



# Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Eagles,

This month we are focusing on the Persecuted Church in our *Torch* newsletter. The article is written by a man I greatly respect, Frank Gaffney, the founder and president of the Center for Security Policy. I am thrilled to see that the issue of the persecuted Christians is being taken up by many new groups willing to work alongside organizations, such as Voice of the Martyrs and Open Doors International, that have been on the frontlines for so long. Now, with leaders like Frank Gaffney, who are using their platforms to share the truth about those around the world who are suffering and dying for their faith, we are bringing fresh troops to an age-old battle!

I have friends who have been to Iraq and have seen lives forever impacted by terrorism and persecution, yet there is hope. Many times, that hope is just knowing someone cares. Some of the stories will break your heart, but many more will show the hope that comes from serving others and reaching out to meet those in need.

As many of you know, I homeschool my children, and in our study of geography, we look at Christian missionaries around the world as a companion to our lesson. One of my favorite series is *Christian Heroes: Then and Now*, featuring the stories of such heroes of faith as, C. T. Studd, Eric Liddell, Amy Carmichel, and David Livingstone. My reason for reading this biographical series is two fold: I want my kids to get a feel for the countries that we are looking at on a globe and to gain more insight on the people and the customs of those countries. I also want them to learn that, in order to make real change in the world, they must count the cost, be willing to serve where most won't go, and love those who may never love them back.

Why does this matter? Why does Texas Eagle Forum care about any of this? Because our principles are built on Judeo-Christian values, which give us a foundation and guidelines to pursue liberty, truth, and love for our fellow man.

As we witness so many divisions in our country and around the world, please remember how important your voice is within your circle of influence. Make every effort to vote on May 22 and bring your conservative friends. Our endorsements are on our website, [texaseagle.org](http://texaseagle.org). The runoff election is known for its low voter turnout, so you have a chance to make a real difference in Texas. We can't let a "Blue Wave" overtake our great conservative state!

If you are going to the Republican State Convention in San Antonio in June, please stop by our booth. I would love to meet you and hear some of your ideas and concerns. TEF is already preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session and looking forward to being a voice on issues that span from economic to education and state security, as well as continuing to stand strong for life and liberty.

As always, thank you for letting us share with you each month the issues that we are facing and working on. We appreciate so much your prayers and financial gifts as TEF stands in the gap for you and your family.

Pressing onward,



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P.S. Please look for an invitation to an upcoming event this summer!