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**“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” – Isaiah 9:2**

**“We will be like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season,
And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever we do, we prosper.” - Psalm 1:3**

Dear Friends,

As 2020 comes to a close, our celebration of the Advent of our Messiah reminds us that no matter what happens to us, God is still on His throne. He loves us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to live among us as the Light of the World.

This year was definitely one of great challenges around the globe. Covid-19 has caused deep suffering and its lockdowns and travel restrictions severely impacted the world. Most of Advocates' regular conferences and meetings were postponed or cancelled. Courts in many nations were closed for extended periods, allowing only a limited number of emergency cases. Religious persecution increased in many places. “Yet, God. . .”

Like a tree that loses its leaves in winter, many of AI's visible activities disappeared. Our times of fellowship and connectedness, however, did not stop. What may not be as commonly known is that a tree's roots grow significantly during a dormant season. In the same way, we've seen the growth of many of the national fellowships. When all of us were forced to use virtual platforms, advocates were only a “click” away from getting to know fellow lawyers they may never have met due to time and cost of difficult travel within their own countries.

Although none of us know when, or if, activities will resume as before, we are encouraged to know that God continues to work in and through us. We pray that we will be like those in Psalm 1:3 yielding the fruit of growth in new seasons.

Thanks for your prayers and ongoing financial support. With your investment we are able to continue to *Inspire and Mobilize Advocates Globally to Do Justice With Compassion*. Please let us know how we can pray for you and your family as 2020 ends. Send us a note, email Jon at jparamore@advocatesinternational.org, or call us at **571-319-0100**.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas. May God bless and keep you in His perfect . . .

Grace and Peace,



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