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²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging
one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

"Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos
on their way and see that they have everything they need." Titus 3:13

Dear Friends,

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a great time for us here at Advocates International to take a look back at 2013 and to look ahead to 2014. First and foremost, we are grateful for your prayers throughout the past year and for the generous support of so many that allows us to continue to pursue our mission to encourage, enable and equip our advocates around the globe. Your *Titus 3:13* support enabled Advocates to live out *Hebrews 10:23-25* in 2013 and, by faith, we expect to see even greater engagement in 2014.

2013: A Year of Continued Growth and Engagement

2013 was the beginning of our third decade serving Christian lawyers, judges and other advocates across the world. The first quarter of the year witnessed the 11th annual European Religious Liberty Forum (ERLF), a faithful gathering of brothers and sisters actively engaged in the battle for religious freedom throughout a continent that is increasingly belligerent toward Christians. The ERLF is convened yearly by our dear friends, Latcho Popov and Julia Doxat-Purser, Religious Liberty Coordinator for the European Evangelical Alliance. Held in Istanbul, Turkey in conjunction with the Religious Liberty Partnerships (RLP) Consultation, the meetings were an excellent example of the collaborative efforts in which AI remains involved.

Our second quarter witnessed further collaboration in April in Hong Kong as we co-convened the Transformation 2013 Conference with our friends from Faith and Law Around the Globe (FLAG), a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Advocates Asia hosted this conference of 165 delegates from 32 countries from 6 continents. We are pleased to have connected with the two Christian lawyer fellowships in Hong Kong that are new to the AI network this year.

In May the Federación Inter Americana de Juristas Cristianos (FIAJC) came together in Uruguay and Argentina where they legally registered as an NGO and convened the 10th Latin American Convention for Christian Lawyers (CLAC) with 70 attorneys and law students. Sadly, FIAJC's newly elected President, Xavier Velez (Ecuador), was promoted to Glory in August following a heart attack. Please continue to pray with us for Xavier's family and for all our FIAJC colleagues as they face greater challenges ahead.

The third quarter witnessed the 10th Advocates Africa Conference, co-hosted in Kampala, Uganda in August by the Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity and Lawyers of Hope Rwanda. More than 160 attorneys, judges and law students from 19 different countries attended, a tremendous increase from previous conferences, especially from French- and Portuguese-speaking countries. It was wonderful to see the inclusion of South Sudan, for the first time ever, and a strong delegation from the DRC. Advocates Africa continues to engage in the battle for

religious freedom, particularly at the African Union and African Commission for Human and Peoples Rights, and we ask you to continue to pray with us for their efforts.

Finally, just last month, Advocates successfully hosted a delegation from the Albanian Supreme Court in DC, Seattle and Minneapolis. What a great encouragement for the Chief Justice and five of his colleagues when Justices Ginsburg and Breyer both met with our delegation following oral arguments at the US Supreme Court. Thanks for your continued prayers for Advocates' ongoing engagement in Albania and especially for AI Board member Roger Sherrard, whose faithfulness has not diminished.

This past year we have also been strengthening the Global Council (GC) and re-launching the Global Resource Teams (GRTs). At our April meeting in Hong Kong, GC members expressed their continuing commitment to provide leadership for the GRTs and to more actively engage advocates across the network in the challenges that arise. In addition, GC member Nina Balmaceda is leading our new Legal Scholar's Teaching Teams, which will build upon the expertise within the AI network to provide better training for our advocates.

2014: A Year of Challenges and Change

This coming year looks to be one full of continued challenges, and definitely changes. First, after a dozen years on the staff as a full-time angel, Romi Kobayashi will be stepping back into a part-time "semi-retirement" role. Her selfless efforts on behalf of AI have been priceless, and we will miss her tireless work. We are extremely grateful for Romi's involvement in AI's ministry and blessed that she will not be leaving us entirely.

Second, as the Global Council continues to increase its engagement in strengthening the regions, AI will support the GC and the GRTs by hiring a full-time Deputy Director. This fully funded position will allow us to better connect and engage advocates with the GRTs to more fully meet the problems facing Christians. As in the past, our primary focus remains on religious freedom, rule of law and justice for the poor, but the GRTs also include family & community, peace & reconciliation, and sanctity of life.

Third, our plans for travel in 2014 include Spain (12th ERLF) & Canada (RLP Consultation) in March, South Africa (GKPN) in April, Germany (GC meeting & *Christ und Jurist* Congress) in May, South Korea (WEA RLC) & Japan (*tentative*) in October, as well as the 12th Advocates Asia Conference and 2014 Advocates Caribbean Conference, both locations TBD. You are always welcome to join us at any of the AI conferences. We will also remain fully engaged here in our nation's capital with the International Religious Freedom Roundtable.

Enclosed this month is our **November Prayer Calendar** that includes all of country leaders from across the globe. Next month's Prayer Calendar will be focused on the 2014 requests from the regions.

