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thank warmly all
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Dear friends of Christians for Armenia,

The harsh Armenian winter is already there while hundred thousand refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh (a.k.a. "Artsakh") are seeking food, clothing and shelter in the Republic of Armenia. Children need to be integrated in schools and educational programs.

In September this year, they lost everything when a brutal attack by neighboring Azerbaijan and its dictator Ilham Aliyev forced them to leave their ancestral homeland, without any hope of returning, lest they become the victims of endemic ethnic cleansing, as it happened so many times in the history of the Armenian people. The plea for urgent help we launched in our October newsletter already brought US \$15,000. \$5,000 have already been transferred to the Endanik Christian Centre which provides Armenian children with high quality courses on a variety of disciplines, and also serves as technical college (in addition to being the "hub" of our ministry's activities). Another \$5,000 will soon be transferred to Gyumri, the second largest city of the Republic of Armenia, where Endanik is situated.

This help, combined with contributions of other Western Christian organizations, led the Armenian State to pledge additional support to Endanik in order to accommodate 65 students from Artsakh (in addition to 70 "regular" students) as well as extra teaching staff for an *Intercultural Dialogue Week program*. Young people with severe psychological and moral problems were in a state of deep disarray and uncertainty about their future. However, during this week it became clear to them that they are not alone in the motherland. On the concluding day of the event, First Deputy Minister Araksya Svajyan specially came to address them. They returned from the week filled with the hope that in spite of the current situation, continuous efforts will be made to facilitate their integration and future in Armenia. In the long run the challenge is not just to accommodate





new students, but their respective families as well. Finding proper accommodation when you cannot vouch for financial stability, having lost everything, is no small handicap. We pray that we may soon receive additional gifts to help meet this difficult challenge.

Material needs are not the only ones that should be met, though : *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God* (Matt. 4:4). Our work on the translation of the Old Testament is continuing, and good progress is made, even if by small steps. We do not want to sacrifice quality on the altar of quick results. Translating the Word of God in Eastern Armenian certainly deserves the best of our abilities and attention. As we prepare to celebrate the coming on earth of the eternal Word in a flesh entirely similar to ours except for sin, let us heed to his own words : *I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst* (John 6:35).

Warmly in Christ,

Rev Eric Kayayan

On behalf of Christians for Armenia



An open air seminar on the art of miniature in front of a Medieval Armenian church



Young participants to the Intercultural Dialogue Week program.



All participants receive a copy of the New Testament & Psalms recently translated in Eastern Armenian.

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