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This letter from Brian Shortmeier is a copy and paste from FE MK Forum > NTM Boarding school abuse > Miscellaneous > Future Investigations Page 54 (of 75).

FOR A "TIMELINE PERSPECTIVE" - keep in mind this email was posted on Fanda Eagles Feb 01, 2013, some 2.5 years after The G.R.A.C.E. REPORT was released in August 2010, which was 'itself' over 2 years after 2008 when some adult MK's had begun to firmly press CEO Larry Brown and other NTM Executives to investigate their claims of Child Sexual Abuse that had happened years earlier.

FOR "AUTHOR PERSPECTIVE" This letter is signed by the same NTM Executive Brian Shortmeier who first contacted MK's in 2012 with the lie that IHART was independent.

There is no reason to believe that the letter as posted is not an authentic copy of the original released by Mr Shortmeier (who knew far more about what had happened within NTM than his letter indicates.)

FOR CONTEXT OR FACTUAL CORRECTIONS – The original letter has some YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS followed by OUR IN-LINE COMMENTS IN RED TEXT.

END NOTES *****

Post subject: Re: Future investigations

Post Posted: Fri Feb 01, 2013 5:56 pm

MK Survivors,

Those who were abused know firsthand of the pain, the false guilt, the self-doubt and the anger that can be so pervasive in your lives. **Through stories and testimonies, I'm learning of it.** **What Mr Shortmeier fails to acknowledge here is that he and other NTM Executives have had direct knowledge of many abuse cases for many years. This is a true statement by Shortmeier , but it is very misleading. We call out these partial truths as "Lies by Omission".**

It horrifies me that people can abuse kids, justify it and still live with themselves. **'We' are equally "horrified" to know that so many "Leaders" in ETHNOS/NTM such as CEO Brown, Shortmeier, Coombs and the rest can justify SILENCE and COVER-UPS of abuse THEY KNOW HAPPENED.**

I'm amazed that kids can endure such pain and betrayal and still go on with life and then I realize that not all of them have gone on with life. **Some abused kids have taken their own lives or have resorted to things that are slowly killing them in order to mask their pain.** **This is a fact.**

What is ALSO A FACT is that in 2023 ETHNOS OFFICIALS know that 'many' 100's of abused MK's have been driven away and their voices are STILL SILENCED by ongoing Collusion and Conspiracy by a string of NTM and then ETHNOS360 Executive Leadership who we will prove with documentation have acted to preserve "The Corporate Organization" by SACRIFICING 100's of their Member's Children upon the false alter of "Protecting God's Work".

I'm more amazed when I see that many have found ways of coping and are leading more normal lives.

But all abused kids carry the effects of abuse with them for the rest of their lives. It will affect them, their parents and their own children. It is not something that can ever be put behind them and forgotten. Effects of that abuse can be dealt with and sometimes issues can be resolved. Often God, true to His word turns these weaknesses into strengths. But the abuse will never be forgotten.

I've come to understand that people who haven't had to bear such deep pain have trouble understanding the reactions of those who have. For some who don't understand, listening to the cries of the abused is probably just an annoyance to them. But for many others who haven't had to bear such deep pain themselves, I suspect that understanding it is just beyond what they are capable of. And because they don't know how to deal with it, they default to what they believe to be true, and that is to encourage the abused to "just forgive and move on."

What happened to kids isn't right and won't ever be right and nothing can ever justify abuse. I've come to believe that New Tribes Mission, in fact all organizations in which childhood abuse occurred, has no right to ask for forgiveness. The fact is that NTM is not a person and isn't capable of receiving forgiveness if it was even offered. But it is also a fact that in NTM there were those, some in leadership and some not, who wanted the issue to go away and who desperately wanted victims to extend forgiveness to the organization so that the issue could be locked away and forgotten. We point out here that a DECADE has passed since Shortmeier wrote this passionate letter AND YET HE HAS PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE CULTURE OF SILENCE that has denied these Abuse Survivors' voices to be heard by the membership. But it can never be forgotten by the victims of abuse or NTM. It is our sad responsibility before God to expose the REALITY of "The Conspiracy" which has become a full-blown "HIDDEN LEADERSHIP SCANDAL AT ETHNOS360".

