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“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

Dear Friends,

In the mid-1990s, Advocates International was actively engaged in the passage of the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA), which established the office of the Ambassador-At-Large for Religious Freedom in the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. We were among the strongest advocates for the law. This year, IRFA celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Just last month, I attended the first ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, hosted at the U.S. State Department. I heard stories of survivors of religious persecution from across the globe, and joined other religious freedom advocates in discussing a wide variety of issues, including confronting the legal limitations facing religious freedom. In addition to the Ministerial itself, a number of like-minded organizations hosted numerous side events focused on religious persecution around the world. It was truly historic.

Please pray with us, and for us, as the global religious freedom community determines the next steps for working together to advance religious freedom.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the third law student conference, **Law and Truth: Sacred Calling of the Christian Lawyer**, in Bangkok, Thailand, August 14-19, and the national ICLS law student conference in Bali, Indonesia, August 17-19. Speakers and attendees for these conferences will be traveling from the US and across Asia.

Finally, thanks for your continued prayers for the **50 Nations—1 Fellowship** conference in Berlin in October 2018. There are already 145+ registered to attend from 23 European countries. We hope 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 to promote religious freedom around the globe.

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

Grace and Peace,

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