

October 2013 Winter Welfare, Feeding Scheme

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Ephesians 3 and 4 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/eph34.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

WINTER WELFARE

We appreciate the donations received for this project- aiming to provide warmth and welfare to needy brothers and sisters and their families in Eastern Europe over the Winter period, where the monthly cost of heating is often about the same as a monthly pension, and folks in rural areas are really struggling to buy enough firewood- along with all the other expenses related to living in a cold climate. These especially affect the elderly, single parents and unemployed. We have begun distributing such Winter Welfare as night temperatures are already below zero in many areas. You can view the appeal for this project at <http://carelinks.net/doc/1231367214>

Our meetings and feeding schemes in Riga continue twice per week, plus women and children's church and other outreaches, along with providing a number with very basic food packages. We're pleased to tell you of the baptism of RITA, a regular attender at our meetings, who really just has the clothes she stands up in, and lives in one of the many night shelters- out at 8 a.m. and only allowed back in at 8 p.m., with no storage facility for belongings. She has really found the pearl of great price and is quite in wonder at it. Here's a photo of a recent meeting- you can see her in the back row, second from the left with uncovered head at our Monday afternoon "*Bible Basics*" class which is held before the feeding scheme- attendance varies from 70 to 120 with more watching online:



Attendance at our meetings continues to rise, even necessitating more bowls. Soon we will be needing more chairs.

Our sister was helped at her baptism by sister Sandra [left]:



We asked for your prayers for Sandra, that she might be able to keep her baby, despite having nowhere to live and social services trying to take it from her. She is currently still in a crisis center and we are doing what we can to support her and others like her. So far she has been able to keep the baby, and brings it to meeting regularly, much to the joy of all present:



Please continue your prayers for her, and for us, as we try to have wisdom and commitment in

helping her and so many like her in this hard world.

We received many wonderful hand-knitted blankets knitted or co-ordinated by the wonderful 'salt of the earth' brothers and sisters in **Bodalla, Australia**. We've been distributing them , and here's Sandra with some of them along with a small carpet to try to keep her room warmer:



FEEDING SCHEME

We have decided to try to operate daily feeding at the **Riga Bible Center** over our coldest months- January, February and March, 2014. During those three months we are looking forward to the presence of some brothers and sisters from **England** who will help co-ordinate things; but we are also looking for volunteers to come over for 1 or 2 weeks to do the work of cooking and serving food. Please get in touch with Br Mike & Sis Vanessa Boler vanessaboler@yahoo.co.uk or br Andy & sis Mel Downton meldownton@btopenworld.com / andydownton@btopenworld.com if you would like more info or would like to come and help.

And response continues in the West. We have large numbers of people in contact with us, all at various stages of their journey towards the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom. Here's a fairly typical response from the USA:

"I am in agreement with you regarding the Heavenly Father and his son Jesus Christ. I was recently told that I would be escorted off the premises if I came back to the church I had attended for most of ten years because I was honest about my beliefs. I and my wife are in our late 40s and it has been a heart break for us because we had developed some deep relationships at that church. I have researched the trinity subject in depth and my belief that the son is subordinate to the father and that they are separate entities but one in purpose. I would enjoy more discussions with you. I relish people that have a heart for God and his people".

Let us know if you want to be in touch with folks like this.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks