

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:1-3 (NIV2011)

Who are You?

When we meet strangers or are introduced to someone for the first time, we share our names. Sometimes we share our spouse’s name or our children’s names and ages, too, and usually where we live and what we do. Our name, our location and our work = who we are.

Not exactly.

While my name is important and where I live gives context for life here in the Valley, my work, my residence and my name don’t define me, and yours don’t define you. The information definitely can help us understand and get to know each other.

However, you are more than these. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are a beloved child of God. Please reread that. Don’t skim over that sentence! The Father has “lavished” His love upon His children! The Apostle Paul says in Romans 5:5 that God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Wherever we go we can experience the love of God by His Holy Spirit!

Who are you? In Christ, you are a beloved child of God! You’re also “in process,” incomplete. God is not finished with you yet. The Apostle John tells us that in the present—right now—we are children of God, and the best is yet to come! He is molding and shaping us to become more and more like Jesus. We make every effort to purge ourselves from sin, unworthy

appetites and unholy habits. We weed out the love of this world and its passions. We remove the rocks of people-pleasing and performance living so the roots of the Gospel seed in our lives can grow and bear fruit. We are a work-in-progress!

We will be like Jesus! This is our hope! We will see Him face to face and upon His return we will be fully transformed to be just like Him! We are becoming who we already are. Am I perfectly like Christ? Are you? Of course not! However, if we anchor our lives in our identity in Christ, as beloved children of God, we have hope as we face daily challenges and temptations. He is our hope!

It’s a lie to believe that our value is dependent on our performance. When I believe this lie, I slip off the solid and safe platform of my identity in Christ, and end up in shame, hiding, rationalizing and trying to be good enough.

It’s a lie to believe that our value is dependent upon whether certain people love or like us. Of course, we want others to like us, but when that’s what we spend all our energy on, we end up buried in anxiety and resentment. In Christ, God loves us just as we are, not as we should be.

Finally, it’s a lie to believe that our value is dependent on whether we are in control and producing the results and the outcomes we are pursuing. When we try so hard to be in control, we are actually being controlled by fear and anger. People become a means to an end, our end! We lose our balance and lose our identity.

Who are you? In Christ you are a beloved child of God. Apart from Him, you’re trapped in a lie. Use this time of Lent to invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart and anchor your identity in Jesus.

Because He lives,
Badveli Greg





FAPC Missions Committee Update

March 2023

The Missions Committee wants you to know that it is with pure joy that we serve our great God and the Body of Christ at FAPC. Missions and Evangelism are at the heart of the Great Commission.



“What is a Real Christian?”

Here is the second Myth of what some would answer why they are a Christian:

Myth #3:

Living a Good Life Makes You a Christian

Living a clean and moral life doesn't make anyone a Christian either. Many atheists live decent, straight lives. Anyway, how good is good? That is the real issue. Most people have a warped idea of the true standard against which our goodness should be measured.

Compared to a mass murderer, you may feel that you're erady for sainthood. Even compared with your family and friends you may come out okay.

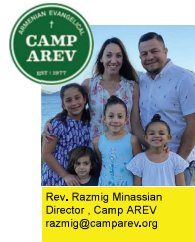
But God's standard of goodness is very different. He puts you up against His Son, Jesus christ, who lived an absolutely perfect life here on earth. Compared with this level of perfection our own goodness looks pretty shabby.

Remember, the world has always had plenty of “good” people. So, if goodness were enough, God need not have sent Jesus. The fact that Jesus had to come to die on the cross to make our forgiveness possible shows that goodness doesn't make someone a Christian.

Below are your current 2023 FAPC Missions

Committee Members:

- *Paul Haroutunian, Elder Director
- *Nelda Baker, Vice Chair
- *Jay Khushigian
- *Elaine Rubio
- *Rev. Gregory Haroutunian (ex officio)



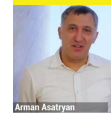
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FAPC MISSIONS 2022

FAPC missions exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus instructing His disciples to make obedient disciples. Ten percent of all FAPC tithes and offerings goes to missions. We have vetted and formally chosen to provide financial support for these individuals and organizations posted on this page because they evangelize and make disciples for Jesus. We hope you are excited to hear what God is doing with these partners and we strongly encourage you to get to know them and prayerfully support them. Their contact information is posted below. If possible, please consider providing direct further individual financial support.

