



Dear Friend of IGE,

We live in a world of conflict and persecution. Some have argued that the free flow of information and ideas enabled by technology would lead to greater international understanding and peace. Instead, there is a rising tide of religious persecution and conflict around the world.

74% of the world's population is living in countries where religious restrictions and hostilities are high. This statistic coupled with the news we are constantly bombarded with, renders it easy for us to arrive at the cynical conclusion that there's nothing we can do about it.

But, this isn't true. **We CAN do something about it – and we are.** With your help, we can—and must—sow seeds of hope, healing, reconciliation, and religious freedom where they are desperately needed.

If this resonates with you and you are ready to take a step to support a middle ground where religious freedom is protected, conflict averted, and political stability maintained, then we invite you to [join with IGE in our Matching Gift Campaign!](#)

From today until September 15th, a generous body of supporters has pledged to match any donations up to \$12,000. Donate now and [your gift will go twice as far!](#)

The programs of the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) have been developed over nearly 20 years as a proven way forward. Our approach directly addresses religious persecution and its victims not only through immediate response, but also by creating conditions for peace and opportunities for flourishing in the future. Working alongside its many global partners, IGE has delivered real results such as: **1)** Providing trauma counseling to more than 300 female survivors of ISIS so they can begin the process of healing and recovery; **2)** Training over 4,000 government officials and religious leaders in Vietnam and China, helping them to understand how religious freedom is a foundation for social flourishing and rule of law; and, **3)** Co-convening a group of experts during this election season and providing private, in-person briefings to each major presidential campaign on international religious freedom.

Our goal to match the \$12,000 already pledged will enable IGE to expand our programming. Your gift will help IGE minister to believers' immediate needs while working behind the scenes – in the halls of power as well as among the people – to advance religious liberty over the long term.

Our vision is a freer and more hopeful future in which religious freedom is upheld and global conflict mitigated. We have a model that works; please [take advantage of this matching gift opportunity before it's too late!](#)

Your gift will enable IGE to:

- Continue helping victims of ISIS to return to their hometowns and rebuild their lives;
- Build a network of religious, government, and community leaders in countries like Iraq, China, and Vietnam to address and defuse growing religious tensions and conflict; and,

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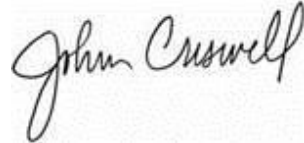
- Extend the work of our Center for Women, Faith & Leadership, which equips women worldwide as peacemakers in their communities and advocates for religious freedom.

This work represents a high calling: restoring the dignity and essential rights of people who yearn for the liberty we enjoy every day. Today the hour may be dark, but the opportunities are rich. Will you help us make the most of these opportunities?

Sincerely,



James Chen
Executive Director



John Creswell
Chairman of the Board

[P.S. Don't wait! Help catalyze the movement, do twice the good with one donation by participating in our matching gift campaign and donate today!](#)