Finally, we would like to express our tremendous gratitude for a **\$25,000** challenge gift from one of our donors. So, if you have **never** financially supported Advocates or have **not given since 2010**, we invite you to join our team and double your gift between now and the end of the year. Thanks again for your continued prayers for lawyers and for your *Titus 3:13* gifts. We expect 2014 to be a year full of challenges and changes and you play a key role, helping all our advocates to faithfully live out Hebrews 10:23-25.

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

Grace and Peace



Brent McBurney
President & CEO



PRAYER CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2013

Pray with us for the national leaders (new additions)

Mondays: Advocates Africa

ADVOCATES AFRICA: *Chairman Mike Chibita (Uganda)*

ANGOLA: Armando Palanga, Maria Lucia Da Silveira; **BENIN:** Agathe Affougnon; Jean-Marc Kodja; **BOTSWANA:** Edward Luke II; **BURKINA FASO:** Paul Dipama; **BURUNDI:** Longin Baranyizigiye; **CAMEROON:** Rose Mbah-Acha; **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Moussa Yves; **CHAD:** Pasteur Bako Ngarndeye; **COTE D'IVOIRE:** Josue Tchimou; **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** Jean Alain Kasonga; **EGYPT:** Emad Felix Moubarak; **ERITREA:** Tedla Aradom; **ETHIOPIA:** Nigatu Tadesse; **GABON:** Moutou David, Sala Watoma R. David; **GAMBIA:** Sagar C.T. Jahateh, Rachael Y. Mendy; **GHANA:** Emmanuel Goka; **GUINEA:** Frédéric Loua Foromo; **KENYA:** Judy Kalinga, Joyce Kabaki; **LESOTHO:** Tsabo Matooni, Sue Merriman; **LIBERIA:** Othello Payman, James Jones; **MALAWI:** Pacharo Kayila; **MALI:** Alison Diarra; **MOZAMBIQUE:** Cauio Carlos Alberto, Annet Ttendo; **NAMIBIA:** Masiza Shakespeare, K.B. Ngutjinazo; **NIGER:** Maitre Nouhou Amadou; **NIGERIA:** Sunny Akanni; **RWANDA:** David Furaha, Vital Nsengiyumva; **SENEGAL:** Joseph Nassakou; **SIERRA LEONE:** Ibrahim Koroma; **SOUTH AFRICA:** Teresa Conradie, Maryna Joubert; **SOUTH SUDAN:** *Benjamin Sogora*; **SUDAN:** Mary James Ajith; **SWAZILAND:** B.A. Dube; **TANZANIA:** Sylvia Balwire Leonard, Ann Passian; **TOGO:** Komi Devotsu; **UGANDA:** Edward Sekabanja; **ZAMBIA:** Stephen Lungu; **ZANZIBAR:** Yussuf Sulieman; **ZIMBABWE:** Gerald Matiba

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia & Oceania

ADVOCATES ASIA: *Exec. Com. Chairman Min Choon Lee (Malaysia), Exec. Com. Hon. Sec., Gregory Vijayendran*

AUSTRALIA: Mark Mudri, Sue-Ellen Hollyock; **AZERBAIJAN:** Asif (Sadig) Huseynov; **BANGLADESH:** Elizabeth Halder; **CHINA:** Julia Feng; **HONG KONG:** Victor Yau (C@B), Steven Yip (CLF); **INDIA:** Tehmina Arora, Robin David; **INDONESIA:** Saudaranta Tarigan, Tony Budidjaja; **ISRAEL:** Marvin Kramer, Botrus Mansour; **JAPAN:** Hiroshi Nagao; **JORDAN:** Haytham Eraifej; **KAZAKHSTAN:** Samira Shindauletova; **KOREA:** Dongsub Sim; **KYRGYZSTAN:** Asel Baiastanova; **LEBANON:** Elie Kharat; **MALAYSIA:** Steven Thiru; **MONGOLIA:** Baasankhuu Octybari; **MYANMAR:** Saw Hla Henry; **NEPAL:** Bishwash Sunuwar; **PAKISTAN:** Joseph Francis; **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Andrew Kwimberi; **PHILIPPINES:** Aldwin Salumbides, Elgene Feliciano; **RUSSIA:** Katya Smyslova; **SINGAPORE:** Gregory Vijayendran; **SRI LANKA:** Roshini Wickremesinhe; **TAJIKISTAN:** Parvina Ahmedova; **THAILAND:** Anurak Poonnoo; **UZBEKISTAN:** Nail Gabdullin; **VIETNAM:** Nguyen Van Dai

