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**“Make the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generous partnership in finances and prayer, Advocates International (AI) is “making the most of every opportunity” in Indonesia, and around the world, by equipping its law students and advocates to shine the light of Christ and to improve the situation in their countries and communities. Seeking to live out God’s exalted command to love Him and our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27), the AI network reaches some of the hardest and darkest places in the world.

For the last 14 years, while teaching university students in numerous countries around the world, including Indonesia, South Korea, Romania, and Cambodia, I have seen firsthand the crushing impact sin and injustice can have on developing nations. Sadly, this is often the direct result of broken local and national justice systems. It is for this reason we believe God is calling AI to help disciple and equip the next generation of global advocates to improve justice systems and spread Christ’s love in their communities.

With the increasing secularization of higher education around the world, a biblical foundation is vital for doing justice and discipling the nations as part of the Great Commission. In AI, we want to see our students and advocates *thinking* Christlike about serving justice and promoting good governance, *trained* in doing it, and *taking action steps* in advancing it. Advocates International’s Institute of Christian Legal Studies (ICLS) is developing an online resource center to help disciple and equip the next generation of lawyers and judges. With AI’s internet site, students from Papua, Indonesia to Abuja, Nigeria to all 150+ countries in the AI network can access training materials on Christian worldview on law, justice and government. AI’s ICLS provides solid worldview and training materials to students and lawyers who need it most around the world.

While Indonesia is the most populous Muslim country in the world, it also offers an amazing window of opportunity. On a recent equipping trip to several universities, we have found that many large national universities have weekly meetings for up to 300 Christian law students on their campuses. This is an incredible open door for Christian lawyers to help disciple and provide resources to law students at secular universities who are searching for the truth, but lack Christian law professors and mentors to help them.

With AI’s network of experienced Christian advocates, developing countries, such as Indonesia, can benefit from the wealth of information and encouragement from other nations. An example of this recently was seen in how Canada’s Christian Legal Fellowship

(CLF) blessed Indonesia. We were very encouraged to partner with the former Chaplain of Canada's CLF, Pastor Reid Cooke and his wife Esther, and encourage the Christian law student fellowship at Universitas Diponegoro in Semarang, Indonesia (photo above). For many years, Pastor Reid and Esther traveled across Canada with Cal Beresh, Canada's Christian law student fellowship leader, and Board member of AI, teaching and encouraging law students there. Pastor Reid shared Bible verses on justice and prayed for the leaders of the Christian law student fellowship, impacting the future leaders of Indonesia.



A few weeks ago on another island in Indonesia, we had the opportunity to encourage Christian law professors at other national universities and help launch a chapter of the Indonesian Christian Legal Society with interactive lectures on *A Lawyer's View of the Evidence of the Resurrection of Christ and Biblical vs. Social Justice*.

AI has a window in 2019 to disciple and equip the next generation of lawyers and judges around the world. In many countries like Indonesia, the windows and doors are open, so let's "Make the most of every opportunity!"

Partner with Advocates International today...

1. With your finances. Invest in the next generation of advocates by donating to help fund the work of AI's Institute of Christian Legal Studies.
2. With your time. Offer your experience to help train the next generation.
3. With your prayers....pray for the Christian law students in your community and around the world who are seeking to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Grace and Peace from Indonesia,

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