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**“Let no one look down on your youthfulness,
but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity,
show yourself an example of those who believe.”
1 Timothy 4:12**

Dear Friends,

There is no other way to explain what happened with Advocates last month than to say that God is moving in amazing ways. Thanks to your prayers and support, we witnessed an historic gathering of a small delegation of Advocates at last month's CLS National Conference in Colorado, and I am certain of a bright future.

Consider these “divine appointments” we witnessed: Two of our Advocates, meeting for the first time, discovered that they both attended the same grammar school, a few years apart in the 1950s, in Iran. One of our Advocates from India was blessed to meet two young men whose families attended the same church as he in New Delhi. For the first time ever, two of our Advocates from the Confraternidad Cristiana de Juristas de Cuba received permission to leave Cuba; they met a CLS member who is traveling to Cuba on a mission trip this month.

A Bright Future – The Next Generation

One of the most encouraging answers to our prayers was the number of young Advocates we spent time with in Colorado. Allow me to briefly tell you about two Advocates who exemplify St. Paul's admonishment to Timothy to live as “an example to those who believe.”

First, I'd like to introduce you to Misgana Kifle, a delightful young lawyer from Ethiopia. She is a member of the Ethiopian Christian Lawyers Fellowship (ECLF) and helped ECLF develop its Peace & Reconciliation Centers and its Christian Legal Aid clinics. Misgana also serves as the volunteer coordinator for Advocates Africa. She is currently completing her certification with Peacemaker Ministries, and is one of the key reasons we believe that Advocates Africa will continue to have an impact across that continent for the next generation.



You can help AI to help Advocates Africa by supporting Misgana. Your prayers and financial support for Advocates Africa can help them stand as a defense for the continent against the attack on traditional families, religious freedom and more. Twice each year the African Union holds its meetings, and participation by Advocates Africa is one of the best defenses against an encroaching secularism. Please consider a gift this year to help our African brothers and sisters, like Misgana, in 2013.

Doing Justice with Compassion

Second, I'd like to introduce you to Thujee Lhendup, a bright young law student in his second year at Mississippi College of Law. Thujee is from Bhutan and is going to be the first person from his country to receive a JD degree from the United States. Bhutan is a Buddhist nation which does not usually permit the building of non-Buddhist temples and uses traditional Buddhist laws. We are encouraging Thujee and his classmate, Miihye Goh (a second year law student from South Korea), to join us in Hong Kong in April 2013 for the next Advocates International conference, which will also be the next Advocates Asia conference.



Please pray for Thujee, Miihye and other students who are hoping to attend the Hong Kong conference, and consider providing a scholarship for this next generation of Advocates in Asia.

A Bright Future – Encouragement for Advocates Latin America



L-R: Mario Lopez (Nicaragua), Nina Balmaceda (Peru), Matt Bristol (AI Chairman), Brent McBurney (AI President), Gerardo Amarilla (Uruguay, President FIAJC)

Over the past few years, the attacks of the enemy have increased against the Christian legal fellowships of Latin America, and a spirit of discouragement had started to set in. Last month, thanks to your prayers and support, seven Advocates joined us in Colorado at the CLS conference, held key meetings together, and returned home to Cuba, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Uruguay with a renewed hope for reengagement in the work that God called them to over a decade ago. They plan to come together for a spiritual retreat in Uruguay in May 2013. They also would like to hire a regional coordinator, much like Misgana in Africa. In fact, these phenomenal men and women have agreed

to match any donations you make toward hiring such an employee. Finally, many of the American law students who attended the conference are Spanish speakers and are excited about getting involved with Advocates Latin America. The next generation is being raised up in power!

A Bright Future - Your Part

As you know, you play a vital role in helping us to encourage, equip and enable our advocates around the globe. All of them need your prayers. This month we are including the AI Prayer Card that serves as a reminder to pray. If you still have one from last year, please pass the new one along to a friend that you know will pray with us.

Finally, if you have never given a financial gift, please consider a gift this year to help Advocates International continue to make a difference through the lives of advocates, young and old, who give us hope for a bright future.

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

Grace and Peace,



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