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“Nothing presents a more compelling and authentic witness of Christian faith in this era than the struggle for justice.”

—Gary Haugen

Gary A. Haugen serves as president and CEO of International Justice Mission. IJM is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local governments to ensure victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators, and to strengthen the community and civic factors that promote functioning public justice systems.

Haugen received a B.A. in social studies, magna cum laude, from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago, cum laude, where he was the Ford Foundation Scholar in international law. He also served as the visiting scholar in politics at the University of Adelaide in Australia.

Until April of 1997, when Haugen started IJM, he was a senior trial attorney with the Police Misconduct Task Force of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1994 Haugen was detailed from the U.S. Department of Justice to the United Nation’s Center for Human Rights where he served as officer-in-charge of the U.N.’s genocide investigation in Rwanda. During the fall of 1994 he directed an international team of lawyers, criminal prosecutors, law enforcement officers and forensics experts in the gathering of evidence against the perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide.

Haugen currently serves on the Human Rights Leadership Coalition and on the board of the overseers of the *Berkeley Journal of International Law*. Haugen is the 2007 recipient of Prison Fellowship’s annual William Wilberforce Award, recognizing an individual who has made a difference in the face of formidable societal problems and injustices.

Haugen and the work of IJM have been featured by *TODAY*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Dateline NBC*, FOX News, MSNBC, CNN, National Public Radio, *Forbes* magazine and the *New York Times*.

Haugen currently resides in the Washington, D.C., area with his family.