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A witch doctor's hut in Dogon land, Mali



A radio anchor in a small Christian FM station in Mali

Being a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ

In his letters Paul—the great missionary apostle—often uses figurative language derived from a soldier's gear (Eph. 6) or from military duties and the proper way to fulfil them (2 Tim. 2). In more ways than one, the ministry of *Reformed Faith and Life* can also use this similitude: we are fighting on more than one front and must make sure that our strategies, equipment, discipline, and resources are adequate. Otherwise, we will miss our main objective, which is to proclaim Christ crucified, risen, and glorified as the ruler of kings on earth (Rev. 1:5).

Two necessary book reprints

In Col. 2:15, Paul tells us that God has disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in

Christ. Here again we have a military metaphor, with the triumphal procession of a Roman general who leads his enemies captive, so that they are put to shame in public. Paul applies this metaphor to the cohort of demonic powers at work in the world. How crucial indeed it is to proclaim the victory of Christ over them, especially on African ground, where demons are openly feared and invoked and where witch doctors mediate and operate on all levels of communities, as numerous letters which I have received can attest. This is the reason why *Reformed Faith and Life* has decided to reprint a short but powerful book published by Rev. A.R. Kayayan more than 20 years ago: *Challenge and Defeat of Demons*. If Christ has definitely triumphed over Satan and demons at Golgotha, those who do not put their trust in Him but submit their

minds and hearts to these evil powers remain their prisoners. Only faith in Christ will deliver them from this bondage! Another book by Rev. A.R. Kayayan, *Jesus Christ God and Man*, will also be reprinted and widely distributed. In the meantime, we are ordering about 200 bibles in French to be distributed to young Christian communities (in Cameroon or the Democratic Republic of Congo) who would otherwise not be able to obtain them.

Mali

On the Mali front, a thorough report prepared after our visit in November last year is helping some organizations dealing with support to African Christian radios to plan subsequent training sessions and logistical support. *Reformed Faith and Life* remains committed to this

particular mission field and is in particular intent on helping Radio Tahanint (in Timbuktu) to rebuild its broadcasting capacity as soon as proper conditions prevail.

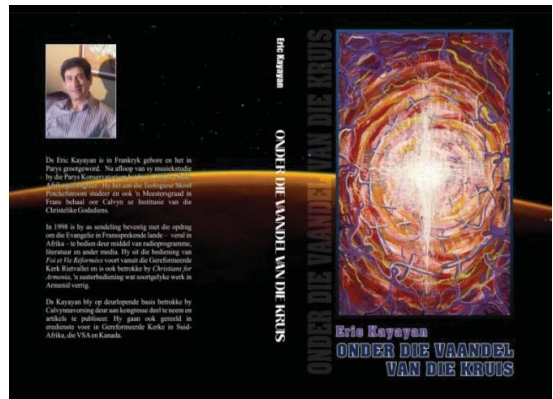
France

The French front is not receding in the background of our activities and concerns. A visit to France (but also to neighbouring countries) in June-July should enable me to establish new contacts and develop existing ones for the sake of improved collaboration and networking. France is finding itself in a very low tide at the moment, not only economically and politically, but above all spiritually, morally and culturally. The recent adoption by the French parliament of a law allowing homosexual marriages and adoption of children by homosexual couples met with unsuspected opposition from a very large segment of the population. This is of course an encouraging sign in the midst of the

growing decay of social cohesion, but the real question is: if it is not rooted in the Gospel, if the risen Christ is not the cornerstone of social order, can we expect any long term stability? Can mere anti-liberal views and fears of the rise of Islam serve as effective weapons against this decay? The calling and mission of *Reformed Faith and Life* towards France is to proclaim the necessity of a radical conversion to Christ in order to reap the blessings of His Kingship.

South Africa

Preaching in various Reformed churches in South Africa has been an integral part of my ministry ever since I was ordained as pastor in 1998. It has also been an opportunity to publicize the work of *Reformed Faith and Life* and generate support for the French ministry. In order to give credit to this support and to keep alive the interest for the French broadcast and



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literature ministry, a book of sermons which I have preached in Afrikaans during the last 15 years was published at the end of last year. Entitled *Onder die Vaandel van die Kruis* (“Under the banner of the Cross”) it can be obtained from our offices in Pretoria. The proceeds of the sale go exclusively to fund our ministry activities. May we all, as good and faithful soldiers of Christ, keep working together through prayer, support, and mutual encouragement, so that the reality of God’s Kingdom becomes more and more visible on earth. May His Word

and Spirit govern the hearts and minds of a growing number of redeemed men, women and children.

Rev Eric Kayayan

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