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- On September 4, 2012, an ABWE Bangladesh missionary doctor made the following statement in his debriefing interview with ABWE after he returned from Bangladesh, “A lot hasn’t been communicated to Malumghat. We represent the team. They deserve to hear that. New Tribes had their debacle. How did they handle the debriefing of that field? They are wounded ... communicate with the team. That hasn’t been done yet. –get rid [sic] of the gag order!” The document further states that the ABWE Administrator to whom the doctor is speaking is going “to inquire about what New Tribes Mission did for the field team in Senegal before and after the GRACE report was issued in that case.”
- Details regarding this relationship between ABWE and New Tribes Mission are as follows:

- The ABWE Board President testified as follows: “...2010 we did a, our retreat to Florida to visit other organizations and one of ’em we had visit was New Tribes. That was one of the ironies. Here we are at New Tribes at the time when their investigation of abuse situation had come to light, and they were in the throes of it. And we actually met with the president, uh, prayed for him and with him. And I remember our bus ride coming from there, how grateful we are we had a child protective policy in place. And this isn’t an issue for us and, and we need to be vigilant. And then, you know, in March 2011, so whatever that is, eight months, this comes to light and now everyone’s, ‘OK. Our president knew about this when he took us on that trip.’”

- Michael Loftis testified that he called the President of New Tribes Mission as well as other organizational leaders to seek counsel after the Blog was launched. He further stated that ABWE had the attorney from New Tribes mission function as an independent outside attorney to assist is doing a liability assessment and to make recommendations based on that assessment.

- Michael Loftis testified that he spoke with representatives of New Tribes Mission, stating, “And every one of ’em said, ‘We only can say one thing to you about G.R.A.C.E. Run. Do not engage these people. Do not allow them to bludgeon you or blackmail you into the corner. That is what they’re doing. ... We, we were absolutely foolishly in, in the, in the Neanderthal age of, of thinking about, we actually thought we could control the information.’”

The President of New Tribes Mission cooperated with the investigation. He was interviewed by investigators as an advisor to Michael Loftis relative to the Donn Ketcham matter. He confirmed that Michael Loftis had reached out to speak with him as they had “been friends for a long time” and Michael Loftis knew

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“what New Tribes Mission was going through ... We talked pretty much generalities ... which’d be the steps forward ... he was asking if I would be willing to talk to the Board.”

- The President of New Tribes Mission confirmed that several months prior New Tribes Mission had hosted “the Board meetings with ABWE right here at NTM ... This was before ABWE’s thing surfaced.”
- He clarified that he had been on a phone call with “their whole Board” discussing whether to “pursue G.R.A.C.E. ... as a independent [sic] investigation ... company or not.”
- The President of New Tribes Mission recommended a paper entitled “Are Protestant Ministries a New Market? Lessons learned from the Catholic Sexual Abuse Scandal” to Michael Loftis. The paper was written by Theresa Lynn Sidebotham Esq. and L. Martin Nussbaum, Esq., both of whom are attorneys who specialize in defending church and ministry organizations. Theresa Lynn Sidebotham was employed by New Tribes Mission as General Counsel and then as the coordinator of New Tribes Mission’s Independent Historical Allegation Review Team (“IHART”).

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Cited below are statements made by Theresa Lynn Sidebotham and L. Martin Nussbaum in their paper (footnotes omitted):

- “As the attack against Protestant ministries accelerates, some could face a threat of the magnitude that bankrupted eight Catholic dioceses and two Catholic religious orders.” (Page 1)

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NOTE: This statement suggests that child abuse claims are an “attack” against churches rather than a legitimate problem.

- “It is no coincidence that this same year American newspapers ran 21,000 stories of sexual abuse by Catholic priests.” (Page 4)

NOTE: The author argues that increased media coverage of abuse stories has led to the increase in reported abuse.

- “An informal alliance between plaintiffs’ attorneys, victims’ groups, the mainstream press, and the film industry has birthed the church sexual abuse reparations industry. While the plaintiffs’ attorneys speak of doing justice, they and their powerful political lobbies consistently do nothing about the larger, ongoing problem in public schools and other