

CHRISTIANS FOR ARMENIA

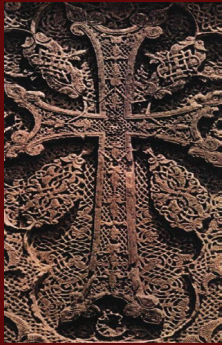
REFORMED FAITH AND LIFE

A Broadcast and Literature Ministry



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Zubeyda's testimony 1

Jehovah's Witnesses presence in Armenia 1

Testimony of Pastor Isahakyan 1

Update on the NT translation and upcoming Armenia trip 1

Renewed plea for financial help 2

ZUBEYDA'S TESTIMONY AND JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES PRESENCE IN ARMENIA

Dear friends,

Meet Zubeyda Hovhannisyian, a young English teacher at the Endanik Center, a mother of a boy and a girl, and an essential partner in the ministry of Christians for Armenia for the past six years. She translates all the correspondence from Armenian into English and facilitates communication with the rest of the staff in Armenia, among other things. When asked to give her testimony, Zubeyda shared that before starting her work with Christians for Armenia, she was skeptical, thinking that this ministry was yet another nefarious sect in Armenia.

Her fears are not unfounded, especially as the Russian government has recently blocked the Jehovah's Witnesses sect in Russia (because of their extremist activities), leading them to pour into Armenia where religious activities are not controlled. The leaders of the Jehovah's Witnesses take advantage of the high rate of poverty in Armenia by easily buying the faith of poor Armenians.

Zubeyda writes that in translating, reading the materials and listening to the broadcasts, "I felt in front of me another world opening, and a way in which our Savior Jesus Christ was leading the way." She adds, "Your book Giving an Account of Hope has been my favorite book and I return to it. The idea that the Bible awakens people from spiritual drowsiness, dispels the blindness which seized humanity, was written just for me. Thank you for awakening me from drowsiness." We thank the Lord for His work in this young woman's life and that of her family.

TESTIMONY OF PASTOR ISAHAKYAN

Samson Isahakyan, a newly appointed pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Baptist church, writes,

When I was a student, I could not even imagine how difficult and responsible it is to be a leader and a teacher. Now by God's will I am serving Him and Holy Spirit is filling my heart and is making me able to pass the Gospel to people.

When I was in "Endanik" center Mr. Minasyan presented me with several books printed by [your] Ministry and among them was L. Berkhof's book "Summary of Christian Doctrine". It is like a teacher's guidebook. The material is explained thoroughly, it's clear and comprehensible for the youth and the audience of average level. The questions also are chosen accurately and which is the most important thing- it gives the opportunity to the readers to refer to the Bible.

I believe that by God's will and guidance I was sent to "Endanik" to become acquainted with the working staff of Reformed Ministry.

UPDATE ON THE NT TRANSLATION AND UPCOMING ARMENIA TRIP

We believe that equipping Armenian Christians, will lead to a spiritual renewal in Armenia. To that end, Rev. Eric Kayayan and Rev. Mark Vander Hart will be going to Armenia in June to help the New Testament translation team and lead a seminar on the Reformation. Please pray for a fruitful trip and also for the advancement of the New Testament translation. As of now, a condensed version of the New Testament and Psalms translation is due to be published in a small print-run of 300 copies, and circulated for feedback from Evangelical pastors and academics.

The book Darwin's God by Cornelius Hunter will also soon be published, finishing our publication schedule for this year.

RENEWED PLEA FOR FINANCIAL HELP

We must once again ask that you would consider renewing your support for this important work. Inflation in the Caucasus and 60% of our funding coming in Canadian dollars means that if we cannot meet our yearly budget we will need to make cuts to our broadcasting schedule and reduce our publications.

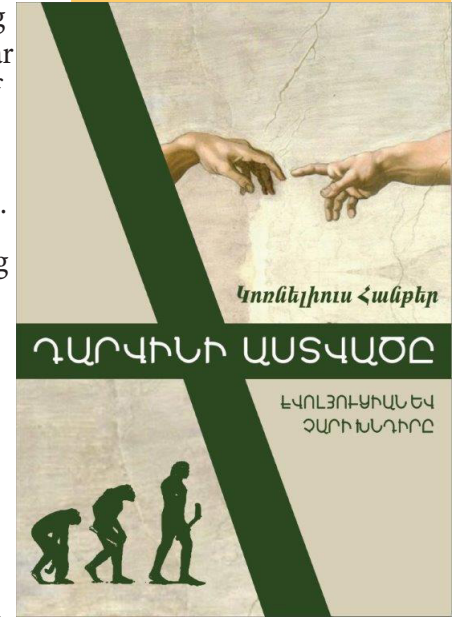
We know that God is faithful and as the commemoration of Christ's resurrection approaches, we would like to end with these words from an Armenian correspondent:

I want to thank you for your ministry which has allowed me the opportunity to deepen my Christian knowledge. Jesus really lived. He died. He rose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven. He edifies his Church as he promised. The History of the Church witnesses to this as these facts happened within time, space and history.

In His name,
The Committee for Christians for Armenia



Zubedya with her son Samvel, her daughter Lala, and her husband Edgar



Darwin's God book cover

Please send your donations to the following address:

Reformed Faith and Life – Canada
P.O.Box 27021- Highland Plaza Post Office 75 Dundas St. Cambridge, Ontario N1R8H1

Reformed Faith and Life- Canada is a charitable organization according to the regulations of Canada Revenue Agency www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities

Email: reformedfaithandlifecanada@yahoo.ca
Charitable Registrations No. 89267-1017 RR001