



## ***DEFIANT* PRESS RELEASE**

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**Eyeland Images' new film *DEFIANT* seeks to shed light on global issue of Christian persecution.**

*DEFIANT* is a brand new Action & Adventure film from production company Eyeland Images in association with Gateway Assembly church in Michigan. It is the story of A51-317, an up-and-coming amnesiac soldier who is framed for the murder of the Sovereign Leader of The New World.

The world as A51 knows it is separated into two groups — Citizens: those loyal to the Sovereign Leader and his regime, and Defiants: those who remain faithful to a way of life from The Old World. Defiants follow a system of belief now illegal in The New World. A way of life espoused in the pages of what is known as “The Forbidden Book.” A51-317 finds himself in the crossfire of New World loyalties and Old World memories that seem to be coming back to him — a life he barely remembers and can’t imagine being his own, yet is becoming evermore real each day. When framed for the assassination of the Sovereign Leader, a group of Defiants save his life and reveal to him their plan: to risk all they have to release a copy of The Forbidden Book online for the world to see. And they want him to help.

*DEFIANT* seeks to shed light on the immensely important spiritual, political, and cultural issue of global Christian persecution. There are an estimated 245 million Christians worldwide under persecution for their faith according to the 2019 World Watch List report by Open Doors USA, a global non-profit organization focused on supporting persecuted believers in more than 60 countries. They estimate that 1 in 9 Christians worldwide experience high levels of persecution. And that’s only in the top 50 countries of the 150 experiencing Christian persecution that they survey.

*DEFIANT* seeks to support these believers in two ways: 1) by raising awareness and prayer for them and their persecutors through what we call *DEFIANT* Nights and 2) by raising financial support for them through film sales. Eyeland Images is donating at least 25% of its earnings from *DEFIANT* to reputable organizations whose main purpose is the remembrance of, care for, and encouragement of persecuted Christian believers

around the world. Every copy of *DEFIANT* sold or shown in some way helps reach out to these believers who often feel forgotten.

Eyeland Images is also excited to announce something we call DEFIANT Nights. A DEFIANT Night is a free screening of *DEFIANT* before or after an hour of prayer for persecuted believers and their persecutors. Our goal is simple: “Remember the prisoners. Pray for the Pauls.” We believe that through prayer God will write new Saul-Paul stories out of the current conflicts of the world. DEFIANT Nights will take place worldwide on or around the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Nov. 3rd. DEFIANT Nights are free to any church, ministry, group, or organization that would like to host one. No strings attached. Prior to their chosen date, hosts will receive a package with everything they need for a powerful and stress-free event. Anyone can sign up at [defiantmovie.com](http://defiantmovie.com).

*DEFIANT* is intentionally a fictional story rather than a documentary. Many filmmakers have undertaken the task of telling the powerful stories of specific believers and the actual persecution they have experienced. As a team, we have been so encouraged by their work and the persecuted believers they faithfully represent. But *DEFIANT* is not intended to be the story of one group or believer. *DEFIANT* is the story of all believers. *DEFIANT* is a story of the power of taking up your cross. *DEFIANT* is the story of what happens when we fight for those we deem hopeless. The story of what happens when we truly believe that, “*If God is for us, who can be against us?*” Simply put, *DEFIANT* is not just a movie.

It is a movement.

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Eyeland Images has been making feature films and short-form content for over 10 years. We believe in the power of story as a medium to share the hope of the Gospel of Jesus. We believe God is a passionate storyteller and, as such, you shouldn't have to sacrifice enjoying a story for the sake of being educated and motivated toward Christ. Our films seek to both entertain our viewers and enlighten them to the reality of God's existence and His passionate love toward them.