

## September 2014 Ukraine, Outreach to Secular People, UK

The **Bible Companion** readings for this Sunday include 2 Corinthians 10 and 11 and there is an MP3 about these chapters at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/2cor1011.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>

### UKRAINE

This week a visit was made to Ukraine, and the petitions which you signed online were presented in printed form to the Ministry of Defence in Kiev. Here's Cindy printing them out late the night before:



There was no photography allowed anywhere near the Ministry of Defence, but from across the street one could still see the crowd of largely women, some with prams and young children [notice the woman with the pram on the far right of the photo], waiting to get news of soldier husbands and sons who have disappeared or been reported wounded:



The real figures for those affected by the war are around over 3000 killed, tens of thousands injured, 1000 soldiers held as prisoners of war, mass destruction of homes, whole villages, hospitals, schools etc., with over 1 million refugees who have scattered throughout Eastern Europe and Ukraine. Please do pray for our brothers and sisters and their families and for Ukraine. We appreciate all your prayers, and it was surely no coincidence that a truce was announced the very day the petitions were presented. The guns fell silent at 15:00 local time, the very time we were presenting the petitions. There are really no coincidences in the lives of those with whom the Lord is working. Please continue to pray for our young brothers and sisters facing conscription issues. The 'total mobilization' is now taking effect, with all men up to 45 being liable for callup, although it remains to be seen if the latest truce will hold and may affect that in practice.

Whilst in Ukraine we were delighted to baptize SERGEJ, a young and intense Bible student who has thoroughly understood the doctrines of the Truth from *Bible Basics*. Our brother first contacted us after a friend asked him to use the internet to find him a free Bible. Our brother came to our site and also found *Bible Basics* there, and his own interest was thus aroused in the doctrines we teach.



### UK BAPTISMS

Thousands of *NEV Bibles with commentary* have been distributed in the UK, and we encourage all receiving them to also study *Bible Basics* and be baptized. We're pleased to tell you that this work has again born fruit, in the baptisms this week of GARDNER at the Aberdeen [Scotland]

ecclesia, and PAULA at the Ipswich ecclesia. We remind you of our willingness to work together with local ecclesias in following up the many contacts which there are worldwide, and we're grateful to Aberdeen and Ipswich for their help.

We'd also like to give advance notice of a publicity event at the Chelmsford ecclesia planned for Sunday November 2nd, God willing. Brother Duncan will give an exhortation based on Matthew 25 "When did we see you hungry...?" and then after a communal lunch, share news of the amazing things going on at the **Riga Bible Center**. Do come along and share the day with us.

### **OUTREACH TO SECULAR PEOPLE**

We are all aware that the Western world is full of a large majority of secular people with only a passing interest in religion, despite each person having, we believe, an inner yearning to connect with their creator, however unconscious this yearning is. It's this subconscious yearning we desperately wish to connect with and bring out into the consciousness of secular people. Our material urges people to read the Bible, to listen to us explaining it, to believe in God and Jesus etc., but we are only too aware that it goes over the heads of the vast majority of our fellows- despite the encouraging number of baptisms we're reporting in Western Europe these days. We have thought and prayed about how to grab the attention of this majority, well aware that the internet generation have a very short attention span. And how to somehow appeal to that conscience for God which there is in every human being, created as we are in His image. So we've produced 2 very brief comedy videos which may grab passing attention for a minute or so- and then once attention is grabbed, we make an appeal to apply to us for a free Bible. The style will not commend itself to all of you, and for that we apologize in advance, but please understand our very genuine motivation- to by all means save some, and at least get a word in for the Gospel to the secular, apparently disinterested masses. Already we have had 15 requests for Bibles, including from Italy, America and Australia, with promising follow up emails. So... please do share these clips on social media if you can, and pray that we get through to some:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVWYPY24HzU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PQggxVahOg>

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