

## September 2015 UK Opportunities, Refugees, Latvia, Ukraine

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Luke 12 and there is an MP3 file about this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/lk12.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>

### CARELINKS UK

Just a reminder that we are holding another session stuffing envelopes with Bibles and literature, at the Chelmsford Ecclesial Hall on Wednesday 30 September God willing starting at around 11. Let us know if you can come along.

Our Northern Gathering in Yorkshire was a great event. Including children, 22 of us gathered together to hear talks about Acts 1 and 2, to break bread in memory of the Lord who is the center of all our work and thinking, and to practically encourage each other in our desire to lay our lives down in service to Him. It was especially good to have brother Yuri with us, baptized in **Latvia** but now living and working in **Leeds**. We rounded off a happy day with billing the 'A *New Life*' leaflets in an extremely cute hillside village:



A happy group of us gathered to baptize LARA at her home; all up we were 3 children plus six bre & sis who met up with her and her daughter. It was a truly happy occasion. Originally from **Brazil**, Lara had read the Bible carefully for many years before coming to the UK. She was an active member of a local church, and brought over 20 Portuguese speakers to the church. But as she figured out that the trinity was not Biblical and speaking in tongues as they practiced it wasn't at all Biblical, she shared those truths with her Portuguese speaking friends and they left the church. She encountered us online and actually purchased a copy of *Bible Basics* from eBay even though we give it away free. She is very zealous to believe and do what is right. She works long hours doing various jobs and yet makes Bible study a priority, and is teaching her young daughter from *Bible Basics*. We have given her supplies of Portuguese *Bible Basics* and she is sharing them with her friends and also posting them to family members back in Brazil. We now seek to encourage her to connect with her friends who left church in order to get them together with her in a house group, lest they wander from the pathway completely, as so many do.

Please pray for her. She has made great use of literature, material like the CAT edition of Br Ron Abel's book *Wrested Scriptures* has been invaluable to her.

Our policy is to give away literature free of charge, but we do appeal for donations so that we can publish and distribute it.

So please do keep supporting , because the literature ministry, both online and in hard copy, is the backbone of all this work.

Photos:



Hard goodbyes; friends for ever; Sis Deb with the copy of *Wrested Scriptures* we gave Sis. Lara [amongst other literature]

Then there was TONY. Raised a JW, he was at a distinct disadvantage because he is chronically dyslexic. Unable to read, he was unable to be baptized because he couldn't read all the Watchtower books and answer the questions. For the same reason he messed up at school, as he was unable to read, and now, covered in tatoos and very lonely, lives in a small village in northern UK, getting occasional work in factories. He gets called in by an agency at a moment's notice. For Tony, books are just pages of text which he struggles to decipher letter by letter. But he wants relationship with God again, yet didn't find any group that matched his beliefs and understandings. So he came to us online. As he works, he listens to MP3s of the Bible and our material on his earphones- and this was how he came to decide concretely for the Lord Jesus:



It's a great encouragement that all our audio and video ministry is so worth it. He also really appreciated our responsiveness, as we aim to respond to all communications from folks within 24 hours. Looking back at our simple correspondence, we noticed this early on in our contact: "*p.s thak u 4 get bk in tuch not a lot ov web sits do*". He has the *NEV Bible* and *Introducing Bible Basics* but said there was little point in giving him a full *Bible Basics* as it's just a mass of text for him.

Later that day, we were driving on very narrow lanes with stone walls on each side. Our vehicle couldn't make a sharp left turn, so we drove on to where we could turn around. We did a three point turn where there was an old red telephone box in a village of about 15 houses. Before reversing, we noticed the sign on the booth: "*Community Library*". The disused phone boxes in these villages have been turned into simple libraries. Inside was a notice inviting book donations, and we happened to have the *Bible Basics* we had intended for Tony; so we placed it there. We encourage all of you to be preaching minded, and to carry literature and leaflets with you which you can leave around. God seems to like working through such things. Remember Paul's advice to Timothy to "*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season*" (2 Tim. 4:2):



## REFUGEES

The huge flood of refugees into Europe is naturally something that we as believers should be responding to, both in providing basic care and also in realizing that the Lord is sending us droves of people to preach to. We cannot get to the tribes in the areas controlled by ISIS, but the Lord has sent them to us in Europe so that in this way, the Gospel gets to all the world, and so the end comes. We have literature in Arabic, Kurdish and other languages and would gladly support any outreach efforts to these folks. About a year ago we reported the baptism of two Iranians, brother F and his sister K, who came to Georgia especially to meet us for baptism. They faced serious persecution upon returning to Iran, and from thence fled to Turkey, and were among the thousands of people who recently made it to Germany. They have their elderly mother with them, and are currently in a refugee camp after the nightmare journey. We hope to

soon visit them and are open to your contribution towards them.

### **UKRAINE, LATVIA**

We're so thrilled to say that finally after so much to and fro, brother Maxim has now got full documents to be in Latvia and is running the meeting in Riga this Sunday. Please let us know if you can come out to help in the *Winter Welfare Program*, especially in December - February. It involves very basic and simple work preparing and serving food at the *Bible Center* in Riga. There is nice accommodation and you would be working alongside others.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For those recently baptized
- For our outreach to the refugees coming to Europe
- For all the people in the UK and worldwide who are receiving the word of God from our hands
- For the Winter Welfare Program in Latvia

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