

JANUARY 2020

Dear Friends,

“ . . .that you may tell it to the next generation.” *Psalm 48:13b*

When I was invited to the World Evangelical Alliance’s General Assembly (GA), I was scheduled to travel to Santiago, Chile, to join our friends from Advocates Latin America at the 13th FIAJC Conference. The FIAJC conference was cancelled and I attended the General Assembly in Sentul City, Indonesia, along with the Pat and Kathy Talbot, who are currently based in Indonesia. God blessed and used each of us.

Adina’s Story

During the GA, Kathy served on the hospitality team, and was perfectly positioned to serve many of those who served as speakers and worship leaders. One of the worship leaders is a young lady from Germany named Adina Mitchell. Here is how Kathy described their meeting:

She looked in amazement at me and said, “I ...am a law student.” While serving in the hospitality room at the World Evangelical Alliance Assembly last week, I was sharing with one of the international worship leaders about our ministry with Advocates International



and that our vision is to disciple and equip the next generation, with a focus on law students. When she said she was a law student, I gave her a copy of Patrick’s book, and she just stared at it. She couldn’t believe that there was a book on Christian Worldview on Law, Justice and Government. We later received an email from her:

“You gave me your book (Improving Justice on Earth). I started reading it on the plane back to Germany and it is such a blessing! There are not many people who are Christians and lawyers, so I [could not have] hope[d] somebody would write a book about this topic. Furthermore in Germany justice is no topic in the field of study law. It is mostly about interpreting existing legal texts. That’s why I am studying additionally philosophy. To reflect

about justice. So the book is amazing! I wanted to tell you that as an encouragement. I am so thankful for this book and the encounter we had. I pray and hope that it will be known by many people. - All the best! –Adina”

Serving the Persecuted Church

About half-way through the GA, Pat met a pastor from a nation in which Christians are daily facing increasing persecution, and gave him a copy of his new book. After looking through it, the pastor bought ten copies to be given to law students and he wants to translate Pat's book into his native language. He also wants to return to Indonesia with a group of lawyers from his nation for training on Biblical principles on law. Please pray with us for this possibility.

Blessing Generations

When I attended the 12th Advocates Africa Conference in Accra, Ghana, in 2017, I was honored to meet the President of Ghana. He was the first head of state to address an AI gathering since our founding in 1991. During the GA, I met a bright young law student from Ghana who will become a lawyer after one more year. His name is Palgrave, and he not only works for the President of Ghana, he is his nephew. I gave him his own copy of our devotional for lawyers, *No Higher Calling*, and he is excited to give Pat's new book to his uncle. As Sam Ericsson might have said, this was a God-ordained meeting.



Pat & Brent meet Palgrave, law student from Ghana

The Ends of the Earth

Later this month I will be speaking at the 2nd KILN (Kingdom International Legal Network) conference in Nadi, Fiji. The theme of this year's conference is "Re-imagining Legal Culture; Pursuing Trust & Truth." The inaugural conference in 2018 included over 100 lawyers from 8 nations across Oceania. Please pray for safe travels for all who will be gathering at one of the remotest parts of the earth.

Pray also with us for all of the country leaders of Christian lawyer fellowships on all six continents. They are listed on the enclosed sheet. It is men and women like these leaders— as well as Adina, and Palgrave—that we seek to Inspire and Mobilize to Do Justice With Compassion.

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

Grace and Peace,

Brent M. McBurney
President & CEO



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2020 NATIONAL LEADERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray with us for these national leaders

Mondays: Advocates Africa

ADVOCATES AFRICA: *Chairman Sunny Akanni (Nigeria)*

ANGOLA: Armando Palanga, Maria Lucia Da Silveira; **BENIN:** Euloge Akpo; Agathe Affougnon
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Vianney Niyonkuru; **CAMEROON:** Rose Mbah-Acha; **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Moussa Yves;
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Alain Kasonga; **EGYPT:** Emad Felix Moubarak; **ERITREA:** Tedla Aradom; **ETHIOPIA:** *Nigatu Tadesse,*
Jima Dilbo; **GABON:** Moutou David, Sala Watoma R. David; **GAMBIA:** Joseph Gomez; Tracy Davies-
Wilson; **GHANA:** Nketiah Yaw; **GUINEA:** Frédéric Loua Foromo; **KENYA:** Nelson Ashitiva, Joyce
Kabaki ; **LESOTHO:** Tsabo Matooni, Sue Merriman; **LIBERIA:** Othello Payman, James Jones; **MALAWI:**
Pacharo Kayila; **MALI:** Yaya Daou; **MOZAMBIQUE:** Mateus Mosse; **NAMIBIA:** Masiza Shakespeare, K.B.
Ngutjinazo; **NIGER:** Issaka Moussa ; **NIGERIA:** Arome M. Okwori; **RWANDA:** Safari Gahizi ; **SENEGAL:**
Joseph Nassakou; **SIERRA LEONE:** Ibrahim Koroma; **SOUTH AFRICA:** Teresa Conradie, Maryna
Joubert; **SOUTH SUDAN:** *Benjamin Sogora;* **SUDAN:** Mary James Ajith; **SWAZILAND:** B.A. Dube;
TANZANIA: John Osapiri; **TOGO:** Zacharie Wilson-Adjete; **UGANDA:** Dr. Daniel Ruhweza; **ZAMBIA:**
Stephen Lungu; **ZANZIBAR:** Yussuf Sulieman; **ZIMBABWE:** Ashton Debwe

