



"The great trumpet will be blown,
they will come,
who are about to perish"

The Trumpet

Isaiah 27:13 (NKJ).

Ontario Spanish Mission Iglesia Reformada Unida de Ontario

Greetings from Ontario URC! I hope all of you had a fruitful and productive church year. As this church year comes to a close, I want to provide an update about the Spanish ministry in Southern California. We were blessed with several new members either by membership transfer or profession of faith.

We give praise to God that Fernando Villanueva transferred his membership to our church. We also give thanks and welcome his two daughters, Leslie and Valerie. Fernando lives in the city of Ontario, and he owns his own packaging company. When Fernando began attending our church on a regular basis, he resigned his position as a ministry associate in a CRC church in Fontana. Please pray for Fernando's mother who attends a Roman Catholic parish. She has visited us on a few occasions, and we pray that she will come to the Spanish services more often.

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As I end this letter, I want to thank you for your prayerful and financial support of the Spanish ministry at Ontario URC. I am also grateful for the invitation of various URC churches in Southern



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California that invited me to give a PowerPoint presentation. It was encouraging to spend time with the saints at First URC Chino, Grace URC Torrance, and Oceanside URC. I look forward to doing more presentations and meeting some of you in person soon.

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Reformed Faith And Life, Armenia (RFL)

Many years ago, following decades-long service in French radio evangelism to Africa's francophone population, Rev. Aaron Kayayan began to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord to the Armenian people in Armenia. This new ministry began after the fall of the Soviet Union with its militant atheism. He saw the desperate need in Armenia and began to record messages in Armenian, write and translate books, and visit and preach whenever and wherever he was able.

Aaron has gone to home to be with our Redeemer, and the now the work he began is being continued by the Reformed Faith and Life Armenia committee. We have continued broadcasting his radio messages four times a week, maintained correspondence with listeners, and added to the translated works into

Armenian. Work has also begun to have Rev. Eric Kayayan's French radio sermons translated into Armenian and presented by a native speaker.

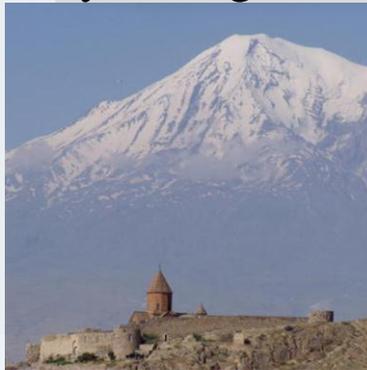
In May and June Rev. Adam Kaloostian (Ontario URC) and Rev. Movses Janbazian (Pasadena URC) visited Armenia. While there they met with pastors and teachers in various churches, as well as para-church leaders. They were given many opportunities to teach different groups, and preached in two churches. They returned with mixed news.

The Gospel has gone forth, but as we know from history, errors and false teachers have also gone out with it. The Armenian people have no systematic theological teaching, and so distortions have crept in. Many would speak of accepting Jesus, but then giving a purely moralistic testimony of their faith which any Mormon or Roman Catholic would have found acceptable. Others remain convinced that belonging to the Armenian Orthodox Church and practicing its traditions secures their blessed eternal destiny.

Having already been warned from history and previous visits, RFL had already planned to build on the earlier work of our brother. And so we are pleased to announce an additional tool in this ministry. Two years ago we commissioned a translation of Ursinus' commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism, to complement and aid in the teaching of the Catechism. This work is now nearing publication, Lord willing by October, and will be made available in Armenia to teachers in the churches there.

The Pasadena URC has chosen to partner with this work using technologies unavailable to Rev. Kayayan twenty years ago. They intend to use a

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professional video-conferencing system to provide live classroom teaching to the teachers as well as the students in Armenia, working through the Heidelberg Catechism and the Ursinus' commentary, helping to lay the same foundation there that has benefited the Reformed Churches around the world for more than 450 years. We pray that many will want to learn, and so we hope to print and distribute thousands, even tens of thousands of copies of the Catechism.

We pray the live interaction, the ability to ask questions and have them answered immediately, will allow us to teach sound doctrine to the people in a way not possible before. And perhaps the Spirit will use His Word to set ablaze a fervent desire among the Armenians to see Reformed churches established and thriving in their homeland.

We are now engaged in translating Herman Bavinck's "Our Reasonable Faith", which we believe will compliment the Ursinus' commentary on the Heidelberg, and give Armenia a much better foundation for the building of the true Church.

Many of our Federation's churches both in the USA and Canada, as well as other Reformed and Presbyterian denominations have generously supported this work over the years. Your loving prayer and giving has allowed this faithful execution of the Great Commission to take place. We ask you to continue to remember us in your prayers and in your offerings.

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BECOMING A BUILDER MISSIONS COSTA RICA

Shortly after Tepeyac Christian Grade School in Costa Rica was built, additional land was purchased and plans were made for the construction of Tepeyac Christian High School. In 2001 those plans

became a reality and construction was soon under way. From the beginning of this mission it has been a goal to build only as the funds became available, so when completed the high school would be debt free. Over the past few years construction has continued to slow as we feel the effects of a slowing worldwide economy. Donated funds have dwindled some and have caused temporary delays in construction. The high school is constructed primarily from concrete and steel. Needless to say, both steel and concrete have increased considerably in cost. With these facts in mind, it all the more important to complete the high school without further delay.



Joint Venture Building Fund Committee (JVBFC) has been involved in special fund raising efforts for Tepeyac Christian High School since 2009. The "Becoming a Builder" program is a fund raiser that has been and continues to be a steady source of support for the construction project. Like the old saying goes "Many hands make for light work". We believe that many hands will make for continued and completed work.

Our main goal is to get 500 people (which is only 20 people from 25 churches) to pledge \$20.00 a month (\$5.00 a week, \$0.72 a day, which is less than one purchased cup of coffee per day) to the construction of the Tepeyac Christian High School. This will generate up to \$10,000.00 a month. If we can meet this goal it will allow us to have construction crews on sight year around, something that has been very difficult of late. Contributions are handled by the Joint Venture Committee of Costa Rica which oversees the ministries of Rev. Bill



and Aletha Green in Costa Rica. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a builder in Gods kingdom and to be part of a dynamic mission cause.

At present all 12 grades are meeting in a very crowded grade school. Hopefully the badly needed High School buildings can be completed in the near future. With your help, we will keep the construction going and help to meet the challenges that the Lord has placed before us. Our rewards will be a Christ centered Bible based educational program for high school students in Costa Rica. Thanks to the generosity of many, over \$40,000.00 has been raised through the “Becoming a Builder” program along with other fund raisers. The JVBFC is excited to let you know we are now on Facebook. Please visit us at Costa Rica Tepeyac Christian School to view the latest pictures and video of the work being done at the high school. You may also contact us at www.jvcbfcostarica@gmail.com



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MissionsURC.org is a project of Classis Michigan of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA). MissionsURC.org has been formed for the purposes of:

- Informing church members of potential venues for short-term missions and work project opportunities
- Updating church members of the progress of missionaries and their works
- Encouraging Christ-centered and practical dialogue to encourage discipleship both within and beyond the church

The primary purpose of MissionsURC.org is to communicate information regarding missionaries, short-term missions, and work project opportunities related to the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA).

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