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#### NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT

Dear friends,

At the writing of this letter, a conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia has erupted over the Nagorno-Karabakh region, a historically Armenian territory under dispute since interethnic fighting between Christian Armenians and Azeri Turks broke out in 1988. This situation is quite serious and, according to our manager in Armenia, Arthur Minasyan, a full-blown war is breaking out.

“At the moment we have connected with our friends and colleagues from the NKR parliament and invited 50 children from the border villages, which inhabitants are evacuating, to Gyumri. They will leave and continue their education under our guardianship.”

Needless to say, this has profound implications on the ministry of Christians for Armenia and we trust that our operations will not be disrupted by this conflict and that a diplomatic resolution will soon be negotiated. Although a conflict over such a small portion of land might look insignificant to our western eyes, when you examine the nations backing each side (Turkey supporting the Azeris and Russia increasing its military alliance with Armenia), you begin to understand that this has the potential to become a much larger conflict — not only in the Caucasus region, but also at Europe’s door.

Prior to these clashes, a number of Armenians were joining the wave of immigration to Europe, most of them settling in France where the largest Armenian diaspora in Europe resides (originating with the refugees of the Genocide following World War 1). Small communities of these immigrants are forming, and along with them, small house churches. We have been able to use our books and CDs to reach these groups. We can only wonder if there will be a greater exodus of Armenians stemming from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and if so, what this will mean for the nation.

#### MINISTRY NEWS

In the meantime, the Bible translation project we have undertaken is progressing and as of now fifty Psalms have been translated from the original Hebrew into Eastern Armenian and are now in the hands of our editorial board. With limited resources both financially and logistically this is a difficult undertaking but we trust that God will provide what we need to complete both this project and the New Testament translation. We have and are continuing to send solid theological resources for the translators and editors to assist them in this project. It is important to add that our translation will also contain textual notes.

Rev. Vander Hart’s Bible Study on Genesis has been a wonderful tool for our readers. As one reader, a member of the Evangelical Church of Armenia writes:

*I am expressing my sincere gratitude for presenting Armenian Christian readers such kind of book. The day I took it in my hands and began reading was a turning day in my life. Here I found the answers of many questions which were inexplicable and obscure for me. Thousands of times I pondered upon them and could not find the appropriate answers to them. I asked many people who possessed the corresponding knowledge about the Bible but their explanations were not exhaustive and complete...For me this book is a kind of key which opened the door of the "dark room". I hope that "Genesis 1-11" will have its continuation and will explain the meaning of the other books of Old Testament.*

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## **APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

We do appeal to you once again to renew your commitment to this ministry, financially and prayerfully. Because we receive significant financial support from Canada, the decline in the Canadian dollar has created a 25 percent decrease in our budget and we were not able to wire the entire amount requested by our team in Armenia this quarter. With an all-volunteer effort in the US, eighty percent of our budget is allocated to broadcasting and publishing, and less than twenty percent allocated to salaries and administration in Armenia. We take financial stewardship seriously, and our financials are available to you and your mission boards for review upon request. To simplify the sending and receiving of donations, we have also set up a PayPal account on our website.

We, as well as our fellow Armenian Christians covet your prayers dearly at this time.

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