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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the IGE team and our partners around the world, we are deeply grateful for supporters like you. Thank you for taking a stand on behalf of those persecuted for their faith. Because of you, we are seeing real results on the ground – both on the part of providing relief to victims as well as influencing the mindsets of government officials. You have made the following accomplishments in 2017 possible:

- **In Iraq**, Assyrian Christian families who were forced out of their hometowns on the Nineveh Plains by ISIS are now returning. Your assistance is rebuilding homes and ensuring the continuing presence of Christians, Yazidis, and other religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq.
- **In China**, your support is giving Christians, Tibetans, and Muslims a seat at the table in dialogues with Chinese officials over policies that will affect their communities. As the government’s religion policy grows increasingly repressive, IGE’s dialogues are one of the rare platforms in China where people of faith have a voice.
- **In Vietnam**, IGE signed a new 5-year agreement with the government to conduct religious freedom trainings for local officials and faith leaders. IGE will also jointly develop a curriculum for a law school class on religious freedom with Vietnam National University.
- **In Myanmar**, there has been a serious deterioration in relations between the country’s ethnic and religious communities. Your support made it possible for IGE to hold a religious freedom training program in Mandalay, the Buddhist capital of the country. The training program brought together local Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu faith leaders, academics, and officials to address critical issues related to religious and ethnic policies, laws, and governance.
- **In Laos**, your support helps IGE to hold groundbreaking religious freedom education seminars throughout the country. These seminars bring together government officials and faith leaders and educate them on Lao citizens’ religious freedom rights.
- Your support is helping 10 extraordinary women of faith from around the world working on peace building build their leadership skills. IGE’s **Center for Women, Faith, & Leadership** launched its second Fellowship program with Christian and Muslim women from Burundi, Canada, the Caribbean, China, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Syria, and the U.S.

We constantly give thanks and praises to God for working through supporters like you to make all these amazing accomplishments a reality. Thank you for standing with us and our partners as we catalyze freedom of faith throughout the world.

Sincerely,

James Chen
Executive Director
Dear Friends,

The Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) was founded in 2000 by Robert and Margaret Ann Seiple to bring hope to people of faith around the world who had been victimized, overlooked and marginalized. Our purpose today remains consistent with our founding; to catalyze freedom of faith throughout the world. We do this when we help societies and governments understand the benefit that accrues to the whole collective body when freedom of religion and universal citizenship are elevated. In countries or issues in which we take an active role, we promise to promote the opportunity to live what you believe by building on our three pillars: the teachings of Jesus, relational diplomacy, and religious freedom.

Over the last 18 years, IGE has done just that, developing innovative diplomatic, educational, and relational initiatives in some of the most needed places on earth. IGE has also been a pioneer and thought-leader in the global community of advocates and scholars focusing on issues of faith, freedom, and human flourishing. The world is at a moment of great need, and great opportunity—and IGE is better positioned than ever to lead for long-term change.

While 2017 was a year of re-assessing our strengths, abilities and reach, 2018 is a year we are looking forward to expanding and replicating our successful model in new countries and regions. Cultivating the legal and cultural conditions for religious freedom requires long-term commitment and hard work. It requires ongoing investment by leaders with the resources and vision for a lasting legacy. We thank you for your interest in and support of our Initiative. While our name is the Institute for Global Engagement, it is the continuing initiative to forge ahead to protect the freedom of conscience for those of faith that drives all we do.

Very Sincerely,

John L. Creswell
Chairman of the Board
THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Who we are, what we do, and why you should care

YOUR CHEAT SHEET FOR SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT IGE

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF IGE?
The purpose of IGE is to catalyze freedom of faith worldwide...

...so that everyone has the opportunity to live what they believe, free from persecution.

What are the pillars of our approach?

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS
We believe, share and live what Jesus taught us—love, acceptance and reconciliation lived in a way that compels engagement and understanding for all.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
Committed to universal human dignity, we work for a future when all people, of any faith or no faith, have freedom of belief and equal citizenship. We spread the truth that religious freedom is integral to a flourishing society and a stable state.

Our programs are proven to be successful and we leverage extensive connections with government officials, religious leaders and citizens.

RELATIONAL DIPLOMACY
We overcome obstacles of culture and religion by creating and nurturing mutually beneficial relationships, inviting all viewpoints to the table, working together as partners for the common good.

