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“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

Dear Friends,

In the midst of the ongoing pandemic, global religious freedom continues to take hits. Our Advocates report an increase in persecution in numerous nations. Continued unprovoked attacks and murders of believers in Nigeria. Unwarranted arrests of pastors in Nepal. Christians denied basic needs in Pakistan, simply because they are Christian. Churches in China are prevented from meeting virtually. Turkey’s president announced that Istanbul’s iconic Hagia Sophia cathedral, built in 537, will be converted back into a mosque, raising already high tensions across the region.

Thankfully, there is great news from Sudan where that nation revoked its apostasy laws—the first majority Muslim nation to do so. Please pray with us for our Advocates in these and other countries who face rising challenges to strengthen their faith.

Much closer to home, it is hard to believe that three-and-a-half years have already passed since Daniela Ancalle joined our team here at Advocates International. She blessed us immensely with her joyful spirit and hard work. Her fluency in Spanish provided us with new opportunities to expand and improve our outreach to Advocates Latin America and she helped us to improve and keep our website up-to-date. Unfortunately, Daniela will be leaving us this month to pursue her dream of teaching. Please pray for her in her new adventure, and for us as we seek her replacement.

Please also continue to pray for AI’s VP, Pat Talbot and his wife Kathy, as they seek God’s guidance in where they will live now that their youngest starts college this fall.

We are so grateful for your partnership with Advocates. Do let us know how we can pray for you and your family during these uncertain times. Send us a note, call us at **571-319-0100**, or email us at info@advocatesinternational.org. Finally, we greatly appreciate your continued prayers and ongoing financial support, and remind you again of our matching challenge of \$40,000 for 2020.

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

Grace and Peace,



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