The people who haven't dealt with such pain and are incapable of knowing how to deal with it are often puzzled when victims of abuse react so strongly and so negatively when the issue of forgiveness comes up. In the documentary All God's Children, abuse survivor Beverly Shellrude Thompson explained it this way,

It's not that victims are against forgiveness. Victims are against forgiveness as the solution to the problem because then the problem will go on and on and on and as long as every victim continues to give forgiveness, the organization doesn't have to address the issues. PRECISELY!

Is there a “solution” of the kind that Ms. Thompson is looking for? For the future there is. NTM has to be an organization that doesn’t tolerate abuse, screens out potential abusers from entering NTM and safeguards the children in our care. But that’s only part of it. **We also need a “response” to what’s gone before. Your “response” ETHNOS is THE PROBLEM here. EXPOSURE of your Conspiracy is the solution.** The Vianopolis investigation is concluding and a Statement of Findings is expected in March. **The Panama investigation is proceeding and should be completed by late summer. (Written in 2013)** In fact, the Panama IHART Investigation Final Report was not released until OCTOBER 5, 2016 over 3 years later than Shortmeier projected. **(VITALLY IMPORTANT NOTE ON THIS TOPIC – THERE EXISTS EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY FROM WHISTLEBLOWER(S) THAT NTM/ETHNOS LEADERSHIP PERSONS HAVE CENSORED, MODIFIED OR EVEN ELIMINATED EVIDENCE FROM IHART FINAL REPORTS PRIOR TO THEIR EVENTUAL RELEASE. ONLY UNDER A CRIMINAL SUBPONEA WILL THE EXTENT OF THIS BE UNCOVERED)** Personally, based upon corroborating evidence we researchers believe the WB’s far more than ETHNOS who have been caught in countless lies as will be more fully documented at www.ethnos360.info) And then there’s Tambo. That investigation is huge and will continue for two to three years. But it doesn’t matter if an investigation is small or large, every abused child is one child too many. **Also, if any of you know of abuse that happened outside of the stated years of each investigation, please contact Pat Hendrix. We’d like to ask ALL current and former NTM and Ethnos360 executives how it is that, a decade after this and many other similar emails and press releases were published, NOT ONE OF YOU HAS PUBLICLY SPOKEN OUT TO CORRECT THE FALSE INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY YOUR COLLEAGUES?** Don’t leave any stone unturned.

A key part of our response is to uncover the truth. Based upon the evidence, we wonder was the “un” ahead of “cover” a typo? When the full story is told, “covering up the truth” has been an obsession of ETHNOS#^) under CEO Larry Brown) There might be those in mission circles who claim that these on-going investigations hurt or profane the name of God. That isn’t true. God’s name was profaned every time any kid was abused. **God’s name was profaned every time evil wasn’t dealt with appropriately by those who had the authority to do so. Not proceeding with the investigations, not trying to uncover truth, not admitting what happened and not dealing with perpetrators the best we can – those are the things that profane the name of God. WOW – what happened since you wrote these impassioned words 10 years ago Mr Shortmeier?** I can’t promise that we won’t make mistakes as we continue through this process but we will do what we can. Besides the sickening thought of what abused MKs have endured and still carry around to this day, I am dismayed that most perpetrators will never be brought to trial because of the location where their crimes they committed. Most will escape justice because of how long ago they committed those crimes. I have to admit that NTM bears blame for that also. But wherever prosecution is possible, **NTM will cooperate in full, no matter the distance, no matter the time element, no matter the cost. The words “cooperate” and “no matter the cost” have opened a major can of worms that we will address elsewhere.**

Finally, I want to again encourage anyone who was abused as an MK and who desires counseling to deal with the effects of that abuse to contact Tibby Westcott at tibby.westcott@ntm.org. We want to help. At the time you wrote this email Mr Shortmeier, there were literally 1000's of posts on Fanda Eagles from NTM MK's strongly telling you and the other "Executive Board Members" that you and others had deceived them regarding the "Independence of IHART" and they also were complaining that the qualifications for funding their counseling required NTM to be far too involved in the process. The record shows that you and other Executives refused to address the MK's concerns in a meaningful way. In 2022 when we had extensive interviews and discussions with multiple NTM Survivors irrespective of NDA's they indicate that they feel like they were "intentionally betrayed" by you and others at Ethnos. We doubt that you are in a position to have a Public Debate on this subject. In fact, we strongly suggest that all current and former NTM/ETHNOS Executives seek immediate Legal Representation "Personally" because this exposure is about to get 'VERY UGLY' for many of you in 2023.

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