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia & Oceania

ADVOCATES ASIA:

AUSTRALIA: Mark Mudri, Mark Fowler; **AZERBAIJAN:** Asif (Sadig) Huseynov; **BANGLADESH:** Elizabeth
Halder; **CHINA:** Julia Feng; **FIJI:** Heilala Tabete; **HONG KONG:** Victor Yau, Steven Yip (CLF); **INDIA:** Robin
David, Pramod Singh, Tehmina Arora; **INDONESIA:** Tony Budidjaja, Fredrik Jacob Pinakunary; **ISRAEL:**
Marvin Kramer, Botrus Mansour; **JAPAN:** Hiroshi Nagao; **JORDAN:** Haytham Eraifej; **KAZAKHSTAN:** Samira
Shindauletova; **KOREA:** Dongsub Sim; **KYRGYZSTAN:** Asel Bayastanova; **LEBANON:** Elie Kharat;
MALAYSIA: Min Choon Lee; **MONGOLIA:** Baasankhuu Octyabri; **MYANMAR:** Saw Hla Henry; **NEPAL:**
Biswas Sunuwar; **NEW ZEALAND:** Simon Greening, Joanna Pidgeon; **PAKISTAN:** Joseph Francis; Ezra
Shujat; **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Andrew Kwimber; **PHILIPPINES:** Aldwin Salumbides, Elgene Feliciano;
RUSSIA: Katya Smyslova; **SINGAPORE:** Gregory Vijayendran; **SRI LANKA:** Godfrey Yogarajah; **TAJIKISTAN:**
Parvina Ahmedova; **THAILAND:** Anurak Poonnoo; **UZBEKISTAN:** Nail Gabdullin; **VIETNAM:** Nguyen Van Dai

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

ADVOCATES EUROPE: *President Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria)*

ALBANIA: *Fjori Caka;* **ARMENIA:** Hasmik Hovsepian; **AUSTRIA:** Robert Kramer; **BELARUS:** Dina Shavtsova,
Sergei Shavtsov, Natallia Vasilevich; **BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA:** Aleksander Vukovic; **BULGARIA:** Latchezar
Popov; **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Adam Russ, Martin Okac; **CROATIA:** Jasmin Avdagic, Tihomir Kukulja; **CYPRUS:**
Manos Manantopoulos; **FINLAND:** Ville Hoikkala; **FRANCE:** Nancy Lefevre; **GEORGIA:** Mariam Gavgadze,
George Kiknadze. Tamuna Uchava; **GERMANY:** Martin Franke, Peter Gegenwart, Baerbel Gegenwart;
GREECE: Pepie Pagoni, Vassilios Tsirbas; **HOLLAND:** Inge Bijdevaate, Eline de Groot; **ITALY:** Alberto Boetti,
Pascuale Annicchino; **KOSOVO:** Florije Manaj, Pal Bala; **NORTH MACEDONIA:** Robert Bacovski;
MOLDOVA: Alexei Cretu, Aliona Cara, Evghenii Sologubenco; **MONTENEGRO:** Sinisa Nadazdin; **NORWAY:**
Henning Heitmann; **POLAND:** Adam Bijas, Dorota Dahir; **PORTUGAL:** Fernando Loja; **ROMANIA:** Benjamin
Lup; **RUSSIA:** Inessa Zvereva, Katya Smyslova; Yuri Snisarenko; **SERBIA:** Dusan Kostic; **SPAIN:** Eliseo
Gomez-Lor, Mila Pacheco; **SWEDEN:** Ruth Nordström, Per Karlsson, Mats Tunehag; **SWITZERLAND:**
Benjamin Doberstein, Henri Minder; **TURKEY:** Hurrem Chevic, Egesu Oscara, Mine Yildirim; **UNITED
KINGDOM:** Mhairi Hamilton, Michael Sookias, Paul Diamond; **UKRAINE:** Andrei Somov, Ivan Mykhalchuk,
Sergei Gula

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

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Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

ADVOCATES NORTH AMERICA:

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: Radford Hill; **BARBADOS:** Anne Reid, Tennyson Vaughn; **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:** Lorraine St. Rose; **CANADA:** Derek Ross, Shawn Smith; **DOMINICA:** Jeffrey Douglas-Murdock, Carlita Benjamin; **GRENADA:** Thandi Lyle; **GUYANA:** Tejnarine Remroop, Justice Yonette Cummings, Kim Kyte-John; **JAMAICA:** Shirley Richards; **SAINT LUCIA:** Liz Joseph; **SAINT VINCENT and THE GRENADINES:** Mandella Campbell; **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:** Alice Soo Hon, Hyacinth Griffith, Maureen Rajnauth-Lee; **USA:** David Nammo, Jennifer Patrick

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Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray for our Office Administrator, Daniela Ancalle; For VP Pat Talbot and his wife Kathy; and for Brent McBurney and his wife Elizabeth, their son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise.