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“Pray without ceasing.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Dear Friends,

Your prayers help support our Advocates as they tackle difficult challenges. The latest challenge to face Buddha Ghising and our friends in Nepal is that the Government, at the urging of India, is now trying to make the nation officially Hindu as in previous years. That move would further restrict what limited religious freedom currently exists for Christians, so please continue to pray with us for the efforts of Advocates for the Nation and others.

As I reported last month, we saw two fantastic opportunities for making disciples. I told you about the law student conference in Bangkok, Thailand, but received a report from AI Board member, Jeff Brauch. The conference was attended by three dozen law students from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South Korea, China, Pakistan and Singapore. A huge thank you to Deans Eric Enlow and Hee Eun Lee from Handong International Law School and our friends at ADF International who ran the conference.

I also have a more complete report regarding the 12th Advocates Africa Biennial Convocation in Accra, Ghana. In an historic first for any Advocates conference, we were honored to have as our opening keynote speaker the President of Ghana, Nana Akufo-Addo. As I learned when I was there, Sam Ericsson attended his first Advocates Africa conference in 2002 that was also hosted by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Ghana. At that meeting, he met Akufo-Addo, who was at that time the Attorney General. When the President heard that the AA conference was coming to town, he cleared his calendar to be sure to attend. Another huge thank you is due to Yaw Nketiah and the CLF Ghana team for hosting such a fantastic conference.

Please continue to pray with us for our Advocates around the globe and their specific requests on the enclosed Prayer Calendar. The needs vary greatly, from those affected physically by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean to the legal challenges in Nepal, from political unrest in Africa to religious freedom battles in Canada. Thank you for your continued financial investments and the investment of your prayers for us.

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

Grace and Peace,



Brent M. McBurney
President & CEO



PRAYER CALENDAR: WINTER

Mondays: Advocates Africa

- A huge praise for a fruitful Advocates Africa conference in Ghana. Thanks for your prayers.
- Please pray for Advocates Togo. The political situation in this West African nation is once again in turmoil as protests against the current president have increased.
- Pray for Kenya as the recent election results there were nullified and will take place again this month. The Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship will host the next Advocates Africa Conference in 2019.
- Please pray for the next generation of Christian lawyers who the Lord is raising up to continue the work in Africa, and also for the Christian lawyers who will be mentoring them.
- Please pray for AA as it seeks to work more closely with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' rights.

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia and Oceania

- Please pray with us for our Advocates in Sri Lanka as the attacks on Christians have not diminished and the government there is attacking the lawyers for defending the Churches.
- Please pray for planning for the next Advocates Asia conference as they consider potential countries who can host the conference.
- Please pray for Nepal as it seeks to go back to being a Hindu Kingdom, a change from its 2015 Constitution. This move would prohibit the Christian community from preaching and teaching their faith constitutionally and legally. All this while the Christian lawyers there have been working to reinstitute Christmas as a national holiday.
- Please continue to pray for Advocates Korea and their continuing efforts to help the Church in South Korea to protect the family and traditional marriage.
- Please continue to pray for the development of Christian lawyer fellowships across Oceania, particularly in New Zealand and Fiji. There is a conference planned for Fiji in January 2018.

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

- Please pray for the Conference of Advocates France during 1-3 of November. President of Advocates Europe, Latchezar Popov shall attend it and requests prayer for him to encourage the French lawyers.
- Please pray for the gathering of Advocates Georgia in October. Mr. Popov will be encouraging the key persons to reunite again. His will is they include the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic lawyers that they know, as they have done in Bulgaria.
- Please support also our projects of Rule of law Institute for Changing the Regulations in the Law for abortion. Our goal is they have "real informed consent" taken from the women willing to do abortion.
- Pray for us to write and launch the draft for the Law on Lobbyism that Bulgaria still doesn't have.

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

- Please continue to pray for the 12th Inter-American Convention of Christian Jurists to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on November 16-20:
 1. For each legal fellowship member to arrive to Brazil in peace, for their families and countries.
 2. For the organization of the event and for the Father to enable and help us in our duties.
 3. For the speakers - for the Lord to bring them in peace and illuminate them in their presentations.
 4. For all the partners, leaders, pastors and invited authorities. So that the Lord will incline their hearts and lead them to the event.
 5. For all planned programs and agenda. For God's grace and direction in each activity.
 6. For those in charge, partners and sponsors. That the Lord will reward and supply them with all necessities according to His good will.
 7. So that through this event, each national association continue working and being a blessing in its country. That effective actions be implemented in favor of those who have suffered for the Gospel.

Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

- Please pray for the Caribbean's hurricane victims. Many have lost homes and even loved ones. Pray for fast and quick restoration, healing of hearts and minds.
- Pray as we are awaiting the court's decision on *Ktunaxa v. British Columbia* (appealed Dec. 2, 2016). The Supreme Court of Canada will decide first Indigenous religious freedom claim under the Charter.
- Please pray as we are awaiting court decision on *Christian Medical and Dental Society v. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario* (submitted June 15, 2017) and *E.T. v. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board* (submitted June 26, 2017). The first case will determine whether physicians can be compelled to participate in procedures such as euthanasia and assisted suicide contrary to their religious/conscientious convictions. The latter is on whether parents in Ontario have the right to be notified of and withdraw children from classroom activities that violate their religious beliefs.
- Please pray for the U.S. CLS 2017 National Conference, "Discovering Joy in the Law" that will take place on October 26-29 in Newport Beach, California.

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); At-Large, Elizabeth de Larios (Guatemala).

Members – Africa: Dr. Bankole Sodipo (Nigeria); Hon. Mike Chibita (Uganda); **Asia:** Robin David (India); Dongsu Sim (South Korea); **Europe:** Eliseo Gomez (Spain); Peter Gegenwart (Germany); **Latin America:** Uziel Santana (Brazil); Grisel Arrecis (Guatemala); **Middle East:** vacant (please pray for new representative); **North America/Caribbean:** Bob Trierweiler (USA); Justice Alice Soo Hon (Trinidad & Tobago); Ruth Ross (Canada).

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Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray for our Office Administrator, Daniela Ancalle; Brent McBurney and his wife Elizabeth, their son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise.