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Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the year 2018, we wish to give you a short update on the work of Christians for Armenia which you so faithfully support.

The translation of *The Christian in the City*, written and published in French by Revs. Aaron and Eric Kayayan in 1995 was recently published. 2000 copies of this work dealing with the ethics and responsibilities of Christian engagement in every sphere of life were printed and will be of great use to the nation of Armenia. A recent, peaceful change of power after wide street protests have resulted in the Economist naming Armenia as its country of the year, saying the South Caucasus nation has a “chance of democracy and renewal.”” *The Christian in the City* will be an essential tool for both leaders and lay people in engaging as Christians in both the political sphere and the ethical and moral dilemmas of the 21st century.

Our New Testament Translation project continues to advance, with the Gospels of Matthew and Luke currently being translated by our team of translators and scholars. (The gospels of Mark and John have already been completed).

One of our faithful translators, in the photo below, is Armen Yeghikyan who has been translating for us since the beginning of 2000. We are grateful for his knowledge and expertise and value his work and contributions tremendously.



Armen Yeghikyan and his wife

Hripsime, a young woman, shared her thoughts to us recently in a long letter, inspired by the books and radio broadcasts that have contributed to her spiritual growth. This is a wonderful meditation to finish our Christmas letter with, remembering the words of Isaiah, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.”

For many people God is a concept. He is an idea, a theory, a way of understanding the world. Since He cannot be seen it is hard to believe in Him. After all, how can you trust something you can't even touch? In school we learned that gravity exists by observing that every time we let go of an apple it falls. But there is no such 'drop test' to prove the existence of God. Yet, despite this lack of "proof", many intelligent people do believe in God. Thousands of people throughout history have devoted their lives to serving Him, despite the fact that they have never seen His face. Ultimately this may lead us to wonder, does it really matter? Does a belief in God really change anything about our lives? Is a belief in the existence of a higher power solely a theoretical idea; something to be discussed at the dinner table with friends?

The Bible is clear about the answer to this question. It tells us that believing in God changes everything about our lives. Accepting God's existence is a life-altering belief, not only in the hope that it gives us for the future, but in the way God's presence can change our lives now. In the most basic way, a belief in God saves our life. God tells us if we believe in Him and in His son, Jesus Christ, we will be saved from perishing.

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas,

The Committee for Christians for Armenia



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