

Winter Welfare, Campaigns, Prayer Requests March 2011

This Sunday's *Bible Companion* readings include Luke 4, and there's an MP3 on this chapter at <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/mt4.mp3>

We understand that our few brethren in Japan are all accounted for, which is a cause for gratitude given the tsunami.

WINTER WELFARE

We continue assisting a large number of brothers and sisters throughout Eastern Europe. The snow will be down for around another month in many areas, and our subsistence farmers are now at their hardest time of the year, as they can't yet sow and are eaking out the remainders of last Summer's potato and vegetable harvest to survive on.

We give brothers and sisters food parcels, heaters, blankets, assist with heating bills, clothing and occasional material support, as well of course as the hot meals at the Bible Center. However the simple fact is that through much tribulation, people enter the Kingdom. What does one do but turn to God and His word and His Son when the bottom falls out of your life, the crises keep coming, tragedy after tragedy strikes, your health fails, the Government don't help you, all health care must be paid for, the land where you lived and worked most of your life treats you as a foreigner...



To put it mildly, without your assistance and donations we wouldn't be able to help these brothers and sisters. Basic food, basic health care and basic warmth and clothing seem to us to be things we cannot refuse our brethren and sisters whilst we have it in our power to assist. So yet again, thank you all so much for your help with the Winter Welfare program and please do continue it or consider helping if at all possible.

We really appreciate the clothes and parcels sent over. However, we are having to pay very large import duties on material sent from outside the European Union; in some cases it runs to hundreds of \$ and we've not been able to clear this. *It's therefore very important that on the customs label, you write "No commercial value", or a very small value such as "5 \$"*.

CAMPAIGNS / OPPORTUNITIES

Carelinks plan to make some pastoral and baptismal visits to several countries in May, God willing. Any interested in coming along are welcome to contact us.

We're also looking for some speakers for our Summer (July 2011) and Winter (January 2012) Bible Schools...

We plan a major English language campaign based around the Riga Bible Center in Latvia, June 15-22 God willing. Brother Nick & Sister Rachel Cox and their young children from Huddersfield, UK will be with us, with Nick giving some talks, and we hope they will be accompanied by a building team lead by brother Mark Leadbetter of Maidenhead UK. Activities will include:

- Painting the Bible center, both outside and inside the kitchen
- Laying ruberoid on the roof
- Distributing fliers advertising talks and an English language group
- Advertising Cindy's mother & toddlers group

A Bible weekend in English & Russian

If you're not a painter or builder- that's no problem! Do come anyway. Accomodation will be in the hall or with local brothers and sisters, or if you prefer, in a nearby hotel.

Photos: Advertising leaflets for the mothers and toddlers group, in Russian, Latvian & English;
the blanket was kindly knitted by sisters in NSW Australia:

This campaign would be suitable for families with young children.



With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks