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**“When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous  
but terror to evildoers.” Proverbs 21:15**

**Dear Friends,**

What are we to think about the current state of the world? Refugees from Syria and Iraq are flooding into Europe, fleeing the violence in their homeland. Thousands of innocents—mostly Christians—continue to die at the hands of Boko Haram in Nigeria on a seemingly weekly basis. Believers in many nations face increasing persecution. Corruption is rife and laws that push the moral envelope are being proposed in many places. How are we to respond?

When we held our latest quarterly Global Council teleconference, we heard updates from around the globe regarding many of these challenges. Although such news can be discouraging, we were reminded in the closing prayer that we are called not only to be peacemakers, but we are also called to be instruments of justice, to use the legal talents God gives us to make the world a better place. There is a place for both peacemaking and the law and we covet your prayers for wisdom in how we can better encourage, equip and enable our Advocates to do both more effectively as we begin our second 25 years of ministry.

Please be sure to save the following dates on your calendars and invite a friend or two to join us for either of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquets this fall. We will be celebrating a quarter century of Doing Justice with Compassion, highlighting ongoing projects of the Global Resource Teams. Advocates' board member Kenneth W. Starr will be our keynote speaker. Our West coast banquet will be in Seattle, Washington on September 21, 2016 and our East coast celebration will be on October 23, 2016 in Alexandria, Virginia. Watch your mailbox for detailed information.

As we seek to be peacemakers in places of violence and instruments of justice in places of injustice, we appreciate your prayers and continuing financial support that allow Advocates to do justice with compassion around the globe.

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

Grace and Peace,



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