

# CHRISTIANS FOR ARMENIA

## REFORMED FAITH AND LIFE

A Broadcast and Literature Ministry



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### Broadcasting News

Dear partners in mission,

We have recently heard from our co-workers in Armenia that the number of broadcasting outlets for the national network, *Radio Hay* (based in the capital city Erevan), has increased from 15 to 22 frequencies, now covering about 90 % of the entire country - not to mention Armenian speaking parts of neighboring Georgia. Radio Hay has been a trusted partner of *Christians for Armenia* for many years, giving us preferential rates for our bi-weekly programs.

Broadcasting fees represent the heart of CFA's ministry budget (US\$5000 per month) and we need to insure at all times that we have enough funds to cover this expense. Why stress this? Because radio-broadcasting is still the core of our evangelization ministry and will continue to be so for the years to come. A large reason for this is the geographical aspect of Armenia, a mountainous country where many people cannot be reached by the Gospel other than through radio-broadcasts. We are currently planning the renewal of our stock of programs, with new material to be translated, recorded, and put on the air.

Letters of listeners regularly received by our Armenian team clearly indicate the urgency to keep using this powerful media: many thank us for this ministry which brings light in the midst of the gloomy social, cultural and spiritual situation that prevails in Armenia. Several weeks ago G.K., one of our listeners, wrote the following letter, to which nothing needs to be added:

*Dear Friends,*

*First of all I want to express my admiration and gratitude for your broadcasts. The spiritual wealth I get from these broadcasts inspire me with hope and strength to live on. I believe God's Word and Light converted me. I found myself in a new light, a new man with a renewed soul. Everyone is responsible for his/her sins and should confess them. This is the only key leading to God's glory. As fate willed it I was taken to prison. I suffered much. I knew I was guilty but didn't want to acknowledge my sins. I was in a desperate situation. I thought my fate was joking at me.*

*My condition made my faith weaken and weaken. But now I believe God is always with us especially when we greatly need Him. So, one day I followed my friends at prison and listened to the broadcasts of "Faith and Life". I felt my sinful spirit born anew. I was filled with hope and belief for future. In my prayers I always express my gratitude towards the Lord in the Heaven for giving me an opportunity to acknowledge my sins, confess and think over the years spent in the prison. I live in God and I know that God is in me. I wish He guides me always. Now when I am out of the prison I can make use of the library of "Reformed Faith and Life" Ministry's office. There I get very valuable literature. I'd like everyone to follow my example. We can still get God's gifts and have hope for salvation. I want to express my thanks and gratitude towards those people who gave me this chance. Let God's blessing be always with you and enlighten your way.*

*Rev. Janbazian during a seminar with  
Armenian youth*



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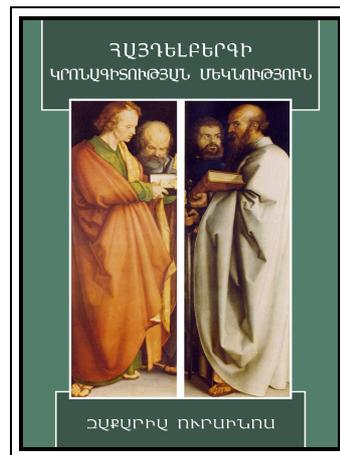
## Visit to Armenia

The ministry of *Christians for Armenia* does not stop there. Providing solid scriptural teaching to both clergy and laity is a necessary complement to our broadcasts. Earlier this year, our Vice Chairman, Rev. Movses Janbazian, accompanied by Rev. Adam Kaloostian (both from the United Reformed Churches in North America), with the logistical help of our local Armenian team, spent two weeks in Armenia in order to bring such teaching to a variety of groups. Both the number of attendants as well as the warm and positive reception they received, confirm that we must endeavor to repeat such visits as often as our budget allows. Personal interaction with Armenians and the ability to give them directly Biblical answers on a variety of topics, is extremely valuable.

## New publications

CFA's literature ministry is steadily growing. As I write this letter, the commentary of Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism is being printed and will enrich our already extended collection of publications. Evangelical pastors as well as Armenian Apostolic clergy will greatly benefit from this important exposition of the contents of the Christian faith.

In the meantime, the translation of my book on the nature of Christian hope (originally written in French) is well under way, along with H. Bavinck's *Our Reasonable Faith*.



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In July, the committee of *CFA* which gathered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, decided on new titles to be translated in Armenian, covering fields such as sects and cults, apologetics, and ethics. We will report about the progress on these titles in upcoming newsletters as we get closer.

What is clear from the information we received from Rev. Janbazian and Rev. Kaloostian is that Armenians need to receive a strong balance between foundational works of theology, apologetic works, and applications of the Christian faith to various aspects of life. For these projects to be completed we need to maintain a special fund and we are certainly very thankful for donations already received which enabled us to plan ahead.

Dear partners in mission, we trust that along with us you will be excited by all these positive developments and you will keep supporting the ministry of *CFA*, which needs your prayers and help. Be assured that our ultimate goal is not (and should never become) any kind of self-glorification, but exclusively the glory of our Triune God through the faithful proclamation of His eternal Gospel of Grace in Jesus-Christ, the Lord of lords.

In His name,

Eric Kayayan

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