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Dear friends,

While commemorations of the 75th anniversary of D-Day (6 June 1944) recently took place in Normandy, it is appropriate to also remember that on the Eastern front, an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 Armenian soldiers died during WWII. The former Soviet republic of Armenia was not invaded or occupied by German armies, but it supplied its share of troops to the Communist regime in its own fight against Hitler and Nazi Germany. Such a number of casualties is both staggering for a tiny republic such as Armenia (a good 10% of the total population), and a mere drop in the ocean of civil and military casualties caused by the war and related consequences in the Soviet Union (estimates vary between 22 and 27 million people, amounting to over 16% of the Soviet Union’s population).

Today, independent Armenia still faces serious threats with regard to its security and stability: first a military threat from neighboring republic Azerbaijan on both its eastern and western borders (Karabagh and Nakhichevan territories), aggravated by an economic threat due to the closure of its border with Turkey and the ongoing economic embargo the latter imposes on Armenia. To make things worse, the US recently also threatened Armenia with economic sanctions, should it maintain economic exchanges with neighboring Iran, while these ties are vital for Armenia’s own survival. For better or for worse, these two nations have been geographic neighbors the last 2700 years or so...

In this context, we were blessed to receive positive feedback following the publication earlier this year, of our book on the necessary involvement of Christians in the public sphere. One of our readers wrote us the following letter, which we would like to share extensively with you:

I have always tried to refrain from becoming involved in any political activity, as I did understand that I am very “small person” to change anything in my country or in the world. Today I am grateful to the authors of the book “The Christian in the City” for making me change my view towards politics and life in general. Now I understand that there are no “small people” there are only people with “small belief”.

And it was very urgent to publish this book right now. Changes are taking place in Armenia after the political revolution, but the positive attitude of people are somehow strange and suspicious for me. I can’t believe all the promises our government leaders have made. Just the slogan they’ve chosen – “Proud citizens of Armenia” – makes me fear. “Pride” is sin and if a whole nation is infected with the “disease of pride”, I’m sure God’s punishment will not be delayed. Day by day in my heart and consciousness the





conviction arises that the hard life of Armenian people is the «Gift» for being chosen. I am talking about this fact with some fear, and may God forgive me, but I think that the Armenian Genocide in 1915 and the disastrous earthquake of 1988 were a kind of “sobering slaps” for the chosen Armenian nation for their disbelief, aberration and forgetting God. Today all the humanist countries in the world pretend they care about universal welfare and are defending democracy, equality, brotherhood etc. But actually, it functions in favor of the authorities. The state wins in all the fronts, and people are the losers as usual. The most important thing I learned is that we are not allowed to leave the world in the hands of the evil, as God created the world and everything that exists in the world. And the glory, power and authority belong to him, benefitting human beings.

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Another positive fruit of our ministry follows the recently completed translation of all 150 Psalms into modern Eastern Armenian. Originally, the Psalms were poetry meant to be sung. It is therefore quite natural that any translation of them should lead to musical settings. We invite you to listen to the following rendering of Psalm 113 by a mixed choir of the Endanik Christian school in Gyumri by clicking on the following link: https://youtu.be/LYjgPp6t_eo

As always, we value your prayers and faithful support for our ministry towards Armenia. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to Christians for Armenia that we may continue our service to the Kingdom of our great God towards this beautiful country. May we remain united in faith, hope and love.

In His name

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