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2017 AT A GLANCE

6 • Policy Events

8 • Foundation grants awarded

13 • Countries directly impacted

14 • International events convened

15 • Education & equipping programs

77 • New donors

247 • Total donors

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FY2017 Statement of Income at December 31, 2017

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**Expense by Category**
- General Operating & Overhead: 285,178
- Programs: 1,196,667

*This report is not yet audited. IGE’s independent audit takes place each year between April and June.*
THE IGE TEAM
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Dennis Hoover
Senior Fellow
In the Middle East, IGE seeks to rescue, restore, and return Middle Eastern Christians and other religious and ethnic groups to their homes where they can practice their faith free from fear. We identified and vetted multiple local organizations to come alongside and multiply the efforts that were already ongoing and producing concrete results. Through these partners, we have impacted 128,080 lives through our “3R strategy”: Rescue: Delivering emergency relief supplies such as food, fuel, and clothing; Restore: Supporting educational opportunities for children; providing trauma healing and counseling, particularly for female survivors of ISIS’ atrocities; and, Return: Enabling displaced families to return home and live in safety and security.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

We believe a strong and vibrant presence of Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities is essential for the long-term transformation of the region into one that is peaceful, vibrant, and embracing of diversity; our partners (and the communities they represent) are devoted to doing what it takes to rebuild from the ashes. Accordingly, IGE’s 2017 focus has been to support the return and rebuilding of Christian communities in northern Iraq:

- We traveled to Iraq to meet with ISIS survivors, government officials, and religious leaders in the Nineveh Plain and in Baghdad to better understand their situation and needs of those in the region.
- We continued our trauma healing projects using a community-based, integrative, holistic, adult-learning approach where participants explored their own trauma and learned how to help others do the same.
- We funded the complete rebuilding of homes on the Nineveh Plains for those who were displaced by ISIS.
Since 2004, IGE has worked with Chinese government and civil society partners to bring together key stakeholders from within and outside of China that would not otherwise meet, facilitating strategic and candid dialogue that leads to respect, reconciliation, ultimately resolution of issues of critical importance related to religious freedom and ethnic and religious minorities.

Amidst an increasingly tense and adverse political environment in China, especially for religious groups, IGE remains the only religious freedom NGO that maintains ongoing collaborative projects with Chinese government and civil society partners.

In 2017, IGE conducted its fourth Sino-U.S. Counterterrorism Dialogue in Beijing. This unique platform convenes high-level government, military, and civil society leaders from China and the U.S. to engage in both candid and friendly dialogue over issues related to terrorism, religion, governance, America’s lessons learned, and China’s Muslim communities.

IGE also co-sponsored the launch of a Tibet Governance Lab initiative in Washington, DC which convened the next generation of young Tibetan scholars and social activists that are actively engaged in on-the-ground work in Tibet. This was the first ever gathering of its kind and is essential to cultivating a network of the next generation of community leaders and changemakers from Tibet.

From August 3-6 IGE led a delegation of U.S. scholars and practitioners to participate in The Fourth Annual Sino-U.S. Counterterrorism Dialogue in Beijing. The dialogue explored holistic and multidisciplinary approaches that address not just the symptoms of violent extremism, but also its root causes.
VIETNAM

OVERVIEW

Since 2004, IGE has worked with both national leaders and the people of Vietnam to build religious freedom. Our unique and innovative programs are changing mindsets, equipping and building a network of reformers, and educating government officials on the legal protection of religious freedom for all. Thanks in part to IGE and our Vietnamese partners' perseverance, the nation has made significant progress in religious freedom over the past 15 years.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association held an unprecedented gathering in Vietnam which drew tens of thousands of people. This event is indicative of the expansion and access for religious organizations and communities that IGE has worked to achieve in Vietnam. In addition, 2017 saw other notable accomplishments:

• IGE signed a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding with our main government partner in Vietnam. This agreement affirms Vietnam’s recognition of IGE’s work in the country and looks ahead to the following: build the capacity of government officials and faith leaders as they implement Vietnam’s new law on religion; enhance the positive role of women of faith in their communities; and, promote cooperation between academic institutions in the US and worldwide with those in Vietnam to perform joint research on religion and religious freedom.
• IGE has now trained over 4,000 Vietnamese scholars, government officials, policy advisers, and military personnel on good governance and religion, religious rights, international standards of religious freedom, religious freedom in Vietnam, and the implications of Vietnam’s new law on religion and belief.
• IGE’s network of alumni have produced a growing body of Vietnamese language scholarship on religious freedom. They are also making religious freedom and rule of law regular topics of study and practice at academic and government institutions across the country.

LOCATIONS IGE HAS ENGAGED IN VIETNAM

Red= Provinces that IGE and its delegations have made visits to in the last decade.

Blue = Provinces with government officials and/or faith leaders who have participated in IGE’s Religious Freedom Programs
MYANMAR

OVERVIEW

At the invitation of religious groups in Myanmar, IGE started its work there in 2012, just as the country’s political transition was taking place. Since then, IGE has held a series of groundbreaking conferences and training programs that have highlighted challenges and opportunities in Myanmar’s governance, rule of law, and relations between the country’s diverse religious and ethnic communities.

2017 HIGHLIGHT

In 2017, IGE held its second “Religion & Rule of Law” training program in Mandalay. The program was carefully designed with input from both international and Myanmar experts to explore the building blocks of good governance and sustainable peace in a multifaith and multiethnic context. The program also equipped participants with critical knowledge of global comparative approaches to religious freedom and rule of law.

