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BUILDING UP A NATION THROUGH FAITH

Dear Friends,

The critical situation in Iraq and Syria, and the close geographical proximity of Armenia — especially given its traditional Christian roots, yet wavering faith, render it susceptible to threats of Jihadism. This is never far from our minds as we go about the work of the ministry. As we strive to build up the faith of individual Christians we also seek to strengthen the faith of this nation so that it may be able to withstand the many threats surrounding it.

Our committee met October 18 for its annual meeting where once again we discussed current and future projects for CFA. Through the vision and generosity of several individual Canadian donors, we will be able to cover the costs of two new book publications, something for which we are very grateful:

Darwin's God, Evolution and the Problem of Evil, by Cornelius Hunter, will be translated and published with a print run of 2500 copies, in the first trimester of 2017.

The Christian in the City, by revs. Eric and Aaron Kayayan, published in French in 1995, will follow the publication of the book on Darwin. This book is meant to encourage Christians to take an interest in the realm of politics, and is based on biblical principles as well as the writings of John Calvin, Abraham Kuyper and other Reformed thinkers and theologians.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Our partial New Testament and Psalms edition will be delayed by several months to April of next year to give our editing team enough time to edit and send comments back to the translators. We already have 80 Psalms translated, as well as the Gospel of John, the book of Romans and a large part of the book of Acts. We continue to communicate with our translation team via regular Skype conferences as it is important for us to be actively involved in this important work and give them the additional support.

The elevated costs of six weekly programs on Radio Hay in conjunction with a poor exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the U.S. dollar means that we must increase our revenue by 25% to fulfill our general budget. So, on the one hand we ask that you consider increasing your support of our ministry so that we can continue to meet our budget, and on the other we trust in God that He will sustain this work as He has done so miraculously and faithfully throughout the years.

CHRISTIAN HOPE

As this newsletter is being written, Americans are going to the polls to vote for the presidential election and trust and hope in God's will is very much on the

minds of Christians. It is striking, in light of this, to have read the letters of Armenians listening to our broadcasts or reading our books as the thread of these very much deal with hope, more specifically what it means to hope as a Christian. One of these correspondents, after reading the book by Rev. Eric Kayayan, writes:

“Often, we have faith, but we sometimes have no hope. From the beginning of the book the author explains to us the main ways which can bring us to the Light, and the key is Hope. Hope is not, “I hope my team wins the Super Bowl” or “I hope I get raise”. The author opens another definition of hope. It’s a Christian’s definition of hope, which is far superior to that of the world. Instead of wishing or hoping for something to happen, a believer knows that their hope is solid, concrete evidence because it is grounded in the word of God and we know that God cannot lie.”

Another correspondent wrote to us after receiving some of our broadcasts and books on CD-ROM from Arthur Minasyan at the 25th anniversary of the Endanik School where we hold our CFA offices:

“Several months ago, I had great difficulties in my personal life and it seemed to me that my life was senseless. When I heard this message, involuntarily tears appeared in my eyes...”

Jesus by his own life and example teaches us to be humble, meek, patient, malleable, forgiving and loving, as God is love. I know the most difficult thing in the life is to love your enemy when those people do their best in life to harm you. Before, I was sure that never in my life I would be able to forgive the people who destroyed my life. After listening to this message and pondering my life and future, I understood very well that if I did not accept Jesus into my heart and life, I could not be happy further.

So, dear friends, in these uncertain times for all nations, we want to end with these encouraging words, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The committee of Christians for Armenia



The inventor of the Armenian alphabet, Mesrop Mashtots and the Armenian alphabet rendered by a student of the Endanik school. The Armenian alphabet was created so that Armenians could have the Bible available in their native tongue.



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