

October 2012 UK, Sweden, Riga, China

This Sunday's *Bible Companion* readings include John 15 and 16, and there's an MP3 on these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1516.mp3>

SWEDEN

We're pleased to report that our local Farsi speaking brethren in Sweden have taken the initiative of baptizing ALI in southern Sweden. May the Lord bless his walk to the Kingdom.

The other reports we have this week all feature news about older people, and we note again with wonder how the Lord works to reach out to those who are offline, shut in and at the very end of their lives.

SISTER VALYA

VALYA was once a highschool teacher of Maths and Physics. Her two children live in Texas, USA... but she's living in a night shelter, carrying her few belongings in a bag, walking with great difficulty to our meetings, every step she has to climb seeming a mountain, struggling with basic survival. But this lady has a lifetime of intelligent thought about God's word behind her, and having attended our meetings on and off for 2 years, all came together in her baptism into Jesus:



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We're pleased to report the baptisms of REG, MICHAEL, JULIE and JAMES. There are people seriously studying *Bible Basics* throughout the UK; you can view a set of answers recently received at the following links, and see for yourself the advanced level of understanding of the Gospel which is to be seen in so many people we're in contact with:

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James is a fascinating example of providence. Born in 1919, our new brother was raised a Methodist, and received a Bible upon graduating Sunday School in 1935. He read this Bible all his life, and became very convinced by the Biblical portrayal of the character of the Lord Jesus.

So strong was that conviction that when drafted for military service in 1939 at 20 years of age, he felt he had to conscientiously object to military service. This was very difficult for him, as the Methodist church supported the war effort and conscription. He was drafted to alternative service, where he met Christadelphians and others who likewise objected, and learnt from them that popular Christianity was astray doctrinally. But it was through his own long life of thought, experience and research that he came to those same conclusions; he has never got over the deep sense of disappointment that Christian churches could bless war in any form whilst claiming to hold to the teachings of Jesus. He concluded that the problem was that many church members don't read their Bibles as they should. In his old age he read his small KJV Bible even more- and was interested to hear that we provided new Bibles as his was falling apart. We sent him one earlier this year along with *Bible Basics*, which he has devoured. He simply loves his *NEV Bible* and the commentary, upon which he has made copious notes. It was an honour to shake the hand of this very deeply committed Christian gentleman and to baptize him into the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth in his own home, now at 93 years of age. Whilst he has limited mobility, his faculties, vision and hearing are excellent. We simply thank God for him, and learn again how God is actively working in the lives of His children to bring them unto Him in truth.

CHINA

Brother Donald reports the baptism of an older person at the Bible Center he is operating: "I talked with br QIU for several hours and baptized him a few hours ago, an old man, he is staying in the Bible center tonight". Our brother first came into contact with us through brother Donald distributing literature and approaching people on the street. We commend our brother for bravely doing so much on his own.

Here's our new brother watching *The Real Devil* movie with Chinese subtitles:



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