IGE’S UNIQUE ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Following our Religion & Rule of Law program, local partners expressed their happiness with the feedback from the participants and shared how impressed they were by the international professors. Some people who had doubts leading up to our conference—for fear of an international organization taking advantages of them—began to open their hearts as they experienced how our program was designed based off of their advice and detailed requests, not telling them what to do. The local partners were impressed with IGE’s approach and international experts’ expertise and dedication.

TESTIMONIAL

“I feel very privileged that I am here with IGE to serve Myanmar through religious freedom and human rights which I strongly believe are the fundamental needs of all human beings. I appreciate IGE’s approach of listening to the local needs and creating a safe space for the leaders and peace makers of the country to meet and connect to share their concerns and care in order to work together towards a peaceful and sustainable future.”

-Seng Mai Aung
Myanmar Program Officer
LAOS

OVERVIEW

The Institute for Global Engagement began its work in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic in the late 1990s and partners with both the government and religious communities to advance freedom of faith. Misunderstandings about religious freedom have been the norm in Laos, but IGE’s programs have brought about greater mutual understanding and peace between religious and government leaders.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout 2017, IGE convened stakeholders from the government and religious communities at the provincial and district levels to educate and equip them on religious freedom as a human right and Lao government policy on religious activity.

The gatherings also encouraged greater dialogue between religious and government leaders. Oftentimes, during these events local officials are reading and understanding the constitutional and policy rights of religious minorities to believe and practice their religion for the first time ever. Many are shocked to realize that the Lao government does not sponsor any particular religion (they normally assume it sponsors Buddhism) and that all officially recognized religions in Laos may operate. New relationships of cooperation and understanding emerge after each seminar.

As a result, religious freedom is slowly expanding in Laos and the awareness IGE brings has been vital.

IGE ACCESS AND IMPACT

The photo above was taken in October 2017 from a seminar in Phongsaly Province, one of the most remote provinces in Laos. This was the first time that a seminar on religious freedom had taken place there.
CENTER FOR WOMEN, FAITH & LEADERSHIP

OVERVIEW

IGE’s Center for Women, Faith & Leadership (CWFL) supports and equips women of faith to assume and advance in leadership roles and influence decision making in global affairs, with particular emphasis in areas where women are most affected yet have had the least influence—religious freedom, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Achieving both our 2-year and 5-year strategic objectives for the Center!
- Launching the CWFL Resource Website which features an 800+ page leadership development toolkit!
- Holding an online webinar series on “Lean In to Your Faith: Meeting Professional Challenges with Spiritual Resources.”
- Video documentation of the life stories of women-of-faith in leadership, religious freedom, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding. These videos have educated younger women-of-faith on the importance of seeking leadership on these issues.
- Facilitated 65 focus groups through the Religion, Gender, and Identity Initiative to document the impact of religion and gender on identity formation for women from different regions and faith backgrounds, and how it contributes to their resilience in the face of conflict. This data has been used to educate policymakers on the importance of including women in peace and security efforts.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you would like to become a part of this growing CWFL network and community, connect with us today!

TESTIMONIAL

One of IGE’s CWFL Fellows, Ghada Ghazal, is an educator from Syria who has lived abroad since 2012 due to the ongoing civil war. In Syria, she taught Islam and Arabic at the Al-Anduluse Institute for Islamic Studies, the only institute of its kind that works to empower Muslim women to work for social change.

“Whatever is happening now in Syria is beyond all of our imaginations and it is breaking my heart...if women are not educated and empowered they will not have the ability to play a role in rebuilding security and peace. I believe the CWFL Fellowship offers me the opportunity to increase my capacity and leadership skills. Throughout the Fellowship, I am becoming a difference-maker, both in analyzing problems and implementing practical solutions. I am at an important crossroad in my life, my prayer is that I will have the opportunity to learn and grow during this time of challenge and uncertainty, and I believe that IGE’s Center for Women, Faith & Leadership Fellowship Program will be a part of answering that prayer.”

2017-2018 CWFL FELLOWS

[Images of 2017-2018 CWFL Fellows]
IGE’s research and publications arm, the Center on Faith & International Affairs (CFIA), equips scholars, practitioners, policymakers, religious leaders, and students with a balanced understanding of the role of religion in public life worldwide. CFIA publishes a quarterly journal, *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, books, monographs, policy reports, op-eds, courses, conferences, and lectures. *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, published by Routledge, is the first and only scholarly journal devoted exclusively to analysis and commentary regarding the role of religion—for good or ill—in global affairs.

**2017 HIGHLIGHTS**
NEXT STEPS
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**HOST A DINNER**
Introduce IGE to your network over a meal. You provide the venue and the invites, we do the rest!
Thank you for standing for those persecuted for their faith around the world! We welcome your continued partnership in 2018.