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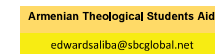
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DEACON'S CORNER IS COMING SOON!





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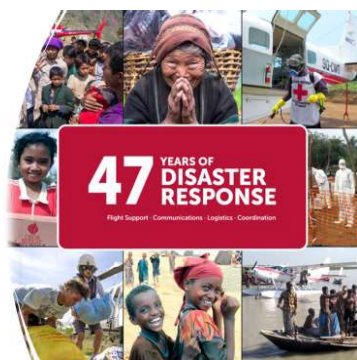
OUR VISION: To see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

OUR MISSION: Serving together to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation.



MAF WORLDWIDE

Disaster Response—Rick



We are all called

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . ."

Matthew 28:18-20



People living in isolation are cut off from the outside world, with little to no access to health care, education, supplies, and the hope of the gospel. Our airplanes are the only way many people living in remote jungles, deserts, and mountains have access to life-giving necessities and the love of Christ. You can help us—and the hundreds of churches, missionaries, and organizations we serve—bring help, hope, and healing to the ends of the earth.

- MAF-US
- MAF-INTERNATIONAL
- MAF-CANADA
- MAF AFFILIATES



Where We Serve



MAF WORLDWIDE

Ministry Partnership—Rebecca




MAF DISASTER RESPONSE



Upcoming Events

HEARTS FOR LEBANON BANQUET



Your Christian love and compassion and generous donations help Lebanon continue to submerge deeper into an unprecedented crisis. Thousands of hopeless families are in need of help. The situation is dire, desperate and unaffordable.

SOLD OUT

"The King of the East... as did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
— Matthew 25:40

HEARTS FOR LEBANON BANQUET MARCH 11, 2023 - Please RSVP by February 28, 2023

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening phone _____

I will attend! Please reserve: _____

Adult tickets at \$40/each \$ _____

Children under age 12 tickets at \$15/each..... \$ _____

I would like to be a sponsor: _____

\$1000 Sponsorship (includes 8 dinners)..... \$ _____

\$500 Sponsorship (includes 4 dinners)..... \$ _____

\$250 Sponsorship (includes 2 dinners)..... \$ _____

I am unable to attend, enclosed is my donation..... \$ _____

Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

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MARCH 12, 2023
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Upcoming 2023 EVENTS

**AEYF WEST
SPRING RETREAT
APR 15, SO CAL**

**IRONMAN GAMES
SEP 15-17, FRESNO**

**CAMP AREV
JUNE 25-JULY 1, HS1
JULY 9-15, HS2
JULY 16-22, JR'S
JULY 23-29, JH
AUG. 4-6, YA**

**NATIONAL
LEADERS CONFERENCE
NOV 10-12, TBD**

**AEYF EAST
COLLEGE & CAREER
MAR 3-5, NY**

**JUNIOR'S
MAY 5-6, NJ GR. 7-12**

**CAMP AREVELK
GR. 5-12
AUG. 6-12, NY**

AEUNA MINISTRIES




The Knights and Daughters of Vartan are holding their 2023 Writing and Visual Arts Contests in conjunction with the 108th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and its commemoration in Times Square, New York City, on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**. High School students are invited to participate. More information is available by visiting www.kofv.org or emailing april24nyc@gmail.com. April 10 is the deadline for submissions.



Calvin Sevajian was a God fearing, courageous person and has led by example. He had a great influence on me and my family. He has loved his wife, children, sons and daughter in laws, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; he expressed his love towards them by being caring, compassionate and sincere. His greatest wish was to make sure that his whole family has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior in order that the total number of his family members will be in heaven together in the Presence of God forever.



Barbara Hansen, renowned California food writer, passed away at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on January 28 at the age of 90. A native of Hollywood and lifelong resident of Hancock Park, Barbara was educated at Stanford University and UCLA, began a journalistic career at the Los Angeles Herald-Express, and later joined the Food Section of the Los Angeles Times. On January 14, 1998, Barbara published the photo essay "Leaves From Fresno," which introduced the FAPC Centennial Cookbook--"A Hundred Years and Still Cooking"--to millions of readers across California and throughout the United States. She received a James Beard Foundation Award for Newspaper Writing in 2004 and published such cookbooks as "California Cooking California Style," "Good Bread," "Mexican Cookery," "Taste of Southeast Asia," and the "Korean Restaurant Guide." She departed The Times in 2006 but continued to publish food-related articles in Southern California newspapers and two websites, "Table Conversation" and "EatMx." Barbara is survived by her nephew Eric Daniel Ball, his wife Jeanine, their sons Matthew and Justin, and many dear cousins.

