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**“Here is my servant! I have made him strong. He is my chosen one; I am pleased with him.
I have given him my Spirit, and he will bring justice to the nations. . . .
He won’t quit or give up until He brings justice everywhere on earth,
and people in foreign nations long for his teaching.” Isaiah 42:1, 4 (CEV)**

Dear Friends,

Over 2,000 verses in the Bible speak of God’s heart for the poor. Here at Advocates we see an increasing number of national fellowships that are actively addressing the needs of the poor and needy in their communities. We are doing what we can to encourage and equip them to do it better, through our Global Resource Team on Human Rights & Justice for the Poor.

This month I travel to Africa to attend the 10th Advocates Africa Conference in Kampala, Uganda, August 6-11. The theme of this year’s conference, based upon Isaiah 42:1-4, is “Bringing Forth Justice to the Nations.” On my way, I spend four days in Ethiopia, where I am blessed to meet with our colleagues of the Ethiopian Christian Lawyers Fellowship (ECLF), and to address a conference on legal aid in Addis Ababa that is co-sponsored by ECLF and the Ethiopian Supreme Court. I look forward to encouraging our brothers and sisters to do justice with compassion, specifically through Christian legal aid, and to better understand the depth of God’s heart for the poor. We greatly appreciate your prayers for safe travels for all of the delegates traveling from all over Africa, and for each one to hear God’s calling in their lives as legal professionals.

Your continued prayers for Advocates make a significant difference in our work around the globe, and I’ve enclosed a prayer reminder card for you to share with a friend or family member who doesn’t know about Advocates. If you need additional cards, let us know and we’ll be happy to send you extras.

Thanks also for your financial support, especially during the lean summer months. We’ve been blessed to make it through July without any worries, but we are expecting some additional expenses in the fall with transitional personnel needs. I look forward to sharing next month what God is doing in Africa.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His perfect. . .

Grace and Peace



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James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Leviticus 19:9-10 "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God."

Proverbs 31:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Jeremiah 22:3 "This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place."

Isaiah 10:1-3 "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches?"

Proverbs 29:7 "The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern."

Isaiah 1:17 "Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."

Exodus 23:6 "Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits."

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"

Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"



1 Samuel 12:23

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