

October 2016 Carelinks Winter Welfare / Refugee Appeal

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Philippians 1 and 2 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/phil12.mp3> . You can see the archives of our MP3 files at <http://aletheiacollege.net/archives.html> and on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/christadelphian-bible-talks/id987163468> Download the NEV Bible with commentary and Bible Companion bookmarks at <http://n-e-v.info/NEVBIBLE.pdf>

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In previous Winters for several years now, *Carelinks* initiated a major project to try to meet the significant problem of suffering as a result of the low temperatures in Eastern Europe and the former **USSR**. We provided funds to pay for heating bills, improved houses against the cold, installed internal toilets, delivered firewood, warm clothing, medical and other assistance to our most needy brothers and sisters.

As reported in our updates, we believe this significantly alleviated the suffering of several families, single mothers and especially elderly brothers and sisters.

Given rising fuel prices the average cost of heating an apartment is almost the entire old age pension. Those with no supporting relatives, living alone, are left with literally nothing to survive on over the Winter months.

For those living in the large concrete blocks which house the majority of the urban population, if they don't pay their heating bills, they have to vacate the apartment- which often means going to live in the night shelters, and being out on the street from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. We would like to continue our project this Winter too.

Please consider donating whatever you can afford to enable us to do this. This year we are also faced with the needs of many baptized refugee brethren from the Middle East who are facing the Winter with a minimum of state support.

Those baptized in **Italy** have no state support and some are in derelict primary schools in the mountains with no provision of warm clothing etc.

Following are a few typical photos of help provided in previous years and would like to continue assisting. We're seeking to provide a total of 10,000 GBP [15,000 \$] to those in need. We have no overheads and no salaried workers, so your funds go direct to those in need.

Additionally, we are providing hot food all year round at the *Riga Bible Centre* in **Latvia**, mainly to baptized brothers and sisters, and there are many ongoing expenses in operating the premises there.

Here are some photos of work done over previous Winters:

Sister Rita & Brother Yuri were living in a room without heating, trying to keep warm by covering themselves in sleeping bags and boiling water with an element and trying to warm themselves from the steam; we provided bar heaters, covered their electric bill and got them into better accommodation. We did this for quite a few of our most urgent cases:



In rural areas, we delivered firewood and other assistance to isolated brothers and sisters too

old or ill to cope with the Winter, often due to having been abandoned by neighbours and family who have gone off to the towns and forgotten about them:



With temperatures down to -45 degrees in some parts of Russia where we have brethren, Winter becomes very difficult to cope with for the sick, elderly, single mothers and isolated. We try to provide relevant material support for them, including warm clothing and welfare packages:

This is a wonderful project, involving relevant humanitarian help being given to a lot of good hearted brothers and sisters who are in urgent need through no fault of their own, living as they are in the broken down social and economic situation which there is in the ex-USSR, with no other source of support, and in an area where temperatures can go as low as -45 C . This isn't just a nice idea, this program has been run for many years already and we have all contacts in place for it to happen this year too if you can fund it. Please do be as generous as you can and pass this appeal on to others, and above all please pray for this project and for our brethren and sisters.

You are welcome to donate towards this work through our usual channels,

see <http://carelinks.net/doc/donations>

or PayPal to tiybible@yahoo.com

Donations from the USA are tax deductible and there are tax efficient ways of donating in the UK via the Christadelphian Advancement Trust.

Send a cheque made out to "Carelinks" to:

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