

September 2013 Norway, Deep Response, Silverware

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 22 and there's an MP3 about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk22.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

NORWAY

Many Carelinks readers will live in societies where it seems materialism and postmodern indifference to the Bible is almost overpowering; our message seems almost doomed to rejection. But God's word doesn't return void; there are some who are increasingly searching for meaning in the coldness of our postmodern world. KIM is one of them; a Norwegian, raised atheist in an atheist household, living in an affluent and intensely materialistic society. But Kim bravely followed where our natural search for God leads us- to the Bible. And after many years of trying to work it out, came to the right conclusions. Kim says he has spent hundreds of hours watching our presentations on YouTube and looking at other internet resources. But all that time he made no contact with us. We have a few thousand people looking at our videos on YouTube each month, quite apart from websites. We never know who they are... but who knows how many other people out there are looking for the Truth and carefully analyzing our material in great depth? Kim finally contacted us via a Facebook group. We usually report baptisms of asylum seekers and refugees in Scandinavia, driven by their plight towards the Lord Jesus. But here is a local Norwegian driven by the spiritual plight of this modern world to come out of atheism, to be deeply impressed by the argument for creation, the power of Bible prophecy and the compelling logic of the true Gospel- and thus come to the Lord Jesus. With joy we met with our brother this week and baptized him in a swimming pool in Kristiansand. His testimony, part in English and part in Norwegian, is from the heart and a triumph of God, His Son and His word over the emptiness, apathy and ultimate boredom of this age in the Western world. You can hear our brother on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eem5OIKHbE8>

Please pray for our brother in his relative isolation, and for all those other people, unknown to us but known to the Lord, who are likewise piecing together the Truth doctrine by doctrine but are shy to come forward. Here's our new brother in the cafe of the swimming pool after his baptism:



Our YouTube channel is www.youtube.com/CarelinksMinistries .

Last week we reported the baptism of an Iranian brother in Belgium and he is very keen that his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus should be public- although it's all in Farsi, his body language alone expresses a deep sense of handing over his life to the Lord Jesus and the things of God's Kingdom. The movie we made of it is very brief but very profound; it's at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82ALsy2nZQ>

Continuing the theme of people all over the world coming to accept Bible Truth in unexpected places, here's an email from someone who shares our beliefs now but is a member of a large, standard church in America. She plays the organ at church... but is very into the Carelinks book "*The Real Devil*" (available from www.realdevil.info):

"I actually carry *The Real Devil* with me when I go to play for funerals. Quite often I am sitting on the organ bench for an hour or so with little to do once I "preluded" for 30 minutes before and am free until time for the postlude. Other times, I'm busy as a bee. But when I can, I am reviewing and reviewing until it all sinks in. I quite often go to that portion where passages are discussed. Actually, it seems I am fixated on this issue, but really, I'm trying to undo YEARS - and I do mean lots of them - of wrong information being thrust upon me due to the church I was brought up in and am still in! I never realized how much Satan is blamed for things that we ourselves and others are the culprits, or God Himself was responsible. That is something people find hard to fathom. Anyway, again I am so thankful for your patience to answer so many questions for me!"

So don't be discouraged by the apparent apathy to our message in the West. There is growing and deep response- amongst some. And far more than we might think.

SILVERWARE

There are a few very faithful ecclesias meeting in homes in Eastern Europe who have been baptized many years. It would be really deeply appreciated by them if they had some silverware for their breaking of bread meetings. Now that's not something we would spend Carelinks funds on buying, but we just wondered whether anyone has anything suitable that is just sitting in cupboards doing nothing which could be donated. It helps add an appropriate sense of decorum to the memorial meetings when conducted in homes, especially where there are often unavoidable interruptions. Not to worry if nobody has anything, we just wondered whether with all the ecclesias closing down in the UK especially there might be such equipment just sitting around. Of course it doesn't have to be "silver", just something 'nice' to add an appropriate sense of decorum to the bread and wine. Let us know if so.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks