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Visit to Armenia and Bible translation

Dear friends,

In May, Rev. Peter Adams - accompanied by his wife Karen - Rev. Mark Vander Hart and myself had the incredible privilege to travel together to Armenia and attend several events linked to the publication of the New Testament and Psalms translation in modern Eastern Armenian. We visited the capital city of Yerevan, as well as Gyumri, the second largest city of Armenia. What a blessing to witness the first reactions of readers of this long-awaited translation! As you can imagine, the distribution of 6000 copies will be no small thing to organize. As we undertake the translation of the entire Old Testament, new challenges await us but with you as our partners and with God's leading, we are confident that these challenges will be met. Our long-term goal is to publish the complete Bible in a few years (the Pentateuch is well under way). We are deeply thankful for the pledges already received to help us achieve this goal. Renewed support for our ministry activities is all the more vital as the US Dollar recently lost 20 percent of its value against the Armenian currency, due to the war in Ukraine.

We recently received this letter from one of our correspondents reacting to the New Testament and Psalms translation in modern Eastern Armenian. We hope it will encourage you as it has encouraged us:

First of all, I'd like to talk about the design of the book. It is pleasant to read a nice book with a beautiful and pleasant cover and pages. Secondly, and most important, about the language and the content: it is written in perfect Armenian. We can understand and admire the pureness of our mother tongue. When I was reading the NT, a kind of fear, tremor, awe, happiness and hope came over me. I understood these are the most important feelings when a person reads the Holy Book. It means the word of our God has come into my heart, my soul and my mind. It is like a guest who is knocking at the door of our heart. If you open and let him in, you will be blessed and saved.

Radio broadcasts

Our radio broadcasts as well continue to elicit responses from listeners. M.G. wrote to us:

Before starting my letter, I would like to express my entire gratitude to



you for the work you have been doing so far. In my opinion, your radio messages create a wonderful opportunity for the audience to get rid of their evil thoughts and eventually value the infinite love that our Father gives every single person, regardless of his or her material and social status, profession or political views.

In fact, we are experiencing very difficult times in all aspects of our life, including the environment, human relationship, economic, cultural, financial and political state of our countries. Unfortunately, all these things have a big influence not only on our mental but also our spiritual world, which sometimes can lead to a serious crisis. Many people might probably lose the most significant things that we, as human beings, should always cherish the most; our hope, faith, and the ability to love.

In this regard, I would like to share my thoughts about one of your recent radio messages ("Through faith only") which helped me to pause for a moment and analyze the current stage of my life, to see where I am in terms of my faith. To be honest, I found a lot of gaps which I am still working on to clarify and fix. I particularly liked the way you tried to explain the role of faith in our life, which is not only a religious or moral concept, but more importantly is directly linked with our belief in God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

As it was mentioned in the radio program we should never forget the one and only truth: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)." This sentence taken from the Holy Bible should serve as a starting point for everyone to rebuild their faith and hope and to be ready to face any kind of obstacle they might face on their way.

As all of us also face uncertain times from a mere human perspective, let us remember that Christ, the eternal Son of God, is before all things and in him all things hold together (Col. 1.17).

Thank you for your much-coveted prayers and support,
Rev Eric Kayayan

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Distributing New Testaments & Psalms to Armenian Apostolic priests and soldiers in Nagorno-Karabagh

Revs E. Kayayan, M. Vander Hart and P. Adams and attend the official presentation of the translation in Gyumri



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