

Various Updates, September 2005

SARAJEVO CHICKEN PROJECT

We're delighted to report that our brethren are spending the money raised from selling the chickens on buying more day old chicks, they have one more chance to do a 40 day cycle of raising chickens before the snow sets in and it will be too cold to raise them without building a major facility. We're investigating other brethren who might be able to do the chicken project. We now have the plan well worked out and some experience of how it can work out. We're so delighted this project has had the Father's blessing to be such a success.

IRANIAN BRETHREN SEEKING ASYLUM STATUS

There's been a lot of activity on this front. We've been hoping to report positive news about our young br B & Sis M who are still in Azerbaijan. They've been given all documents to leave for North America, but Azerbaijan won't let them leave still. As their residence permits are running out this is a cause for great concern and we just keep praying for them and hassling the Azeri authorities to hurry up.

Other Iranian brethren in southern Turkey are in a worse situation. One has already received his second deportation, and faces a death sentence in Iran if he is in fact deported there. So he's lying low in Turkey, and may have to flee to Iraq. Another brother in the same position managed to cross the river from Turkey into Greece. It's quite a risky crossing, and many asylum seekers drown there. He has arrived in Greece and a visit was made to try to help him. He's currently working with others in the same position on a farm, harvesting. He has few documents and Greece isn't friendly towards those in his position. He too needs our prayers.

LATVIA

There have been a steady stream of baptisms here. We're very happy to welcome SIGITAS, VASILY, TAISA, SASHA, SERGEJ, ARTUR, AIVARS and ERIK as our new brethren and sister. Some of these are in really remote areas which are accessible only along tracks.



Cindy crossing a river in Western Latvia, courtesy of a newly baptized brother.



Our latest baptism in Latvia.

We're concerned that with the progress of the EU, a number of brethren and sisters here and in neighbouring states are slipping into serious poverty. We're also sorry to report the falling asleep of Sis Lidija. We've prepared a new course, in English, which is planned to be the backbone of our Speaking About Jesus seminars. Its aim is to help people improve their English through reading through the Gospel of Mark with us. If anyone would like to order copies of the book, they can contact Br Marcus Heaster bible.basics@onetel.net. You can preview it at

<http://www.carelinks.net/books/saj.htm> . We're looking forward to our next Bible weekend, and are hoping to have some brethren from Germany with us for that.

With love to you all

Your brothers and sisters of CCM