



When All Hope Seems Lost

Dear friend,

As I'm writing this letter to update you on the needs in Armenia, I can't help but reflect on the pain and suffering of 50,000 refugees who had fled from their homes and country just 10 months ago.

Residents of Nagorno-Karabakh woke up in the early morning of September 27 to an onslaught of drones, long-range heavy artillery and missile strikes. No one had time to grab anything. Mothers and children ran for their lives into neighboring Armenia. Their husbands and sons ran to the front lines. There was no warning.

Azerbaijan had adequately, in advance, prepared to strike. Supported by Turkey, this oil-rich Muslim nation had tremendous advantage as it waged war against the tiny Christian region. Fighting was fierce. Thousands of lives were lost in just 44 days. They were mostly young men 18-20 years old. Mothers wept having lost their husbands and sons. It was a brutal war.

Armenia Is Still Grieving



Please help provide children's New Testaments to Armenian refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh.

Originally Nagorno-Karabakh was land owned by the king of Armenia. In 1924 it became a region within the Soviet-defined borders of Azerbaijan. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Armenia has been trying to reclaim its territory and people.

Peace negotiations to end this six-week war brokered by President Putin and signed by Russia, Azerbaijan and Armenia was an unfair deal. Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh lost more territory to Azerbaijan.

Armenia is a poor and small country of 2.8 million. It takes a lot of pride in the fact that it was the first nation that accepted Christianity as its state religion. Surrounded by Muslim countries on all sides that are trying to grab their land and wipe out Christianity, losing more land to Islam was a hard blow.

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We know that claiming Christianity as a country's religion is not enough. Our Lord Jesus Christ needs to be the Lord of the hearts of many Armenians in order to bring victory and hope in their lives. Many have lost their first love and have fallen away from the Christianity their country was founded on.

During the war we immediately arranged urgent shelter and relief packages for those who fled their homes. Within each care package we included Bibles and children's Bibles. They were received with such gratitude. We saw how the Evangelical Churches came together to minister to the hurting, devastated and lost people. In the midst of this, their most difficult time of need, many gave their lives to the Lord.



Nagorno-Karabakh refugees receiving food, shelter and clothing in Armenia.

The supply of the children's Bibles was not enough and requests began flooding in for more. Families need help in giving hope to their children who are still traumatized by the bombings and scenes of war. Children are the future of a country. They need to know the Lord, His love, forgiveness and salvation. If their hearts are not filled with the love of Christ, it is easy to be filled with hate and revenge.

We are planning to print 5,000 children's New Testaments with pictures to be distributed as gifts to children. The churches are very excited and anxiously waiting to receive and distribute these New Testaments and minister to hurting Armenian families.

To accomplish this, we need your help as soon as possible!



Each New Testament costs ONLY \$2.70 to print.

As you send your gift to these children in need, will you pray for Armenia?

Please pray that:

- 1. Hopelessness will be replaced with hope. Hatred will give way to forgiveness.**
- 2. Many Armenians will be trained, equipped and sent as missionaries to take the light of the Gospel to places of darkness.**

May the Lord richly bless you and your loved ones as you lift up Armenia to the Heavenly Throne!

Together in His Ministry,

Paul Haralan Popov, President

PS: Please also remember our ongoing projects, which often face financial difficulties during the summer months.

Yes Paul, I want to send a New Testament with pictures to refugee children in Armenia. I believe that they are the future and the hope that Christianity will not be snuffed out of this Christian nation!

Use my gift where most needed:

- ☐ Here is my gift for where most needed/ongoing ministries
\$ _____
- ☐ Here is my gift for children's New Testaments:
\$ _____
- ☐ As I send my gift, I will pray for Armenia and for the children receiving my NT that they will grow in Christ's love and salvation.



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