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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. . .” Matthew 28:19
“You shall be My witnesses . . . even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Dear Friends,

The Great Commission is at the heart of Advocates’ mission. These words of Jesus encourage and remind us of the importance of the nature of our global work, and our reliance upon the Holy Spirit, and the prayers of friends like you.

Redeeming the Law for the Kingdom of God was the chosen theme for this year’s Australian Christian Legal Convention in Brisbane, Queensland. It was the first major international Christian lawyers gathering Down Under in over a dozen years and was well attended, including advocates from five continents. Countries represented included Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tonga, Uganda and the USA.

Our keynote speaker was Professor Michael Schutt, Director of Law Student Ministries for the Christian Legal Society (USA), and author of *Redeeming Law: Christian Calling and the Legal Profession*. His insights for legal professionals mired in the busy day-to-day practice of law were keen and greatly encouraged each of us. Other speakers included judges and lawyers from across the globe, and the conference included five tracks—or as the Aussies call them: streams—including “Being a Christian Lawyer,” “Religious Freedom,” “Peacemaking,” “Slavery/Trafficking/Refugees,” and “Not-for-Profit Law.”

But perhaps the most important thing to come out of the conference were the meetings between the meetings—those hallway conversations and shared meals that truly bring us together and allow us to strengthen old friendships and make new ones. Side meetings included the Global Council’s annual in-person meeting; meetings about increasing our outreach to the next generation of young lawyers; a visit to the Queensland Parliament; and the 15th Advocates Asia meeting.

We are also encouraged about upcoming Advocates gatherings. As I noted last month, please join us if you are able and invite a friend or two to join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet and fundraiser on October 23. 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. The banquet will be held at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia on October 23.

In addition, please continue to pray for our colleagues in Guyana who will be hosting the 5th Advocates Caribbean Conference November 4-6, in Georgetown. The theme for this biennial gathering is “The Role of the Church in a Changing World: Steadfast and Immovable,” and we’ll be looking particularly at our role as advocates who are members of the Church, and how we can best use the talents God gives us to best serve the Body.

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 Ghana in August; The 12th Advocates Latin America/FIAJC Conference in Brazil from November 16-19, and the 16th Advocates Asia Conference in the fall.

As always, we remain grateful for your prayers and financial support that allow us to help Advocates do its part to help fulfill the Great Commission, especially to remotest part of the earth, like Australia.

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

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brent McBurney
President and CEO

PS: our new logo to be unveiled soon.