

October 2013 Riga, Russia, Carelinks USA

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include John 13 and 14 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn1314.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

RUSSIA

We're pleased to report the baptism of TONYA, a very devout Jewish woman who has been searching for the real Christ for a long time, and who came to us from our offer of the free Russian Bible with *Bible Basics* commentary. We take this opportunity to mention the group of brethren in **Russia, Belarus** and **Ukraine** who are mailing out many Bibles each week to people like her all over the former USSR. We assist with the postage expenses and are always open to donations for this ongoing work. Tonya lost her house and all she had in the huge floods there were in Southern Russia two years ago. Everything was literally swept away; and then her husband left her. She was offered compensation in the form of some land and a broken down house- in a remote spot of central Russia. She took the compensation, and brought her 80 year old blind mother and young children to live in an isolated spot which is a long walk from the nearest shop and transport. She has to walk far to get water from a well, and they live on a very basic level- life is quite a struggle just for survival. Hence her turning to God yet more seriously. Tonya is Jewish, and has been involved with various synagogues and researched other Christian groups before she moved into her current isolation; she has a very good knowledge of the Bible. We made a short movie of her encouraging others to take up the free Bible offer whilst it lasts- all in Russian, but at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8EIOjmfJE>



The poverty is so bad she's not told the youngest child [4 years old] about birthdays, so the girl doesn't feel left out if she gets no birthday present or cake for her birthday. To get to the place where there was a bath for baptism, our sister had to walk a long way and then get various buses and a train. Please do pray for her and her children and the life choices in front of her- and for all the thousands of people now reading the *NEV Bibles* all over the world, all in different circumstances, but all being beckoned to the Kingdom in the word they are reading.

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How do people progress spiritually after their baptisms? Sister Candice was baptized about 8 months ago, and she's made a 3 minute movie about her progress and her work with Carelinks contacts- it's at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCN7sfH5itM>

RIGA

The re-roofing project is now in full swing. About the only break our four workers have had was for the baptism of VLADISLAV in the hall. We'd like to pay special tribute to brother Mark Leadbetter of the Maidenhead ecclesia who has literally been doing a herculean task as the master builder amongst us. Due to rainy weather, he and his team have been working all hours

on the job whenever it has been dry, struggling with the gas bottles which feed the blow torch getting so cold that the gas loses pressure and turns to liquid:



Here's Mark giving words of encouragement to Vladislav [left hand side, left] just before his baptism in the well used baptismal bath; also present at the baptism was our blind sister Larisa, who gave very moving encouragement to our new brother:



And finally, dear Mark just exhausted:



There has been yet more work done in upgrading the kitchen too. We really thank our four visitors for their huge work.

Also in **Riga** this week are brother Mike & sister Vanessa Boler of the Folkestone ecclesia, who are searching for a house or apartments to rent for the 3 months of January-March when, Lord willing, they and Andy & Mel Downton of the Horley ecclesia will be in **Riga** coordinating the ambitious feeding scheme planned- the idea is to offer meals and Bible study each day for the three coldest months of the Winter. They really need more help- this is a major job. Please do seriously consider coming over to cook for a week or so- let us know if you're interested. The work is not heavy, just lots of peeling, dishing up and cleaning.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks