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**“Awake, awake, (Africa), put on your strength
and your beautiful garments.” — Isaiah 52:1**

Dear Friends,

Accra, Ghana will be the host city for the 12th Advocates Africa Biennial Convocation this month. The theme, based on Isaiah 52:1, is above, and our friends from the Christian Lawyers Fellowship (CLF), Ghana are excited to welcome Advocates from across the continent for what is sure to be an amazing time of fellowship and encouragement. Please pray with us for safe travels for all attending, and that when we are together, we can bless one another.

Among the speakers scheduled to speak at this year’s African conference are His Excellency, Nana Akufo-Addo, the President of Ghana. In addition, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General and the Chief of Defense Staff of Ghana, as well as our very dear friend Mike Chibita, Director of Public Prosecutions of Uganda will be among the other keynote speakers. I’m honored and humbled that I will be sharing the podium for the Saturday night banquet with the Honorable Georgina Wood, the recently retired past Chief Justice who is a very active member of CLF.

We will also be introducing the work of World Without Orphans (WWO) to our colleagues from Africa. Anita Dyneka (US) and Anja Goertzen (Paraguay) will be leading workshops for the delegates on the importance of the church engaging in the issue of orphans and orphan care from a legal perspective. I had the joy of working with them at last year’s WWO Global Forum in Thailand. Other workshops will include religious freedom, corruption, marriage laws, and safety and security issues.

On another positive note, we received gifts that fully covered the costs for our amicus brief in the Chinese asylum petition to the Supreme Court and almost all (75%) of the cost to help our friends in Nepal with their Christmas case. Please pray for an exciting outcome of filing our amicus brief: the beginning of an effort led by Ken Starr to address asylum claims as a policy issue.

Your prayers and financial gifts help make it possible for us to bring encouragement not only to Africa, Nepal, and Chinese Christian refugees, but around the globe.

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

Grace and Peace,



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