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## Why Armenia as our mission field?

*Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.*

St. Augustine, On Christian Doctrine, chapter 28

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

Dear friends,

It is by God's providence that we have been called to minister to the Armenian people. Considering how many mission fields are open to us, it is interesting to ponder, at this time, why exactly Armenia, this small, seemingly unimportant country.

In past newsletters we have talked about the historical reasons, and more recently the socio-political reasons for a ministry in Armenia. But as we follow the disintegration of the Middle-East which has unfolded over the last ten-years or so, and the extreme persecution of Christians in Syria, Iraq, and Iran, another reason is emerging: Armenia may be the only safe haven for Christians in the area, and the only country from which missionaries can spread the Gospel and encourage dispersed and persecuted Christians.

God prepared the mission field of Armenia in advance for us to do because He does not abandon his people but has a pre-arranged plan of redemption which we may not always recognize at first or understand the full implications of. Certainly, the idea that Armenia could be a bastion of the Christian faith from which to reach the Muslim world was not what Rev. Aaron Kayayan had in mind when he began the ministry of CFA; but God, in His omniscience, knows how far-reaching this ministry will be.

It is crucial, then, that we continue our work in depth so that Armenian missionaries who work in these neighboring countries can receive solid theological and spiritual food.

## Reactions to the ministry of Christians for Armenia

We continue to receive appreciative letters from listeners of our broadcasts and readers of our translated publications. Many of them are teachers or professors who use some of our publications in their classrooms.

*Armenian missionaries  
can still spread the  
Gospel*



*These "khatchkars" carved in wood are a traditional expression of the Christian faith of the Armenian people through the centuries*

Members of the Evangelical church, and recently even some of our own translators have also been writing to us their impressions of our work and what it has meant to them. One of them in particular writes the following: *“For a while, I have had the pleasure of translating the broadcasts organized by Reformed Faith and Life and want to express my sincere gratitude in the trust you have given me in the translation of these important works. These broadcasts are an endless source of information for myself and our listeners and fill the gaps in our spiritual and theological knowledge.”*

Another faithful listener and reader of our publications writes: *“I used to compare the human soul as an empty hole which cannot remain empty for a long time: sooner or later it will be filled with muddy waters if you are not consistent and conscious. You have to do your best to be able to find the pure source of water which will fill your heart with Light. And the only pure water of life is God’s Word; and for me, that life-giving source was the ministry of Reformed Faith and Life.”*

## Next on our agenda

Our annual committee meeting, which will be held in October, will give us an opportunity to discuss the pressing issue of how to continue training the Armenian people with solid tools to help them stand strong in the midst of the grave upheavals surrounding their nation.

Our agenda will include tracking and planning the progress on the New Testament translation, as well as the development of a Bible Study to help groups form and encourage each other in the faith. Very much on the agenda is also a wish to publish a devotional specifically geared toward women as their influence within their families, workplace, and community at large is invaluable. Ideally, we would like to see women’s Bible Study groups coming together every week.

As always, we ask for your continued support and prayers. Reflecting on the 25 years of this ministry and how God has provided for this ministry at every turn, we are so thankful for His leading and for your good works. Through God’s providence, a man of Armenian descent made His way from Greece, to France, to the United States to be brought in closer connection with you, a connection that is being continued with a second generation and with our committee. Praise be to God!

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*These little girls perform on stage a scene taken from Armenia’s Christian history*

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