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**“Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.
The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.
He saw that there was no one,
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;. . .” Isaiah 59:15-16**

**“My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.
And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;. . .” 1 John 2:1**

Dear Friends,

About a year ago, a dear friend had planned to introduce me to the new general counsel in his office. However, the day we tried to meet, this young general counsel was unexpectedly on early paternity leave. I left a copy of *No Higher Calling*—a devotional book for lawyers, by lawyers—on his desk. A few weeks [or months?] later, he and I attended the same event, but never did meet. Then about a week ago, we finally met. The first thing he mentioned was how much he appreciated the devotional book. It is by far one of the most enduring and powerful tools of Sam Ericsson’s legacy. The verses above are from Week 1’s entry, appropriately written by Sam.

Increasing the Tools

Published in 2001, *No Higher Calling* was co-edited by Lynn Buzzard and Sam and includes 52 devotionals written by 26 contributors from 14 countries. I take them with me every time I travel, and the feedback is unanimously positive. The only problem is that after sharing them for over a dozen years, our supplies have almost run out.

We are updating this amazing little book—adding Advocates’ history since 2001 and where we hope to go—and planning to reprint it for a new generation of Christian lawyers and law students.

Each new copy will cost about \$4 (based on a total of 2000 copies) for a paperback version, or about \$8 (based on a total of 1000 copies) for a leather-bound hard cover version. Your support for this project will help us to continue to bring great encouragement to advocates around the globe. Would you consider adding an *extra* donation amount to your regular gift? With your OK, we’ll be sure to include your name among the *No Higher Calling* sponsors in the new editions.

Growing the Legacy

Another amazing legacy that continues to grow are the Rule of Law Institutes (RLI). The first RLI was established in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1995 and is run by Latcho Popov. The second was set up in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in 2001 under the leadership of Baasankhuu Oktyabri. Thankfully, the RLIM has outgrown its offices and is currently looking for larger space. Please pray with us for both of these fantastic ministries.

Despite being under tremendous pressure, our brothers and sisters of the Christian Legal Association of Ukraine, with guidance from Latcho, established a third Rule of Law Institute in Kiev, Ukraine earlier this year. Two projects are already underway: (1) monitoring the Council of Ministers for corruption and (2) monitoring the government's slow response to required changes to the status of religious organizations. What great joy to see this new generation of young lawyers following their Higher Calling with energy and strength. Please continue to pray with us for all three RLIs and the advocates who are serving.

Reaching New Heights

It was a great encouragement to see one of the newest fellowships in the AI network step up to the plate and hit a home run. Hosted by the Indonesian Christian Legal Society, the 13th Advocates Asia Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, was attended by over 90 lawyers from 20 countries and 175 law students, and was a great success. Religious liberty, corruption, rule of law, and anti-trafficking were the focus, but the most important part was the strengthening of relationships, old and new.

Another great encouragement was that the six young lawyers from Advocates St. Vincent & the Grenadines did a splendid job hosting the 4th Advocates Caribbean Conference. They addressed religious liberty, freedom of conscience, and family issues, among others. Justice Alice Soo Hon, Global Council member for the Caribbean, was pleased to share that they left quite satisfied that God's will was accomplished but aware that there is a lot of work to be done.

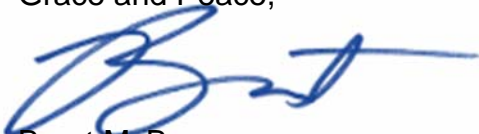
Praying for Advocates

Thank you for your prayer support. Without it, our ministry would be much tougher. A big thanks also for the regular support of faithful donors. Without those gifts, we would not be able to continue to help lawyers realize that there is "No Higher Calling." Please prayerfully consider how you might support us this year-end and throughout next year. Your financial gifts are tax-deductible and go a long way for the "best staff money can't buy."

I've enclosed our **2015 National Leaders Prayer Calendar**. The men and women listed are servant leaders for advocates in 130 nations and need our prayers. We continue to encourage, equip and enable them to *Do Justice With Compassion* and follow God's Higher Calling as lawyers and advocates.

