 30 of them. If you'd like to donate towards this our PayPal address is tiybible@yahoo.com or via our donations page <http://carelinks.net/doc/donations>

CHINA

In order to provide pastoral follow up to the many being baptized in China, br John Aldersley of **New Zealand** held a Bible weekend and other studies for the brothers and sisters. John and Br. Donald report as follows:

Brother John Aldersley travelled to China last week to join Brother Donald in conducting a Bible teaching weekend. The Carelinks websites and ads done by Donald continue to attract many interested people - many of them professionals. At the seminar, it was attended by an accountant, 2 young people with Master and PhD degrees ,2 trainee doctors and others. Our carpenter brother and some labourers whom we baptized were working in a construction site 2 hrs train away and had no chance to attend, but they are very glad to help us distribute Bible during their spare time. It was fantastic to see our local brothers and sisters meeting together, all came to us as a result of our Bible distribution. Hopefully we can organize Bible weekends in another city next time. The talks were conducted by Brother John and Donald as a translator. The big questions in life apply to us all: The topics were Evolution or Creation? Why are we here? Is there hope after death? The archaeological evidence we presented from all over the world proves that the Bible is the truth.

The lessons involved discussions about evolution and the evidence for the Bible being the word of God, so that we can believe its message of salvation. In line with this, lively discussions were held in relation to genetics - how the wonder of DNA proves there must be an intelligent creator, and how Jesus was both son of God and son of man "genetically". This was followed up with lessons on the Kingdom of God on earth which is the gospel of scripture. Some who attended had already been baptised, and we pray others who came will make that decision also.

Continue to pray for the truth in China in this huge country. Pray for our Bible distribution in China.



EASTERN EUROPEAN WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL

This will be held God willing January 22-27 in **Kiev, Ukraine**. We have a good lineup of speakers, Br Joe Badlu from the Brooklyn, **USA** ecclesia, Jeremy Neate from the Horley, **UK** ecclesia, Paul Hosking from the Totton, **UK** ecclesia, and others. All are welcome. Lord willing we'll be making an appeal later for sponsoring of Russian speaking brothers and sisters to attend.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks