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Dear Friends and Prayerful Supporters,

Three million inhabitants in Armenia; Three million Armenians in Russia!

This is the largest field of the Reformed Faith and Life Ministry, to which we must add the more than one million Armenians residing in the Middle –East.

They listen three times a week to the Message of the Gospel of Grace and have the opportunity to believe, or if they are already believers, to deepen their knowledge and strengthen their faith. The more I pursue this ministry, started some fifteen years ago, the more I feel privileged and also grateful to the Lord. Indeed, it is His Grace which enables me to take part in the vast evangelistic plan of His Church and to proclaim his Kingdom in my mother-tongue to those millions of my fellow compatriots.

The results are indeed overwhelming. The tens of letters received each month witness to the efficiency of the preaching of the Word, through the efficacy of the Holy Spirit. One or two pages would not be enough to give an account of them.

A most enthusiastic letter just recently received from Etchmiatzin, the see of the Armenian traditional —and traditionalist— church, praises the efficiency of the Message of the Reformation; which, the writer of this letter states, has contributed not only to the Reformation of the Church but has also established an almost completely new culture and civilization. I was surprised reading these lines in his E-mail, especially realizing that this was sent from the center of the centuries- old Church, the head of which—in Armenian called the *Catholikos*—is also greeted as *His Majesty*. How do you reconcile such a title with the humble name our Lord and Savior applies to himself: “**your servant**”?

A letter received from Samara, in Russia, was another enthusiastic witness of what members of various Armenian churches have been discovering for the past six months, Since Arthur, my helper, visited Russian cities distributing hundreds of copies of our literature, and many more CDs containing older broadcasted messages.

So, despite many hindrances on this side, I am still willing to pursue this ministry until we can discover someone, or until the Lord Himself indicates the proper man (or men?) in position to pursue the ministry with faithfulness and competence.

Another recent letter by an Evangelical minister (of the Armenian Evangelical Church) in Armenia, expresses his excitement at what he has been receiving from both the spoken and the written word. He reminds me that he was among the students attending my lectures in the Theological Seminary in Yerevan. “Unfortunately,” he adds, “you were allowed to lecture only once during fifteen years” and he wonders what the reasons were for that.

Well, dear friends, you know that the Lord does bless and fructify our efforts for the faithful presentation of His saving Gospel. Our efforts are not in vain as we know that He blesses even our weak forces and the limited material means.

Will you please continue praying for us and support us? We would not be able to pursue it unless your faithful and dedicated presence is felt regularly.

May He bless your efforts for His Glory in the country. May He take into account your contribution for the spreading of the Gospel in the smallest of small countries in the world.

In His fellowship and with gratitude,

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