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

Grace and Peace,



Brent McBurney
President and CEO



2015 NATIONAL LEADERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray with us for these national leaders

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; **AZERBAIJAN:** Asif (Sadig) Huseynov; **BANGLADESH:** Elizabeth Halder; **CHINA:** Julia Feng; **HONG KONG:** Victor Yau (C@B), Steven Yip (CLF); **INDIA:** Robin David, Pramod Singh, Tehmina Arora; **INDONESIA:** Tony Budidjaja, Saudaranta Tarigan; **ISRAEL:** Marvin Kramer, Botrus Mansour; **JAPAN:** Hiroshi Nagao; **JORDAN:** Haytham Eraifej; **KAZAKHSTAN:** Samira Shindauletova; **KOREA:** Dongsu Sim; **KYRGYZSTAN:** Asel Baiastanova; **LEBANON:** Elie Kharat; **MALAYSIA:** Min Choon Lee; **MONGOLIA:** Baasankhuu Octyabri; **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 Poonoo; **UZBEKISTAN:** Nail Gabdullin; **VIETNAM:** Nguyen Van Dai

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

ADVOCATES EUROPE: *President Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria)*

ALBANIA: Toni Gogu, Altin Naqe, Fatmir Lacej; **ARMENIA:** Lusy Avagyan; **AUSTRIA:** Robert Kramer; **BELARUS:** Dina Shavtsova, Sergei Shavtsov; **BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA:** Aleksander Vukovic; **BULGARIA:** Latchezar Popov; **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Adam Russ, Martin Okac; **CROATIA:** Jasmin Avdagic, Tihomir Kukolja; **FINLAND:** Ville Hoikkala; **FRANCE:** Nicolas Duval; **GERMANY:** Patrick Menges, Martin Franke, Peter Gegenwart, Armin Eckermann; **GREECE:** Pepie Pagoni, Vassilios Tsirbas; **HOLLAND:** Inge Bijdevaate, Eline de Groot; **ITALY:** Gianfranco Amato, Pascuale 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:** Benjamin Lup; **RUSSIA:** Katya Smyslova, Yuri Snisarenko; **SERBIA:** Dusan Kostic; **SPAIN:** Eliseo Gomez-Lor; **SWEDEN:** Ruth Nordström, Per Karlsson, Mats Tunehag; **SWITZERLAND:** Benjamin Doberstein, Henri Minder; **TURKEY:** Egesu Oscara, Mine Yildirim; **UNITED KINGDOM:** Michael Sookias, Paul Diamond; **UKRAINE:** Andrei Somov, Ivan Mykhalchuk, Sergei Gula

Doing Justice with Compassion

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

ADVOCATES LATIN AMERICA: *President*, Nina Balmaceda (Peru/US);

FIAJC LEADERSHIP TEAM: *Secretary*, Ivette Montes (Puerto Rico/US); *Treasurer*, Lorenzo Hernandez (Guatemala); *President/Chair-Deliberative Council*, Lidia Garcia Torralba (Argentina); *VP*, Robert Diaz (Ecuador); *Secretary*, Elizabeth de Larios (Guatemala); *Pres/Chair-Fiscal Council*, Uziel Santana (Brazil); *Fiscal Council*, Rodolfo Juarez (Cuba); Henry Taylor (Ecuador); **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:

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: Radford Hill; **BARBADOS:** Anne Reid, Tennyson Vaughn; **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:** Lorraine St Rose; **CANADA:** Ruth Ross; **DOMINICA:** Jeffrey Douglas-Murdock; **GRENADA:** Thandi Lyle; **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, Robert Showers

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, Mark Mudri (Australia); At-Large, Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria); **Members – AFRICA:** Dr. Bankole Sodipo (Nigeria); Mike Chibita (Uganda); **ASIA:** Robin David (India); Dongsub Sim (South Korea); **EUROPE:** Eliseo Gomez (Spain); Peter Gegenwart (Germany); **LATIN AMERICA:** Gerardo Amarilla (Uruguay); Nina Balmaceda* (Peru), Daniel Varela (Paraguay); **MIDDLE EAST:** vacant (please pray for new representative); **N. AMERICA/CARIBBEAN:** Justice Alice Soo Hon (Trinidad & Tobago); Ruth Ross* (Canada)

*Also AI board members

AI Board: Chairman, Matt Bristol (USA); Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Sam Logan (USA); Nina Balmaceda (Peru); Calvin Beresh (Canada); Jeffrey Brauch (USA); Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Timothy Klenk (USA); Hee Eun Lee (South Korea); Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Peter Rathbun (USA); Ruth Ross (Canada); Roger Sherrard (USA); Ken Starr (USA); and Morse Tan (USA)

Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray Ruth Ross and her husband Pat (currently working in Colombia); Romi Kobayashi; and Brent McBurney, his wife Elizabeth, son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise.