

## September 2012 Kenya, China, Riga

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 8 and there's an MP3 on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk8.mp3>

We're grateful for all the helpers who have come forward to assist in various ways with the massive Bible mailout which will be happening this week from Marcus & Gwladys' home in South London UK. Please pray for blessing on this effort, so that God's word will not return void but will achieve His glory in human lives.

### RIGA

Probably many have the impression that all members of the Riga ecclesia are homeless people who spend the night in shelters. Many are, but not all. There's an amazing mixture of people whom the Lord is calling. We range from a retired university professor to asylum seekers from Afghanistan. We're pleased to tell you this week of the baptism of sister VALYA. Our new sister lives locally to the **Riga Bible Center** and for some years had wanted to find a church and turn to God. Her religious experience had involved finding the text of the Lord's prayer, memorizing it and repeating it each day. Noticing the signs in our window, she came along, was given a Bible, and says she found a whole new world of understanding. Her great regret is that somehow she failed to notice us for so long despite walking past the building often. It's a pleasure to teach our sister as she is so studious and earnest about understanding God's word::



### CHINA

We had some visitors from China attend our missionary training program and they returned to China with great motivation and enthusiasm to develop a Bible Center where the many baptized individuals throughout China could occasionally gather, and also where they could develop a local ecclesia. A local brother has rented an apartment style meeting place in the center of one of China's major cities and is single-handed trying to build up an ecclesia there. He is standing outside the apartment block and inviting people to come read the Bible with him and advertising online as best he can. He has had people coming and he shows them the *Bible Basics* powerpoint presentations on a computer. He took Chinese literature back with him from the missionary training program so the contacts are studying *Bible Basics*. He also invites our many contacts throughout China to come in to the center. This weekend he had the first baptism, of HAN. We should so deeply respect our brother for having the initiative and determination to do all this alone, it is not easy trying to do something like this alone. It seems God is very richly blessing his efforts. He sent these photos of a woman who attends regularly, going through the *Bible Basics* powerpoints:



The Chinese language outreach goes far beyond China. Chinese people are all over the world in their millions. Here's a recent email from the USA: "Do you remember me? I am the Chinese girl who study in Washington DC, US. I have sent you email before ask several question about

existence of God. I am emailing you to let you know how the effect of your Chinese version <Bible Basics>!!!! Thank you so much!!! Also, I am so excited to tell that I have decided to get baptized!!!! I have all answers to my questions now!!!! I have 100% faith to God now!!! Finally, after several years efforts, I could say to God: "HERE I AM!" .Thank you so much for your help during my confusing time. It do really help!! Best wishes to you and your fellows! Sharon"

## **KENYA**

Anybody fancy a trip to Kenya to meet and baptize some wonderful people? Maybe you will after reading the following extracts from many emails received from a man called Calvin who lives in a village far from anywhere and meets with his group under a mango tree. Whatever your response, please pray for these people, and for our wisdom in how best to help them:

I was born in a Village know as Kangoje ,My Father Died when I was still 3yrs old ,on his death He left my mom pregnant of my younger sister .We started to face a rough tough life with my mother until she end up on becoming a whore so that she may get my sister and myself a daily meal. My mom sell her body in return of food or money .During all this time my mom and my self were religious members for we were going to the catholic church where my mom was one of the choir singers ,but despite all that she was a prostitute sleeping with even some deacons, and priest just for money. After five year my mother also died as a result of HIV/AIDS. From there I started life with my younger sister when I was now 9yrs old .After death of my both parents we were chased out of the clan and I started to live in tunnels with my sister .I became a beggar for food in every house ,all though during all this time I was a strong catholic who is a alter boy. I suffered because I had to struggle with my going to school and my sister school too. I worked for people as a Bricks maker, sand washer ,garbage collector's was looking for food from the left over of dogs and from the garbage. I struggle with this life until I managed to finish my Primary school ,after that I couldn't manage to pay for my High School for it was very expensive for me because my sister was also in primary school. I never proceed and I left school without going to High school to look for the school fees for my sister ,and food that we can eat .

In the year 2000 September ,as I went to collect food, from the garbage ,I met one pastor by the name Rashid who was a Muslim but converted to Christianity ,He Tried to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus with me , But I was not listening about God or even about Jesus .For I was wondering where this God was when my parents died and when I am suffering without food, bathes ,clothes and sleeping in tunnels .After one week when this pastor is just coming to share with us ,I came to the Knowledge of Christ Jesus and accepted to be saved .From there I left Catholic and became a member of Church of the Nazarene. All though I was now a Christian but Things were growing more rough and worse with me .I become one of the teacher of the Church of the Nazarene in the year 2005. But Later in the year 2008 ,after becoming a strong member of the church, I found a lot of their teachings very contrary to the Scripture and also its members were separated. I left them ,since then I have been just teachings the Gospel Of repentance and searching for the Truth . I have come across many churches but I have found them not giving the Truth but their own desires that if you are not willing to follow they count you a bad person and they are willing to call you with all sought of names. But I accepted all because I am called by Him who wants us to follow His will and His will alone .Due to that I do not accept many Church which wants me to give them honor instead of God the almighty.

I Trust God for all this hardship I am facing ,I know that In His Treasure He Has a lot For me and I do not want to worship Cult,because many Churches here in Kenya from western countries, have taken our poverty situation as advantage so they are making people to worship cult for the money.I do not want to do that but I wait upon our Lord for His Great Provision which I believe

will be soon. My Service now is to reach Orphans ,the poorer and the suffering in my village with the truth about God. I want to learn so that I may grow to maturity of the word of God which can help me and my clan. Currently I have a small group which I fellowship with every Sunday

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I am Glad and I am enjoying the studies so much for they are giving me new understanding. According to the Truth that I just learned in your teachings. Which is 100% supported with the Scripture. I do not believe in Trinity. It is true that many churches around the world beliefs in trinity .But I thank God so much for enabling me know you people and I now know the Truth which is hidden to many People about God and the false doctrine of Trinity. I shared the Truth about your doctrines with my Wife and she is also happy and fully supporting it. Even right now as I am writing this email she is with me. I printed some of your studies and she is also reading them and understanding it better.

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My groups and my self have not been Baptist by Immersion into Christ I would be glad to know about this kind of baptism. Please I would be very much glad if I could be baptized. I agree with your doctrines and that is the reason why I contacted you. I have met many Churches -whom are not teaching the Truth but I am Glad that finally God brought you people in my life. I know that God wants me to walk in the Truth. And I know that it is because of the Truth that He brought you people in my life. Please whatever you tell me is what I will do. My self and my groups here in Kenya are in your hands .Please give us direction and whatever God may lead you to do with us.

*With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks*