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Dear Friends

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Our goal is still to enable Christian radios to air solid Biblical material, especially in Africa



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RFL AIRED IN CHAD

Who of you has ever heard of a town named Tchagen in Southern Chad (Northern-Central Africa)? Until recently, I had never heard about it myself. The region is mostly inhabited by the Kwong tribe (of approximately 30000 people, only 5 percent are Christians). It is the last non-Muslim group before you start moving north. The Kwong language is one out of 126 existing languages in Chad. Ten years ago, a small Christian radio station was built there, covering a radius of roughly thirty miles and broadcasting twice a day, reaching a potential audience of around 60000 people. Mark and Diane Vanderkooi — a missionary couple who has been working there since the nineties— are currently translating the Bible in the Kwong language while also trying to keep the radio operational. They produce programmes in the Kwong language. As they were looking for material in other languages (Fulani, Chadic-Arabic and French)

they approached our partner, Trans World Radio, who in turn asked for my permission to use the 600 programmes I produced between 1999 and 2014. Needless to say, permission was immediately granted, as this is the very reason why *Reformed Faith and Life* has done this work throughout the years: to enable Christian radios to air solid Biblical material whenever and wherever there is a need or an opportunity. Of course the question is: How many people understand French in and around Tchagen, and how many of those who understand will tune in to these broadcasts? Only the Lord knows. However, what is important is to keep sowing the seed, knowing that His Word that goes out from His mouth shall not return to Him empty, but it shall accomplish that which He purposes and shall succeed in the thing for which He sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

This also illustrates the fact that the work achieved by *Reformed Faith and Life* over the years can still be used with minimal operational requirements, once the right channels are in place. As part of good stewardship of the means imparted to us by the Lord, it is important to maintain our network of partnerships in His field, so that optimal distribution of our material can occur when new needs come to our attention.

In that same light, the partnership which *Reformed Faith and Life* has had for many years with FEBA Radio allows us to work together to help Christian radio stations in Mali, where they are in need of logistical support or advice to maintain or extend their activities. I have been quite involved with facilitating exchange of information lately, and keep monitoring closely what is happening at ground level with some of these radios and their courageous and motivated staff.

ATTENDING THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCES AND NETWORKING

A few weeks ago I attended a theological conference organized by the *Jean Calvin faculty of theology* in Aix-en-Provence near Marseille, in the South of France. Meeting with the faculty and preaching during the weekly student devotions allowed me to foster a brotherly bond with a seminary which has had a special place in the life of the Kayayans: in the mid-fifties, my parents, Aaron and Carmen Kayayan (who were pursuing their theological studies at Aix after having spent a few years in Switzerland), came to the Reformed faith under the teaching of Dutch theologians lecturing there. They were married during their studies and their first child was born there two years later.

A few days ago, I headed towards Lyon for the annual *Colloque Biblique Francophone* which I attended in 2014 and 2015. Then, at end of May, I will be at the *European Conference of Reformed Churches* near Amersfoort, in the Netherlands: this attendance is part of the necessary fellowship with like-minded Christians and the widening of my network of contacts among fellow Reformed pastors and missionaries.

In order to facilitate such trips and not have to depend entirely on our tiny private vehicle, our local steering committee took the important step to purchase a solid second-hand car with low mileage. As you can imagine, at this early stage of our ministry's life in France, such an investment is no small matter, though it was taken in a responsible way. We bring this matter under your attention, since we still heavily depend on your donations to pursue and extend our ministry.

WEBSITE

In the meantime, we have also asked a professional company to have our French website (foietviereformees.org) revamped and made more functional and attractive. Viewers should soon be able to discover it and benefit from its contents. I plan to add more articles and also open a small page in English with basic information including both a mission and vision statement.

As we continue serving our gracious God together with you in the French speaking field, your prayers and continued support are eagerly coveted.

May we not slumber while we labour in his vineyard, keeping the eyes of faith constantly turned towards our Lord Jesus-Christ.

Rev. Eric Kayayan



Aaron and Carmen Kayayan were married 60 years ago, while studying at the Aix-en-Provence seminary

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