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Dear saints in the  
Protestant Reformed Churches,

On Wednesday, after twelve weeks, we finished Head One (On Divine Predestination) of the *Canons of Dordt*. The class is going very well, and many are listening to the uploaded lessons online. In our *Essentials of Reformed Doctrine* with the Mansonas we have reached Lesson 20 (“The Calling”). Alfonso Mansona testifies that the class helps him understand the Bible a lot better because he can see the doctrines of Scripture more clearly. Their children, Chester and Dale (with Stephen Casey), are in *New Testament History for Seniors*, where we have reached Lesson 7. We will probably continue that class until the end of the school year (May or June) and I hope to get at least halfway through the book by then. All that is in preparation for starting the Heidelberg Catechism in the autumn, D.V.



*Church Visitors at the Mansonas*

Those are my only catechumens at the moment. Life on the mission field is not like it was when I taught catechism in the Grand Rapids area, when I could have 20-30 children in one class. Some of the ministers

in the smaller congregations can relate to small catechism class sizes. The other children in the fellowship are four years (Denzel Kodija), about one and a half years (Sebastian Kuhs), and about five months (Jason Watterson), so catechism is some time away for them. Also, Emily-Kate Kuhs is near the end of her second pregnancy. Perhaps by the time of the next Newsletter we will be able to announce another Kuhs in the Fellowship! (D.V.).



Fellowship together at Rev. McGeown's house

On 10 March we started a new series, this time on Titus. The theme for the series is “Titus: Godly Living Out of Sound Doctrine,” and we will finish chapter one this Sunday after six sermons, D.V. Titus is a marvellous book because it gives guidance to a group of Christians who were not yet organized as a church, were in need of elders, and needed instruction not only on doctrine but on how to live in their various callings (older men, younger men, older women, younger women, etc) out of that doctrine. Therefore there is much practical application for a fledgling mission group such as we are in the Limerick Reformed Fellowship. In the evening service we have been steadily preaching through the Heidelberg Catechism. Since we do not have

many baptisms or confessions of faith; we do not have preparatory, applicatory, or Lord's Supper sermons; and we do not have special services on Christmas and other days, we make rapid progress, and have almost reached the end of the second main section on deliverance. Recent highlights were "Baptism and Circumcision" (LD 27, Q&A 74) and "Our Polemic Against the Popish Mass" (LD 30, Q&A 80). The former is a defence of infant baptism (one friend shared it on Facebook and it was downloaded by 361 people) and the latter is a reminder in our ecumenical and tolerant age (exacerbated by the election of Pope Francis I) that the Romish church is still our enemy and the enemy of Jesus Christ. Since we are surrounded by Arminian, Pentecostal, Dispensationalist, Baptist, doctrinally-indifferent Evangelicals (or a combination of those errors), we need these reminders.



*Fellowship after the worship service*

From 23-25 March we hosted the annual church visitors, Rev. Haak and Peter VanDerSchaaf. We had an immensely enjoyable time with them. Their ministry, fellowship, and advice were much appreciated. The men attended a catechism class at the Mansonas, and Rev. Haak preached both services on 24 March and gave a superb lecture on "Life in Heaven: the Place of God's Throne" from Revelation 4 on Monday 25 March. On Sunday 24 March we invited practically the whole of the Limerick Reformed Fellowship to my place for food and fellowship. We were glad that almost everyone was able to come. The time was, alas, too short. Thank you,

brethren, for sending ambassadors of peace to us every year.



*Bill Davies, Terry Casey, and Rev. Haak*

I was struck when I read Rev. Bruinsma's Pittsburgh Newsletter this week that our situations are so very similar. Like the work in Pittsburgh, the work here is often routine; and making new contacts and finding ways to reach people outside of our core group requires much wisdom and patience. Please pray for an open door of utterance (Col. 4:3).

May the Lord bless you richly.

In Christian love,  
Rev. Martyn McGeown



*Rev. Haak at Rev. McGeown's house*