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Dear saints  
in the Protestant Reformed Churches,

The new “church season” has started in Limerick. On September 12, something momentous occurred, the first ever catechism class for a second-generation member of the LRF! Sebastian Kuhs, the first child that I baptized (March 23, 2012), is now old enough for catechism, for he is now six years old. So that he is not in a class by himself, we are also including Jason Watterson, the second child that I baptized (December 23, 2012), who is joining him, although he is not quite as old as his fellow catechumen (he will be five years old in November, DV). Since both children are homeschooled, which also began this year, I teach catechism on Tuesday morning at the Kuhs’ house. This is a very exciting time, to see the covenant youth ready for formal catechetical instruction.



*Two first-time catechumens:  
Jason Watterson (left), Sebastian Kuhs (right)  
with Rev. M. McGeown*

In addition, Chester and Dale Mansona are in a pre-confession class on Saturday mornings. We are currently studying the *Belgic Confession*. (Because they come from a Baptist background in the Philip-

pinés, they were never baptized as children, so we hope to have baptism at some point, DV). On top of that, due to the wonders of modern technology, I am catechizing my nieces via the internet: Anna is studying *Old Testament History for Juniors*, while Lily and Hope are studying *Old Testament History for Beginners*. We are currently on Lesson 3.

We enjoyed many exciting activities in the period between June and September. First, on June 18, I baptized Jonas Watterson and preached on “Foolishness Bound in the Hearts of Our Children” (Prov. 22:15). Second, we finished family visitation, using the text of Proverbs 23:23, “Buying and Not Selling the Truth.” Third, near the end of July, Alana Schipper (Southwest PRC) and Rev. Heath and Deb Bleyenbergh (Providence PRC) were in Limerick. It was good to spend a few days visiting some of the sights of Ireland with them before I headed to the USA for my annual vacation. Rev. Bleyenbergh preached for the LRF on July 30. Fourth, from August 1-17, I was in the USA, during which time I attended the Young People’s Convention (my prowess at turkey-hunting was placed on public display by the Turtle Cammandos! If you do not understand the reference, ask Holland’s YPC banquet committee), spent some time with (some of) Larisa DeJong’s family, preached four times in three different congregations, and caught up with many friends in the faith. As usual, I thank you for your fellowship, your hospitality, and your interest in, and prayers for, the work of the LRF!



*Rev. McGeown with Rev. Heath and Deb Bleyenber  
and Alana Schipper at Blarney Castle, Cork*

I have started a new series from the book of Acts, “The Coming of the Holy Spirit of Christ.” So far, I have preached on Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-3; and Acts 2:4-13. This week, we begin to study Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost. We also had a “Back to Basics” lecture on “The Christian Church” last Saturday (September 23). Our Muslim friend Saeed still attends these lectures, which are designed to be introductory to the Reformed faith. (Speaking of lectures, the last lecture I gave in Wales on July 6 attracted only 4 people. Since the topic was “Christian Humility,” I suppose that was humbling. It was, however, nice to spend the day with the Harris family whose son Joshua was also at the Young People’s Convention, his third, I believe).

In our Bible study, we are edging ever closer to the end of Romans. (We are currently near the end of chapter 15). By the next newsletter, DV, we will have chosen a new book to study. We have also nearly finished Daniel with the Mansona family. (At our next meeting, we plan to study chapter 12).

I am planning another visit to the USA soon (October 24 to November 8). The seminary has asked me to speak at the upcoming conference on the Reformation. My speech, “The Reformation’s Recovery of Right Worship,” is scheduled for Saturday October 28 in Faith PRC. A week later, DV, I will give the speech at a mini-conference (Rev. Key, Prof. Cammenga, and I will speak) in Loveland PRC in Colorado. Since I have never been to Colorado before, and since three of Larisa’s brothers live in Colorado and are members of Loveland PRC, Larisa and I are greatly looking forward to visiting Loveland (November 1-7).

Do honor the conferences in Michigan (October 27-28) and/or Colorado (November 3-4) with your presence.

In Christian love,  
Rev. Martyn McGeown