

Dear MK Survivors,

Many of you were hurt deeply by people you trusted when you were children. I recall Jesus' words as He spoke to his followers, "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck." **What happened to you wasn't right, is unconscionable and is indefensible. YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT AT THE TIME YOU WROTE THIS LETTER, THE NTM EXECUTIVE BOARD YOU WERE A PART OF WAS PAYING SEVERAL LAW FIRMS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STONEWALL AND DELAY THE JANE DOE CASES FILED AGAINST NTM IN SEMINOLE COUNTY FL. *SOMEONE* AT NTM WAS "SIGNING OFF" ON SOME VERY "UNGODLY AND UNETHICAL" LEGAL TACTICS WHICH ARE EASILY GLEANED FROM THE COURT DOCKETS IN THOSE CASES. WE ARE PUBLISHING THOSE FOR ALL TO SEE. YOU CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.**

I am the recently appointed Director of Child Protection for NTM and I am writing this letter knowing our communication with you has been insufficient and sporadic at best. It has been said, that for an organization that specializes in cross-cultural communication, we have failed to communicate well with you. That is true. And this failure to communicate well must end. This is the first of periodic updates I will send to Andy Kline and Tibby Westcott. They will email these updates to those of you who want to receive them. **However, we know that words are cheap. Actions matter. WE NEED TO HAVE A VERY FRANK DISCUSSION ABOUT CERTAIN *SECRET* ACTIONS YOU NTM EXECUTIVES WERE INVOLVED IN THAT CONTRADICTED THE MANY CHEAP WORDS THAT WERE PUMPED OUT OF THE NTM PROPAGANDA FACTORY DESIGNED TO STRING THE PROCESS OUT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. LOOK AT A CALENDAR AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT WE ARE REFERRING TO.**

It took NTM far too long to come to grips with what happened to you, **THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT. IT IS *ALSO* TRUE THAT LARRY BROWN AND OTHER NTM EXECUTIVES STEADFASTLY IGNORED THESE CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS FOR *YEARS* BEFORE THEY BACKED NTM INTO A CORNER TO WHERE NTM *HAD* TO TAKE SOME SORT OF ACTION TO KEEP THIS FROM BECOMING A FULL-BLOWN PUBLIC SCANDAL. DEPENDING ON HOW YOU EXECUTIVES RESPOND TO THIS WEBSITE A *PUBLIC SCANDAL* MAY YET HAPPEN AT SANFORD HQ!** and the full stories are still not known in all cases. It was wrong for missionaries or those connected with NTM to abuse kids. **It was wrong that those in leadership who knew about it didn't do more to stop it. It was wrong that there was a level of fear that stopped many kids from reporting it. It was wrong that some reports**

which were received weren't believed. I could go on. There are many more wrongs which could be listed. But they weren't just "wrongs." They were sins – sins against kids, sins against their parents and sins against God.

It took us too long to get independent investigations underway. It will take longer than we want for those investigations to be completed. **THIS IS CORRECT ON BOTH COUNTS. FOR IHART TO BE STILL CONDUCTING "INVESTIGATINGS" INTO ABUSE CASES IN 2023 THAT WERE KNOWN TO EXIST WHEN YOU PUBLISHED THIS LETTER IS OUTRAGEOUS! HOW DO YOU ETHNOS EXECUTIVES SLEEP AT NIGHT? IF YOU *WANTED* TO FIND THE TRUTH LIKE YOU SAID YOU DID THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF MANY YEARS AGO! THE FACT IS THAT DESPITE YOUR "CHEAP WORDS" THE NTM CHILD ABUSE SURVIVORS WERE NOT *NEARLY* AS IMPORTANT AS PROTECTING "THE CORPORATION" FROM LIABILITY. NO-ONE OUTSIDE OF ETHNOS360 BELIEVES ANYTHING THAT THE ETHNOS ELT PUBLISHES BECAUSE IT IS SO COMPLETELY DISTORTED AND FULL OF PARTIAL TRUTHS.** But the stories need to be told and the abusers need to be prosecuted. I'm sure there are many who don't believe this, but we want abusers to be prosecuted.

