Dear Friends,

“...a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”” Acts 16:9

What a blessing to follow in the footsteps of Paul. Just like Paul, we heard from friends in Macedonia, asking for help. Latcho Popov and our colleagues from Bulgaria, who speak a very similar language, provided inspiration and assistance. Earlier this fall, our Advocates in Macedonia founded the Rule of Law Institute of North Macedonia.

Just last month, they held the inauguration for the Institute in Skopje which was attended by over 130 lawyers and young students, including some Muslims and atheists from North Macedonia, Bulgaria, and representatives from France, Germany, Moldova, Romania, South Korea, UK, and USA. Latcho led a delegation of 20 from Bulgaria. Governmental and Parliamentary representatives also attended.

The key leader in North Macedonia is a bright young business lawyer named Robert Bachovski. I was blessed to meet “Bobo”—as his friends know him—last year at the 50 Nations/1 Fellowship conference in Berlin. His energetic personality and generous spirit are clearly providing inspiration to his fellow Macedonians.

At the inauguration, Bobo was the opening speaker and was followed by two professors. Latcho spoke about Matthew 7:12, the vision, and history of AI, AE, and RLI Bulgaria, Mongolia, and Ukraine. RLI North Macedonia is the third RLI to be founded by AE besides RLI Bulgaria and RLI Ukraine.

The morning of the inauguration, Bobo and Latcho spoke on national TV of the role of AE and AI supporting RLI North Macedonia.
Here are some of their prayer points:

- For wisdom and God’s guidance as RLI NM begins
- For God to change hearts in North Macedonia
- For the conflict in the Balkans with Turkey
- For Advocates Europe and its partners
- For peace, harmony and, understanding in Europe

As we near the end of 2019, I’d like to remind you of our matching challenge gift of $25,000 per year, for the next four years. We invite you to double your gift by the end of this year. Your financial investment in the work of Advocates allows us to follow in the footsteps of the first Christian lawyer, the Apostle Paul, and help the Macedonians, and others around the globe. Thank you.

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

Grace and Peace,

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