

JUNE 2018

“Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ?” Romans 8:35

Dear Friends,

We continue to receive what Sam Ericsson used to call “other news” from our Advocates in Nepal. The government there continues to threaten Christians in advance of a new anti-conversion law set to take effect in August. The passage of such laws generally has two effects.

The first is governmental control over citizens. The Prime Minister and other officials are now using the media to “warn” Christians to stop conversions or face deportation. Pastors are threatened or are being arrested. In addition, the Parliament introduced a new draft policy to better control NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and International NGOs. Such a policy is bad news.

The second, which can be even worse, is the social hostilities that arise when those in the majority take matters into their own hands, without fear of reprisals or governmental interference. In one recent instance, an “unidentified” group burned a newly built Catholic church in the western part of Nepal. In that same town only a few months before, police arrested two Christian women. A group called the Hindu Religious Front attacked a church in Chitwan, dragging the pastor and several others to the local police station. These are but a few examples of the increasing persecution.

Please pray with us for peace in Nepal and for the legal efforts of AFN legal team to try to stop the law. They are representing one pastor recently arrested and also filing a writ petition, similar to their successful Christmas case, at the Supreme Court. Please consider an above-and-beyond financial gift now to support their legal efforts.

On the “good news” front, enclosed is our **Prayer Calendar**. Please join with us in praying for our Advocates around the globe. Thanks especially for continued prayers for the **50 Nations—1 Fellowship** conference in Berlin in October 2018. There are already 130 registered to attend from over 20 countries. We are hoping to see every nation in Europe represented, so keep on praying. Thank you again for your prayer support for all the work of Advocates on all six continents, and for your financial support, which allows us to remain engaged in our efforts on behalf of those persecuted for their faith. Thankfully, Romans 8:38 encourages all of us.

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

Grace and Peace,



Brent M. McBurney
President & CEO



PRAYER CALENDAR: SUMMER

Mondays: Advocates Africa

- Please pray for our Brethren in Burundi for God's peace at their 17th May referendum.
- Pray for the CLF Kenya towards their convocation starting from 30th May to June 2nd.
- Pray for the Nigerian Christian Lawyers Fellowship, for God's protection as they challenge the government on the various obnoxious laws raging against the Christian community.
- Pray for the Togo Christian Lawyers who are planning to host the West Africa Advocates Africa from 9th to 12th August.
- Pray for the South Africa CLA as they take the forefront in the new Religion Law.
- Pray for the Lawyers of Hope in Rwanda as they engage the government on the issue of the close down of churches.
- Pray for the Ghana CLF, that the fire that ignited them during the Advocates Africa Conference will not reduce.
- Pray for the Mali Christian Lawyers for strength in the face of government intimidation.
- Pray for the Christians Lawyers in Cote d'Ivoire that God will encourage them individually and collectively as they confront Islamization in the country.
- The Southern Cameroon has been a hot bed of clashes; pray that God will help the Christian Lawyers as they try their best in the resolution of the conflict.

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia and Oceania

- Please continue to pray for AFN and their efforts in Nepal.
- Please pray for the law student conference, August 14-19 in Bangkok, Thailand in partnership with ADF and HILS.
- Pray for the ICLS law student conference, August 18-19 in Bali, Indonesia.

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

- Prayers for our professional influence and integration of Christian lawyers in making rule of law mechanisms in countries of Eastern Europe. In this field, our international experts participate in a Conference organized by Rule of Law Institute and Advocates Europe on the topic, "Lobbyism and Conflict of Interest" to take place 8-10 of June in Gabrovo-Bulgaria. The bottom line is the combat against corruption and for transparency in the legislation process. Our prayers are also for safe travels of our international speakers for gathering our legal forces in Eastern Europe and success doing this pilot project in the legal and social arena of Eastern Europe.
- For the European Conference to take place 4-7 of October in Berlin on the topic, "50 Nations 1 Fellowship." Please pray that participants from all over Europe may attend with God's wisdom and for good coordination in preparation of the Conference.

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

- Please pray for the Advanced Program in Human Rights and Religious Freedom: UN and OAS Systems, a course to take place at the University of Oxford on June 24-28, 2019.
- Please pray for the next OAS General Assembly. It will take place in June 2018 in Guatemala.
- Please pray for the strengthening of the national legal associations, members of FIAJC.

Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

- Please pray for the Caribbean as their laws that protect life of the unborn and family structure are under threat. Pray for people of the Caribbean to understand what is happening. Pray for Christian lawyers to be aware and for them to rise up and be a part of the movement to protect life and family.
- Please pray for CLS' nation-wide effort to prevent changes to ABA Model Rule 8.4(G) which could lead to nationwide speech code for lawyers. Particularly, it could lead to Bar discipline for Christian lawyers who express opinions about hot topic political issues in social settings.
- Please continue praying for CLF's ongoing cases: Trinity Western University's Christian law school; new application requirements for the Canada Summer Jobs program which contains an attestation that hinders religious freedom.
- CLF will also be intervening in *Truchon v. Procureur général du Canada* which seeks to expand access to euthanasia for patients who are not dying or terminally ill.

Saturdays: Advocates Global Council & Board Members

Global Council – Exec. Committee: Chairperson, Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Vice-Chair: Gregory Vijayendran (Singapore); Treasurer, Mark Mudri (Australia); Secretary, Pete Rathbun (USA); 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); Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Dongsub 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:** Hyacinth Griffith (Trinidad & Tobago); Ruth Ross (Canada); Robert Trierweiler (USA).

AI Board: Chairperson, Ruth Ross (Canada); Vice-Chairmen, Calvin Beresh (Canada) and Jeffrey Brauch (Treasurer) (USA); Secretary, Sam Logan (USA); Matt Bristol (USA); Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Peter Gegenwart (Germany); Timothy Klenk (USA); Hee Eun Lee (South Korea); Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Peter Rathbun (USA); Roger Sherrard (USA); Ken Starr (USA); and Morse Tan (USA)

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.