

‘Oskar Schindler List Moment’ Faces the Church

Global Strategic Alliance President Kevin Jessip says God has created a kairos moment for His children. But Jessip says the moment is right, and we must act quickly to help persecuted Christians worldwide.

With the martyrdom of nearly 165,000 Christians each year—that’s one every three minutes—Jessip and the GSA are working diligently to engage the body of Christ as a voice for the persecuted church and to “restore America and the nations for the kingdom of God.”

“Our initiative is to wake up the Western world not only to the plight of the persecuted brothers and sisters around the globe but also to awaken the church,” Jessip said. “This is a God-given opportunity of favor being offered to mankind at this specific time. This is a time when the body of Christ needs to come together as one in unison under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

“John 17:23 says, “I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfect in unity, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (MEV). We can honor the appeal of the apostle Paul when he said, “Now may the God of perseverance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:5-6, MEV).”

According to the GSA, “more than 26 million cases of Christian martyrdom were recorded in the 20th century, more than in the previous 1,900 years combined.” The GSA says more than 240 million Christians (with 60 percent being children) in over 60 nations are living under the threat of persecution. More than

51 million have been displaced by persecution or conflict in their own countries.

The statistics are staggering, and the global emergence of terrorist groups like ISIS, Hezbollah and Hamas has done nothing but enhance those numbers. The recent nuclear arms deal with Iran has done nothing to curtail the fears of Christians in the Middle East nor Israelis concerning terrorism. In fact, the anticipated threat of terrorism has increased tremendously.

Despite the trepidations, Jessip says God is “on the move,” and “we are about to experience the greatest move of God this nation has ever seen.”

“The days ahead are the greatest days for the body of Christ. We need to be prepared for the days we’re walking into,” Jessip said. “First Corinthians 14:8 says, ‘If the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle?’ That must be us. We need to understand these times and to seize the moment for Christ.”

The GSA is doing exactly that. It has uniquely positioned itself as a global voice for advancing Judeo-Christian values. GSA’s voice includes behind-the-scenes diplomacy with government leadership and collaboration with media on global issues.

The organization stands with Israel and is “helping to raise awareness of the critical intersection of Israel’s and America’s future and the importance of America’s stance against anti-Semitism and the delegitimization of Israel.

The GSA is working to provide safe havens for Christians throughout the Middle East. The group is supporting workers who are engaged with the displaced and marginalized—providing education, medical care, food, water, clothing, shelter and trauma care.

In a modern-day “Oskar Schindler list moment,” the GSA is fulfilling a call for a humanitarian effort of historical proportions.

Earlier this year, the GSA co-sponsored congressional legislation, H.R. 1568, the “Protecting Religious Minorities Persecuted by Isis Act of 2015.”

So what can individuals within the church do to help the GSA?

“Besides simply praying, which is crucial, we want the church to wake up and get involved,” Jessip said. “We are asking 1,000 churches to raise their hand and foster a family. They can go to our website, [www.gsa.org](#), to find out more. This is a time when the body of Christ must unite.”