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

ADVOCATES EUROPE: *President Latcho Popov (Bulgaria)*

ALBANIA: Fatmir Lacej, Toni Gogu, Altin Naqë; **ARMENIA:** Armine Avagyan, Lusy Avagyan; **AUSTRIA:** Robert Kramer; **BELARUS:** Dina Shavtsova, Sergei Shavtsov; **BELGIUM:** Ninette Doodoo; **BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA:** Aleksander Vukovic; **BULGARIA:** Latcho Popov; **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Adam Russ, Martin Okac; **CROATIA:** Tihomir Kukolja; **DENMARK:** Ebbe Holm; **FINLAND:** Ville Hoikkala; **FRANCE:** Nicolas Duval; **GERMANY:** Patrick Menges, Armin Eckermann, Peter Gegenwart; **GREECE:** Pepie Pagoni, Vassilios Tsirbas; **HOLLAND:** Eline de Groot; **HUNGARY:** Terry Lingenhoel; **ITALY:** Gianfranco Amato, Pasquale Annicchino; **KOSOVO:** Pal Bala; **MACEDONIA:** Laste Spasovski; **MOLDOVA:** Aliona Cara, Evghenii Sologubenco; **MONTENEGRO:** Sinisa Nadazdin; **NORWAY:** Henning Heitmann; **POLAND:** Ursula Pomorska; **PORTUGAL:** Fernando Loja; **ROMANIA:** Beniamin Lup; **RUSSIA:** Katya Smyslova, Yuri Snisarenko; **SERBIA:** Dusan Kostic; **SPAIN:** Eliseo Gomez-Lor; **SWEDEN:** Mats Tunehag, Per Karlsson, Ruth Nordström; **SWITZERLAND:** Benjamin Doberstein, Henri Minder; **TURKEY:** Mine Yildirim; **UNITED KINGDOM:** Michael Sookias, Paul Diamond; **UKRAINE:** Sergei Gula, Ivan Mykhalchuk, Andrei Somov

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Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

ADVOCATES LATIN AMERICA: *Interim President*, Nina Balmaceda (Peru); **FIAJC LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Bettina Chammoro (Paraguay); Lorenzo Hernandez (Guatemala); Maria Gianella Aloise (Uruguay); Rodolfo Juarez (Cuba); Ivette Montes (Puerto Rico); Uziel Santana (Brazil); Lidia Garcia Torralba (Argentina); Gerardo Amarilla (Uruguay); and Daniel Varela (Paraguay). **ARGENTINA:** Daniel di Paolo, Luis Daglio; **BOLIVIA:** Juana Ambrocio; **BRAZIL:** Gilberto Ribeiro; Uziel Santana; **CHILE:** Franz Möller; **COLOMBIA:** David Perez, Roberto Sierra; **COSTA RICA:** Reynaldo Matamoros; **CUBA:** Rodolfo Juarez, Livian Gonzalez; **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Jose Ortiz; **ECUADOR:** Otoniel Ladines ; **EL SALVADOR:** Hugo Pineda, Silvia Martínez; **GUATEMALA:** Lorenzo Hernandez, Elizabeth de Larios; **HONDURAS:** Geovanny Pinto; **MEXICO:** Omar Contreras, Jorge Lee; **NICARAGUA:** Melba Alguera, Rafael Quinto; **PANAMA:** Elvis Ureña; **PARAGUAY:** Daniel Varela, Bettina Chamorro; **PERU:** Ana Maria Caro; **PUERTO RICO:** Ivette Montes; **URUGUAY:** Mariana Errazquin, Marcel Legarra, Silvana Ferreira; **VENEZUELA:** Rhaizza R. de Villarreal

Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

ADVOCATES NORTH AMERICA: *Chairperson Ruth Ross (Canada)*

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: Radford Hill; **BARBADOS:** Anne Reid, Tennyson Vaughn; **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:** Lorraine St Rose; **CANADA:** Ruth Ross; **DOMINICA:** Jeffrey Douglas-Murdock; **GUYANA:** Tejnarine Remroop, Justice Yonette Cummings, Kim Kyte-John; **JAMAICA:** Shirley Richards; **SAINT LUCIA:** Kendy Jean, Sarah Flood Beaubrun; **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:** Mandella Campbell; **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:** Alice Soo Hon, Hyacinth Griffith, Maureen Rajnauth-Lee; **USA:** David Nammo, Steve Tuggy

Saturdays: Advocates Global Council & Board Members

Global Council: Exec. Committee: Chairman, Min Choon Lee* (Malaysia); Vice Chair, Teresa Conradie* (South Africa); Secretary, Gregory Vijayendran (Singapore); Treasurer, Ruth Ross* (Canada); At-Large, Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria); At-Large, Mats Tunehag (Sweden); **Members – Africa:** Dr. Bankole Sodipo (Nigeria) – New member of Council; Mike Chibita (Uganda); **Asia:** Robin David (India); Dongsu Sim (South Korea); **Europe:** Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria); Nicolas Duval (France); Mats Tunehag (Sweden); **Latin America:** Gerardo Amarilla (Uruguay); Nina Balmaceda* (Peru), Daniel Varela (Paraguay); **Middle East:** Botrus Mansour (Israel); **North America/Caribbean:** Justice Alice Soo Hon (Trinidad & Tobago); **Oceania:** Mark Mudri (Australia)

*Also AI board members

AI Board: Chairwoman, Ruth Ross; Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Sam Logan; Secretary, Chip Zimmer; Nina Balmaceda, Matt Bristol, Teresa Conradie, Timothy Klenk, Min Choon Lee, Roger Sherrard, and Ken Starr. Praise God for new board member Pete Rathbun.

Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray for Romi Kobayashi; Brent McBurney, his wife Elizabeth, son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise