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“In everything give thanks, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:18

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have much to be thankful for. We are grateful for your continued support of Advocates International through your prayers and financial gifts. We are grateful for our new logo (above) designed by Heran, an Ethiopian woman who attends my church (and who also happens to have several years of experience as a graphic designer in NYC). We are most grateful for the opportunity to pursue our vision to be a worldwide fellowship of advocates bearing witness of Jesus Christ through the legal profession. In the past few weeks, God has demonstrated how that vision is bearing fruit in several ways.

Giving Thanks for New Translations

First, while we were together in Brisbane for the Australasian Christian Legal Conference, my friend Tony Budidjaja—President of the Indonesian Christian Legal Society (ICLS)—told me that ICLS has translated *No Higher Calling: Devotional Readings for Lawyers*, into Indonesian and asked us for permission to publish the new version. They plan to share them this month at the ICLS national conference.

Second, the week after I returned from Down Under, I was blessed to meet with our dear friend from Mongolia, Baasankhuu Oktyabri, who was in DC for a special event that included Mongolian believers from across the USA. As the only Christian Member of Parliament, he is highly respected among the Body of Christ in his nation. Baasankhuu informed me that ROLIM has translated *No Higher Calling* into Mongolian, and they too asked for permission to publish this powerful *Devotional Readings for Lawyers*.

What a double encouragement for us. Please pray with us for the impact that these two new translations will have in Mongolia and Indonesia, and that other fellowships will take the initiative to translate this powerful tool into yet more languages.

Giving Thanks for Peace & Reconciliation in Albania

Third, our work in Albania continues with Roger Sherrard’s 50th visit in October. With his untiring efforts, Advocates’ impact on the judiciary of that tiny but strategic nation grows. One of the most exciting efforts to date will be the filming and production of a documentary on peace and reconciliation in the city of Shkodra. What the people of that city did after the fall of Albania’s dictator, Enver Hoxha—and continue to do to this day—was nothing short of miraculous. When they were allowed to once again live out their faith, the people of Shkodra helped one another to rebuild the Churches, Synagogues, and Mosques. Our hope by bringing this story to light is to show the importance of religious liberty and peace & reconciliation among peoples who might, in other places, never get along.

Doing Justice with Compassion

Giving Thanks for a Growing Network

Fourth, yet another new fellowship will host a regional Advocates gathering. Advocates Guyana, one of the newest Christian lawyer fellowships, will host the 5th Advocates Caribbean Conference in the capital, Georgetown, from November 4-6. The Conference theme is: “*The Role of the Church in a Changing World: Steadfast and Immovable,*” and the President of Guyana will be in attendance. Please pray for safe travels for all the attendees who will be traveling from across the region, and several speakers who will be traveling from Canada (Ruth Ross), Mexico (Sofia Martinez of ADF) and the USA (myself).

Giving Thanks for Lawyers Who Never Quit

Finally, two years ago, we shared about Asia Bibi, the Christian mother from Pakistan who was falsely accused, convicted and sentenced to death for blasphemy. In 2014 her appeal was rejected by the Lahore High Court. The Christian lawyers representing Mrs. Bibi brought her final appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan last month. Once again, justice was denied as the Supreme Court refused, yet again, to hear her case.

Pakistan’s blasphemy laws have caused a great deal of suffering for Christians—as well as other minority faiths--in the assassinations in 2011 of two politicians who spoke out for their repeal. Please continue to pray with us for the safety of Asia Bibi, still in prison, and the Pakistani advocates who will be involved in the legal briefing. These Advocates are bravely standing up, often at threat to their own lives, to represent those accused under this harsh law.

Giving Thanks for an Exciting 2017

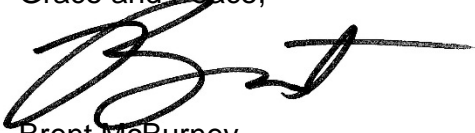
In 2017, we’re looking forward to four regional gatherings and we’d be delighted if you could join us at any or all of them. They include an Advocates Europe conference in the Canary Islands from February 2-5; the 12th Advocates Africa Conference in Accra, Ghana from August 16-20; and the 12th Advocates Latin America/FIAJC Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from November 16-19. The 16th Advocates Asia Conference dates have not yet been confirmed for 2017.

Giving Thanks for You

We are so grateful for the prayer support for this strategic ministry. We couldn’t do what we do without it. Thanks for the regular support of faithful donors—those monthly gifts that come in provide great encouragement. Thanks also to those of you whose gifts are year-end gifts. The end of the year is rapidly approaching and if you have not yet given this year, or ever, we ask that you would prayerfully consider including Advocates International in your year-end charitable giving. Those gifts allow us to continue to further the vision of strengthening a worldwide fellowship of advocates bearing witness of Jesus Christ through the legal profession.

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

Grace and Peace,



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