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Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and sex-selective genocide

April 24, 2018, is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, a commemoration of the roughly 1,5 million Armenians killed systematically at the hands of the Turks. In a sad irony, we have recently been learning from our partner Arthur, that because of endemic poverty and unemployment, Armenia holds the record as third in the world for sex-based abortions. Each year, 1,400 female fetuses are killed.

This trend, combined with a dangerously low population rate, is creating another disturbing social problem in Armenia. According to statistical data from 2017, 2500 children fewer were born than in 2016, regardless of sex.

Why this sex-selective genocide in Armenia? Historically, Armenia — a mountainous nation— has always needed men and soldiers to protect the country during its bitter history. Culturally, unlike most other nations, in Armenia it is the men who take care of their aging parents. As everywhere else in the world, females are often victimized and unprotected.

Why such a low population growth rate? Arthur tells us that although each birth costs the state \$220, parents fear the corruption associated with maternity care in which many unnecessary expenses are added on and charged to the parents who often already struggle financially.

Policies to encourage population growth and reforming attitudes toward family

To reverse this trend, the Armenian state is now creating more favourable conditions for pregnant women. Those who do not work and are thirty weeks pregnant may receive a benefit of \$260 per child. For women who work, they may receive the average salary of 140 days.

In addition, a pilot program is being carried out in one maternity hospital to assist the birth of female children. It is the only one in Armenia in which parents receive \$150 for the second born female child.

At its root, however, as Arthur writes, the only solution to combat both targeted abortion of female embryos and low population growth lies in the Bible and Christian morality, the tools that can shape a perspective in which pregnancy and children are understood as a blessing from God for the couple and the family, and the development of life as divine work.

New Testament and Psalms translation

We pray that with an updated version of the New Testament and the Psalms in Armenian the Word of God will be made more accessible to young Armenians to help guide their decisions. To that end, we can report that we are now starting our work on the Gospel of Mark and the 1st letter of Peter, and that as of now we have translated all 150 Psalms.

Letter responses

Every month we receive letters from Armenians who have read our publications or faithfully listen to our radio broadcasts. These letters come from people in desperate situations who have found solace in the word of God. For many, the CFA ministry is the only place where they can grow in their faith.

“I often listen to you very attentively and try not to miss your radio programs. I am really impressed by the message called “To live and walk in front of God” .

Unfortunately, we often forget or don` t feel the presence of God There exists many traps for us and sometimes we are far from God. I have learned for myself that we must read the Bible during the time of frustration, and desperation. Listening to your programs I have wondered about myself. I go to church and ask God to forgive me for my faults and help me to overcome difficulties. Thank you for your important and effective radio programs.” —Hripsime

A special appeal

We continue to seek your financial support and your partnership in our work. Although God has performed many miracles and has faithfully upheld the ministry of Christians for Armenia, we have been unable to wire the necessary amount to Armenia over the last few quarters. Ours is a very small ministry, but it has had a tremendous impact. We ask that if you do not support the work of CFA, you would consider doing so. If you would like more information about the ministry, you may contact us or visit our website, christiansforarmenia.org.

As always, your continued prayers, especially for our tireless team in Armenia are appreciated.

In Christ,

Committee of Christians for Armenia



An exhibition of our published books in Armenia



Jehovah Witnesses selling their literature in front of the newly erected headquarters of the Evangelical Church in Gyumri.

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