

## October 2014 Riga, Australia, UK, USA, China

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include John 4 and there is an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn4.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>

### AUSTRALIA

We'd like to give advance notice of a weekend of Carelinks activities in Sydney over the weekend of Saturday January 10 and Sunday January 11, 2015. On the Sunday, brother Duncan will give the exhortation at the Hurstville ecclesia in the morning and then after the breaking of bread, in the Hurstville Christadelphian Hall, we plan activities including a public dialogue with representatives from a local synagogue concerning the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth. John Thatcher and Duncan will present our position, and two from the synagogue will present theirs, and we hope this will result in genuinely friendly dialogue. So do make a note of that date if you're able to get there! And do pray for blessing upon our endeavours.

### UK

We'd like to remind you of Brother Duncan's upcoming presentation at the Chelmsford, UK ecclesia on Sunday 2nd November; after the breaking of bread there will be light refreshments and then presentations about the work in Latvia. Do inform brother Dennis Leverett if you plan on attending: [denisandjackie@btinternet.com](mailto:denisandjackie@btinternet.com)

We're also pleased to tell you of the baptism of JANE in northern England, having initially come to us requesting a Bible and *Bible Basics*; please do pray for her.

### USA

We're pleased to report the baptism of MICHAEL, a contact initially from YouTube channels.

### RIGA

We are pleased to say that this week we baptized LIJA , a young married woman who had her three year old taken off her by social services; others of our number are in a similar situation. These experiences drove her to search for God, and with great joy she has been attending our meetings and has formed a delightful friendship with others. 2 Corinthians 1 explains that if we suffer anything, it is in order for us to comfort others in that same affliction; and this is one of the ways in which God comforts us, through fellowship with others who have had providentially overruled experiences which in essence are similar to our own. This is one window upon the meaning of our sufferings and experiences- they become meaningful insofar as we mediate to others the comfort we ourselves received. This is the whole purpose of meeting together in fellowship, and utilizing those meetings not to talk about secular things but to directly share spiritual experiences.



### VIDEOS ABOUT BAPTISM

As readers will be aware, we make every effort to baptize people, making long and difficult journeys to anywhere required. But there are at times non-standard situations where self-

baptism is an option that needs to be remembered. We've produced a video with more thoughts and personal testimony about this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQz0tLatooA> . We're not advocating self-baptism generally, of course it is far more appropriate to be baptized by another member of the body of Christ. But as the true Gospel penetrates many new areas and situations where this may not be possible, this is an option that should be considered.

Whilst talking about baptism, we're always happy to assist anyone anywhere to be baptized into the Lord Jesus. Do let us know if we can assist in any perhaps non-standard situations.

We've also produced a video about the issue of re-baptism after coming to understand the truth about the nature of God and His Son and the nature of God's Kingdom. Re-baptism is an intensely personal issue in a person's relationship with God, and so here is one brother's experience:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIGBahvGCZ4&list=UUYp5dgMyPo1m-pFlqpyojTQ>

## CHINA

Brother Donald reports:

*"We booked a vehicle from train station to the village where brother SHENJIAN lives and then to the private pool to perform baptism. He has believed in God for 4 years but he did not want to let others know about his belief in God. He knows this is wrong and always confessed to God about this, but he doesn't not know how to overcome. I told him that if we deny Him in public, He will also deny us in the judgement day and I quoted some verse to explain. We also talked about the things in **Bible Basics**, how to be a real Christian in modern society , marriage, fellowship etc .I assured him of the truth in 1 Pe 2:6 "Because it is contained in scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: And he that believes on him shall not be put to shame". God bless "*

Our new brother came to us from Bible distribution work. God is truly blessing it. His word is not returning void.



**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**