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Missionary work of Armenians

Medieval Armenian history teaches us that between the 10th and 13th centuries, several Armenians undertook missionary work reaching all the way to Iceland (in the West) and Mongolia (in the East).

However, what remains of this work today? Surrounded by countries that are Muslim in majority, should not Armenia – officially Christian for seventeen centuries – pick up on this opportunity and live this same vocation of evangelization?

What is necessary for such a work is for Armenians to understand that living and exercising such a vocation is only possible through a true submission to Jesus Christ: Armenians must confess the authority of Christ over all nations; this means not staying closed up on themselves and their specific history. This means not reverencing their history whether it be its pre-Christian pagan roots (remember that we have mentioned in past letters the resurgence of neo-paganism in Armenia) or its traditional Christian history. What it means is transfiguring once for all Armenian identity by genuinely rooting it in Christ, the only true light.

Armenians must also be trained adequately to confront the missionary challenges that are inherent in their environment. This is where the work of Christians for Armenia comes in: to train, encourage and provide indispensable Biblical foundations. We do this via radio broadcasts and publications that emphasize the universality of Christ's reign.

A letter from a listener states the following regarding two of our past publications "Introduction to the New Testament" and "Introduction to the Old Testament":

They have come just in time to "fill the absence of biblical knowledge and quench our spiritual thirst.... We listen to your broadcasts in different cross-border cities and want to remind you that many Armenian Christians live abroad -in neighboring Muslim countries- and that these broadcasts serve as tools to satisfy spiritual hunger and deepen their convictions in Orthodox Christian doctrine.

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We are pleased to report that the book *Our Reasonable Faith* by Herman Bavinck has just recently been published. The small apologetics book on the reliability of the New Testament by F.F. Bruce will be published before the end of the year. We are also planning the publication of *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof to be published the first half of next year.

OUR UPCOMING YEAR

We recently had our annual committee meeting in Chicago, during which we discussed our publishing and broadcasting schedules. We plan to continue alternating more serious theological works with smaller, more accessible books for the general Armenian public. In addition, we are planning to publish another devotional for next year, as well as a study explaining the Biblical perspectives on sexuality to address the perverse cultural shift in Western society that is also emerging in Armenia.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

While it seems that our publishing slate is full, we have had to scale back on our publication schedule for next year due to a drop in donations received. So, once again, we take this opportunity to ask you to seriously and prayerfully consider giving to Christians for Armenia.

Your donations go directly to Armenia to support the work of translating, editing and printing of our publications, as well as the translation and air time of our radio broadcasts. Our budget is extremely lean so that the focus can be where it ought, sowing the Word of God.

This is not our ministry but the Lord's, yet we have gladly been called as His co-workers in Armenia, and for the past twenty years He has faithfully provided for this work.

May His name be praised above all other names!

The committee of Reformed Faith and Life / Christians for Armenia

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