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**"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:  
to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." James 1:27**

**Dear Friends,**

As we begin our 25<sup>th</sup> year of ministry at Advocates International, we are encouraged by two firsts. This month will mark the first AI trip to Australia and the first engagement of our Global Resource Team for the Family, as we partner with *World Without Orphans*. Please join us in praying for both of these efforts. We are asking the Lord to use Advocates to provide great encouragement and equipping to our brothers and sisters from Down Under, as well as those whose full-time ministry is in caring for orphans.

This month my first stop is Chiang Mai, Thailand where I will lead a seminar on Legal Issues for Orphan Care at the *Global Forum for a World Without Orphans*. We are especially excited that our seminar will include Christian lawyers from Paraguay and Nepal. Other leaders include two Regent Law School alumni who work full-time in Washington, DC on these issues, and a pastor and advocate from Romania.

I then travel directly from Thailand to Adelaide, Australia, where I will join my dear brother, Global Council member Mark Mudri. We will first meet with the Christian lawyers from South Australia, then will fly to Melbourne together to encourage the Christian lawyers in Victoria. We will also attend the Global Marketplace Exchange Re-Formation Conference of the Christian Federation of Australia, which brings together national leaders from across Australia to strengthen the body of Christ.

Finally, I'd like to share an exciting answer to prayers that many of you have been praying for: Pastor Saeed Abedini was released from prison in Iran and is now safely reunited with his wife and children. Please continue to pray with us for other believers in Iran, and other nations, who are still in prison for their faith in Jesus.

As we celebrate these two firsts in our 25-year history, we are grateful that your prayers and gifts for Advocates International are not firsts. Your support allows us to continue encouraging and equipping Advocates to do justice with compassion around the globe. Thank you.

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

Grace and Peace,



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