Prayer Requests

Turkey and Syria's Earthquake – For comfort and peace for families of victims of Turkey and Syria's earthquake; extra strength for search and recovery teams; all survivors would be found and helped.

For the church in Turkey to be united in love and strengthened in power through the Holy Spirit.

For Christ to reveal His power and love and bring beauty from these ashes.

AMAA Relief Efforts – To be used by God to help the families affected and for opportunities to share the gospel in Syria and Turkey.

Briske Barsamian – Healing and full recovery from fall and broken knee and leg, comfort, encouragement and peace as she waits.

Carne & Lydia Saghdejian - Continued recovery.

Paul Haroutunian – Healing and recovery for shoulder surgery.

Zaven Vartanian – Recovery for his family; that he would experience the Lord's presence and extra strength for his wife Jeanette.

Luther and Tamar Sevajian and Family – For comfort and peace in the loss of his father.



Badveli Greg Haroutunian spoke to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle at Fresno High School on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The mission of FCA is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Fresno High School History Teacher Jeannine Der Manouel is “Coach” of the FHS Huddle. Ron Nelson is the FCA Central California Multi-Area Director. Very special thanks to Fresno High School Senior Lily Baloian, a member of the Cross Country Team, for arranging Badveli Greg’s visit to the FHS Campus.

Reverend Ronald Tovmassian, D.Min., newly-appointed Field Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Union of America (AEUNA) visited Fresno during the week of January 29, 2023. Badveli Ron spoke at FAPC during the Sunday, January 29, Worship Service, extended greetings from the AEUNA, and shared a meditation based on Matthew 9: 37-38: "The battle for our Armenian Evangelical churches will not be won by a flurry of activity but by a quiet devotion that seeks God in prayer. It will not be won by our good intentions, talents and resources but by our willingness to humble ourselves and ask God to win the battle for us. Pray with me please! Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into His harvest field."



The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) has announced the 2023 James G. Jameson Essay Contest. The Contest is open to students of Armenian descent attending schools in North America. Awards are made in two categories: College/University level and High School level. The essays must be previously unpublished, written in English, and have a length of 1,000-2,000 words. Essay topics should touch upon some aspect of Armenian heritage and experience, such as religion, history, culture, literature, language, art, architecture, geography or economics. Entries and/or inquiries should be directed to: James G. Jameson Essay Contest, c/o of The Armenian Missionary Association of America, 31 West Century Road, Paramus, NJ 07652 or e-mailed to lucyr@amaa.org. The deadline for entries is May 1, 2023. The annual contest is named for Mr. and Mrs. James G. Jameson of Brookline, Massachusetts.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year for full-time undergraduate students of Armenian descent studying in North America. Students interested in applying for scholarships should personally request the link for the application form by calling (201) 265-2607 ext. 127 or by emailing sponsorship@amaa.org. Previous recipients must reapply each year. All application forms must be completed online and submitted no later than May 1, 2023. Awards are made by the Scholarship Committee, which takes into consideration the applicant’s grades, financial need, the tuition cost of the college he/she will attend/attends, accomplishments, future leadership potential and good character references.



Young Families Superbowl



Armenian News



Armenian rescue team welcome reception in Turkey.

The Armenian emergency team, came to Türkiye to provide support to search and rescue efforts following the Feb. 6 earthquakes in the southeast, welcomed the warm treatment they received in the country.

"They treated us very well. They always thanked us for coming and supporting and helping us," Garik Aghramanyan, the team leader, told a news conference in the Armenian capital Yerevan on Monday. The 28-member team, which arrived on Feb. 8, has returned home as rescue operations are coming to a close. "From the second we got off the plane, we only heard words of gratitude and thanks," he added.

Aghramanyan said his team rescued three people from the rubble in Adiyaman, one of the 11 provinces struck by the quakes that have caused widespread death and destruction.



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March 2023

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