

Turkey, Various October 2010

The Bible Companion readings include Acts 9 [Saul's conversion]; there's an MP3 about this subject at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/acts22.mp3> ; and about Acts 10 at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/acts10.htm>

TURKEY

Much of our preaching work is done by internet; and we're blessed to have some brothers and sisters in our team who work long and hard in writing to interested contacts. We're pleased to report that this has now come to fruition in the baptism of brother R in Turkey. He had many questions about the trinity, difficult passages etc. We passed the correspondence to Br Rex Tomlinson in New Zealand, who spent a huge amount of time and email answering various difficult passages and questions. Latterly, Br Roger Beck of the UK gave assistance on the matter of the [non] pre-existence of Jesus. Finally, R came around to reject the Trinity, and solemnly went to the church and resigned from them over this matter. As he wrote to Rex: *"I went to church at sunday, ? spoke to them and ? wont go again. But the real problem is about my baptism. What should I do?"*. This was some emails ago. So it was our pleasure to visit him recently and discuss his understanding with him, and then to baptize him. We wish to pay tribute to brethren like Rex and Roger who work so long, hard and quietly with so many. We have simply entered into their labours. Whatever, between us, aided by the internet and a worldwide brotherhood, the Gospel is spreading powerfully. Each baptism is often the result of a lot of work and teaching by a whole network of brothers and sisters.

THANK YOU

Our treasurer Brother John Thatcher wishes to acknowledge two anonymous bank transfer donations from Australia received within recent weeks. We so appreciate them.

CHOLERA IN HAITI

We're pleased to report that so far, the cholera outbreak hasn't affected any of our brothers and sisters. Brothers Nick Cox and Charlie Klennert hope to be visiting the ecclesia in Haiti next month and will be able to report more about the situation there. Brother Esmath responded to our enquiry about cholera as follows: *"I have received your email this morning and to be informed that you cared for us after reading the bad news regarding Cholera in Haiti. It is really dangerous what happened in Haiti in couples of Two days. It is frustrated when we know what kind of Government we have but we are not afraid because the word of God has given us assurance in Ps 91: You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day; Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. In the other words, we will not be affected because he we escorted by the angels of God. We are to be careful towards that situation.*

May the Lord richly Bless you"

APPRECIATION

We have been receiving many emails of thanks from the brothers and sisters who attended the recent Chinese Bible School. It really was a very spiritual occasion:

"I hope everything is okay with you, espeically the cold....I am writing this as I am already back [home], just want to say thank you for the wonderful works that you done for the Bible weekend, its a great reinsurance for my faith, and truely thanks for your generosity for providing my trips

and accomodation. I like the scarf that you gave to me, thank you very much... it is so beautiful...I will definitely use this with the upcoming winter here...and everytime i wear it i will be thinking of you.....again, thank you so much"- Sister Chu

"Dear all, Thank you for sending me your greetings and thank you for praying and welcoming me in the familly. I am so happy that God has worked in my heart and prepared me for baptism.I am feeling alot of change after brother Doncon seminar.i continue to read the Bible every day. I am so happy and i hope to attend next seminar. Blessings, your sister Faiza in Christ."

RIGA BIBLE CENTER

We're delighted to report that whilst Duncan & Cindy were away travelling the last few weeks, the meetings, feeding projects and instruction of interested folk continued, run by the local brethren completely. Around 60 attended each week, and although nobody took any photos or recorded any MP3s, we have heard from many that all went very well indeed. Brother Rowan Barton of Australia attended both weeks and although it was all conducted in Russian, he perceived a good spirit there and report back enthusiastically.

This coming week, a group of brethren from the UK lead by Bre Pete Eichorn and Graham Mitchell will begin light building work on renovating a new hall in Riga to house the ecclesia... another group led by Br Mark Leadbetter will be arriving on Nov. 15 God willing. Any interested in helping out are welcome to contact us.

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