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CIY to send proceeds of “Love Costs Every Thing” DVD sales to persecuted church in Iraq

Joplin-based nonprofit organization uses documentary to bring awareness to global persecution

JOPLIN, MO. – The current crisis in Iraq has drawn attention to those being persecuted throughout the Middle East – specifically Christians who are fleeing for their lives from the Islamic State in Iraq (ISIS). In efforts to help bring awareness to these persecuted Christians in Iraq, as well as elsewhere around the world, Joplin, Missouri-based nonprofit organization Christ In Youth has produced a documentary called “Love Costs Every Thing.” CIY has announced that proceeds from DVD and BluRay sales of the film will go to Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East – a UK-based foundation that supports Canon Andrew White, Vicar of St. Georges Church located in the heart of Baghdad.

Canon White recently put out a plea for funds and support to help the many Christians displaced from their homes and fleeing for their lives throughout Iraq. CIY has joined many influential American leaders in answering that call – leaders such as TV host Eric Metaxas, author and speaker Francis Chan, and multiple state and federal legislators. In addition to drawing attention to the conflict in the Middle East, these men and women are encouraging others to purchase “Love Costs Every Thing” as a way to raise financial support for persecuted Christians, as well as to become educated about persecution around the world.

“CIY produces short-films and documentaries each year to help students learn about social justice issues around the world in hopes that they will hear the call of Christ on their lives to become Kingdom workers and affect change,” said Andy Hansen, CIY president. “‘Love Costs Every Thing’ is one of those films that is so powerful that it has the potential to spur a movement around the world that will directly help the persecuted church. Not only does CIY want to bring awareness to persecution in countries all around the globe, but we want to be able to help as much as we can – and one of the ways we can do that is by donating proceeds from these DVD sales.”

“Love Costs Every Thing” is a feature-length documentary that explores the impact of Christian persecution throughout the world, focusing on the stories of four communities in the Middle East, South America and India that have experienced devastation in recent years as a result of their Christian faith. Canon White is featured in the film, as is Our Lady of Salvation Syriac Catholic cathedral in Baghdad, which was the victim of a terrorist attack that took place Oct. 31, 2010.

Those interested in supporting this cause are encouraged to purchase “Love Costs Every Thing” by visiting www.lovecostseverything.com. Proceeds from DVD sales over the next two months will be collected and distributed to Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East.

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About Christ In Youth

Christ In Youth has been providing events, missions experiences and resources that amplify Christ’s call on student lives in partnership with the local church for more than 45 years. More than 70,000 students and leaders attend at least one of CIY’s 95 programs held throughout 15 countries each year. CIY partners with the local church to help call students to a maturing knowledge of Christ in preparation for Kingdom service. For more information, visit www.ciy.com.