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**“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:3-5**

**Dear Friends,**

“A miracle in slow motion” is how Advocates’ founder, Sam Ericsson, often described the efforts of our colleagues in tackling the issues they face. One of these challenges is taking much longer than it should. Our colleagues in Nepal, however, show true perseverance in their challenge to an anti-conversion provision in the 2018 criminal law.

Over a year ago, these advocates filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court of Nepal. Upon receiving the petition, the Registrar of the court did not agree with their arguments and chose to keep the case from moving forward. Finally, after numerous delayed hearings, the Court annulled the actions of the Registrar and the writ petition will be heard by the Supreme Court. Praise God.

Please continue to pray with us for our AFN colleagues whose arguments will now, hopefully, be ruled upon by the court. The 2018 law in question criminalizes many actions that are common to everyday Christian life and is arguably a violation of Nepal’s constitution and the right to religious freedom. Pray that true justice will prevail and that Christians in Nepal will be free from the fears of being arrested for simply living out their faith in Christ.

We are pleased that one of these AFN colleagues will be able join me at this year’s Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, hosted by the U.S. State Department this month in Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your financial support. Your investment helps us to help these Advocates to persevere, developing proven character and hope.

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

Grace and Peace,



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