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“Do not be afraid.... for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.” Daniel 10:12

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers. We are delighted to introduce Jon Paramore, our new Office Administrator. The next in a long line of fantastic staff, Jon replaces Daniela Ancalle, whom many of you got to know through her tireless and humble service over the past three-and-a-half years.

Jon joined the staff in August. He was born in Taiwan to missionary parents who then moved the family to Shanghai, where he learned to speak Mandarin. When the family returned to the USA, Jon started to learn Arabic in high school and then earned a degree in Arabic language and international affairs from The George Washington University. After graduation, he was a staff worker for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at American University in DC. He and his wife met in college and now minister together in their predominantly Central American immigrant community in Alexandria. We are excited to see how God will use Jon in the coming season. Be sure to ask him about this month's scripture above.

It is with deep gratitude that we bid *vaya con Dios* to Daniela as she begins her new role teaching World History to the next generation. Thanks for your continued prayers and ongoing financial support. 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 Jon at jparamore@advocatesinternational.org.

Finally, we remind you again of our matching challenge of \$40,000 for 2020. In case you are unaware, for those taxpayers who no longer itemize their charitable deductions, the CARES Act will allow above-the-line donations in 2020 of up to \$300 (up to \$600 for married-filing-jointly), even if you take the standard deduction. In addition, for those donors who are still able to itemize their deductions, and therefore directly write off gifts to charity, the CARES Act raises the deduction cap to 100% of adjusted gross income. *(Be sure to check with your tax advisor)*

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

Grace and Peace,



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