We hired Pat Hendrix to create and lead an independent investigation process. **BRIAN, DID YOU KNOW IHART WAS NOT INDEPENDENT WHEN YOU WROTE THIS AND OTHER SIMILAR LETTERS TO SURVIVORS? AT SOME POINT YOU *HAD TO KNOW* SO WHY IS IT THAT IN OVER 10 YEARS SINCE YOU WROTE THIS YOU'VE *NEVER* CORRECTED THE RECORD? IF *YOU* WERE DECEIVED THEN SPEAK OUT... OTHERWISE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE "PARTICIPATING" IN A CONSPIRACY!**

She has complete access to our records. She and her team vet and choose investigators. Those investigators answer to her, not to us. She is the one who will compile the final report of an investigation and she is the one who will choose the panel to make recommendations based on the final report. Any concerns or questions about any of the investigations may be directed to Pat Hendrix at pat.mkguardian@gmail.com. Some recent events you may be interested in knowing about are:

May 2011 – Pat Hendrix, independent investigations coordinator, announced that the Independent Historical Abuse Review Team (IHART) named its first

investigative team. Its task is to investigate historical reports of child abuse at NTM's school at Vianopolis, Brazil.

Sept 2011 – IHART received all of NTM's files on historical child abuse cases in Bolivia, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Mexico, Venezuela and Panama. Investigations were slated to begin as investigators were in place. Experienced investigators were being recruited, interviewed and oriented.

Dec 2011 - IHART named its second investigative team. This team is investigating historical reports of child abuse at NTM's school at Tambo, Bolivia. Over the next few weeks the team began receiving information and orientation and met with each other. The team began contacting survivors the week of January 1, 2012.

Jan 2012 – 1) Investigators began reviewing historical and general information from Vianopolis school and field records. The team began conducting follow-up interviews with identified survivors and those wishing to provide information to the team. 2) IHART named its third investigative team. This team is investigating historic reports of child abuse at NTM's school in Panama. **THAT ONE IN PANAMA WASN'T COMPLETED UNTIL 2016! WELL, THE FIRST ONE FOR PANAMA WAS DONE BY Pii AND IT WAS READY IN 2014 BUT NTM GOT COLD FEET AND DID AN INTERESTING "INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR" SWAP AND THEN PRONOUNCED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE DELAYED.**

Is NTM the same today as it was 20 years ago? I pray to God that it isn't. God may choose to close down NTM. God may choose to allow NTM to continue to exist. We don't know what the future may be but we want to act in a way that reflects His character. **THE PUBLIC RECORD SHOWS THAT YOU EXECUTIVES DID THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU WROTE HERE. IT SEEMS LIKE YOU OWE A LOT OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING GOD) A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR WHAT YOU EXECUTIVES ACTUALLY DID AS OPPOSED TO WHAT YOU LED US TO BELIEVE.**

Since the mid 90's, NTM has continued to establish and strengthen child protection policies and procedures. This has not happened at all locations at the same rate, and although just one incident of abuse is one too many, statistics show that the incidence of child abuse dropped off dramatically in the mid 90's. Our training programs teach prevention and accountability. Our screening

procedures have improved dramatically. Our educational emphasis in our mission, including home schooling, day schools and our few remaining boarding home programs are focused on what is best for each individual child, not what is best for “the work.” We cannot undo the past, but our watchwords in the area of abuse must be – “Never Again.”

I pray that NTM will demonstrate the fruits of genuine repentance. If we don't, I pray that God removes us quickly. **WE DO NOT PRETEND TO KNOW WHY GOD ALLOWED YOU EXECUTIVES TO CARRY ON AND EVEN EXPAND THE COVER-UPS OF PAST CHILD ABUSE COVER-UPS THAT YOU TOLD US YOU WOULD PURGE FROM NTM SO MANY YEARS AGO.**

WE DO KNOW THIS MUCH... EVERY LIE FROM CEO LARRY BROWN ON DOWN THE LEADERSHIP RANKS IS ABOUT TO BE REVEALED.

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