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Dear Friends,

We approach the Thanksgiving Celebration in this country this year both soberly, taking into account the economic crisis facing the nation, and also expectantly as a new president and administration come into office this January. We have heard much, in the last months, about “hope” and “change we can believe in,” and have been given countless promises of renewal while at the same time hearing experts and the media prophecy doom and gloom.

As Christians, what we know is that our Hope rests in God and His promises; it is both for today and for tomorrow, and manifests itself especially in times of troubles. It is enduring and everlasting. For this Hope we can truly give thanks, both in sober moments and in expectant moments.

It is this same Hope which continues to carry us in the work of the ministry, and we have many reasons to be thankful. The Youth Catechism has been published and the book *“Theology and Christology”* is ready to go to print. The radio broadcasts continue to be aired three times weekly in Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh, and our co-workers in Armenia receive many letters of thanks from listeners and readers of the quarterly who write of the importance of Reformed Faith and Life in their personal lives.

One listener writes: *“Many television programs are spreading only violence and cruelty among the younger generation; but your broadcasts teach us and feed Christian morality and contribute to expand Christian love, kindness and tolerance.”*

Our co-worker Arthur writes about the ministry’s work, *“With God’s help, we can wake the faith of those who have long lived in spiritual obscurity. And in time, the good news of Hope will be proclaimed to them and through faith in our Saving God they will be able to discover the principles of renewed life.”*

With your support and perseverant prayers, we continue to bring the news of true Hope to Armenia and Armenians and to see genuine renewal in the lives of Armenians as they encounter the Gospel’s transformative power. Our committee met this past October to discuss the coming year and to elect new officials. We praise God for His guidance and faithfulness to us. Our new chairman, Vasken Khandjian, and our new Vice Chairman, Movses Jambazian (Pasadena URC), both speak Armenian which will facilitate our communications with our co-workers on the field.

We also have some rejoicing news regarding the education center through which the publications of Reformed Faith and Life have been produced throughout the years. After much waiting and intense work, the Endanik center, founded for the orphans of the devastating 1991 earthquake, inaugurated its new building October 14. Dear friends, this is indeed an answer to many prayers prayer answered and again a concrete reminder that our Hope is not in vain. When I visited this school four years ago, the conditions were, by our standards, abysmal, yet the teachers and students were extraordinarily devoted and talented.

This new center will also house a library dedicated to the memory of my father, Rev. Aaron Kayayan, and we would like to present this library as a special project we hope you will support. The library will contain Reformed literature and theological materials in both French and English. It is the only such library in the entire country, and a much needed resource.

As the end of the year draws near we are calling on all of our friends and supporters to give generously to help us continue to bring the Gospel to Armenia. It is your gifts that make it possible for us to exalt the name of Christ in Armenia.

In Christ,

The Reformed Faith and Life - Christians for Armenia team