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Dear saints in the
Protestant Reformed Churches,

The mercy and faithfulness of our covenant God endure forever! On 8th May, Manuel and Emily-Kate Kuhs welcomed a daughter into the world, whom they have named *Penelope Esther May Kuhs*. The CPRC Council has approved the baptism of this little one, and once we have decided on a suitable date for all parties, we will proceed with the sacrament. Baptism is a joyful occasion on the mission field, and one which in God's good providence often attracts a number of visitors, to whom we can preach the gospel of God's sovereign covenant grace. This will be, D.V., the third time I will have administered baptism since I came to Limerick.



In the summer months many of the activities are put on hold. The catechism class for the children (Stephen, Chester, and Dale) ended on 25th May with *New Testament History for Seniors* Lesson 11. We hope to resume with Lesson 12 in early September. We have, however, decided to continue with our adult doctrine class on the *Canons of Dordt*. Yesterday evening we

began Head III/IV after we had met for 12 weeks on Head I and 8 weeks on Head II. The class is recorded and then uploaded to our website. We have found it tricky to get everyone to join “live” because of schedules and babies, so last night there were four in my apartment (Manuel, Marco, Rene, and I. This meant that I had to go pick up two in my car. Part of being the LRF-missionary is ferrying members to and from meetings, something I am happy to do), one (Sven) joining by Skype from Shannon, and three (Samuel, Anganeta, and Emily-Kate) joining by Skype from two different locations in the City Centre. The wonders of technology!

After the class, Rene edits and then uploads the audio to our website. Editing involves removing sounds such as doorbells, crying children and phone calls—the Kuhs phoned during the class on 8th May to announce Penelope's birth, a welcome interruption indeed. As long as people are still interested in having the Wednesday night class, we will proceed through the summer. The *Essentials of Reformed Doctrine* class with the Mansonas has reached Lesson 23 (“Sanctification”), and it will also continue through the summer as the Mansonas' schedule permits. Rene Kuhs also uploads the Sunday sermons and YouTube videos to our website. This week we will be on Titus #13, and on *Heidelberg Catechism* LD 35.

We have had a few visitors of late. It is encouraging that the word is getting out that there is spiritual food to be had in the LRF. We have had people from various churches tell us that they have been Christians for decades and have learned next to nothing in their churches. This is not an occasion for boasting, because it is only by God's grace that we have the truth. It ought

rather to be a reason both to lament the dreadful apostasy in the wider ecclesiastical world, and to treasure what we have in the Reformed faith. Several ladies have been attending somewhat regularly—some have difficulties of transport; others experience opposition from family, so they come only to the morning services so far—and have remarked that what is taught in the LRF is different and very clear. Another man called Paul arrived a few weeks ago. He is an elderly gentleman from Cork who lives opposite the bus station. He told me that he was in an Internet cafe and he came across the LRF website and, because he “liked what he saw,” he decided to take the bus to Limerick—the journey time is over an hour! When I arrived at the Conradh na Gaelige Hall where we meet, he was waiting outside. After worshipping with us he took some pamphlets and remarked, “I am going to come here every week.” This man has been a member in the Presbyterian Church in Cork for decades and is spiritually starved. What a travesty that a man has to travel over an hour on the bus to hear the Word of God when the local churches cannot or will not serve nourishing meals for the people of God! We do not know if Paul will be able to join us as regularly as he wishes, or if (as has sadly been the case in the past with others) the enthusiasm will wane when he sees more clearly what our distinctive doctrines are, but this is a good and encouraging beginning. We also had another visitor from Cork a few weeks ago, a young man who is interested in attending Westminster Seminary, California. We pray for more visitors, more interest, and a greater growth in grace for all our members.

Recently, I also finished writing the articles for the *Belgic Confession Meditations* to be published by saints in the CERC in Singapore. I was informed that all of the articles of the *Belgic Confession* have been assigned to various ministers and only the writings on Article 13 are outstanding. The saints in Singapore hope to publish these meditations in booklet form next year. In the providence of God, I was preaching in

Ballymena last Sunday and six Singaporeans from the CERC were there! They were somewhat late because they had first gone to Lislunna Road, mistaking the CPRC manse for the church building. One of the six was a proofreader for the *Belgic Confession Meditations* project. Small world!

It will be no surprise to many of you that I intend to chaperone at the Young People’s Convention again this year, D.V. I will be in the Chicago area from 8-11 August, at the Convention from 12-16 August, and in the Grand Rapids area from 16-21 August, D.V. I look forward to fellowship with the precious covenant youth of the PRC again. What a rich heritage we have in God’s covenant!

May the Lord bless you richly,

In Christian love,
Rev. Martyn McGeown