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Christopher Alan Smith

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Copy sent to Frank Houston.

Dear John,

Last year during a Crusade here it was brought to the attention of Kevin and D'Anne Mufford on an altar call that a high profile figure in the A.S.G. had been involved in a paedophile incident 30 years ago in a Sydney home. It was the mother of the victim who revealed it although the victim requested it not be revealed. He (the victim) found it hard to listen to the perpetrator's praises being sung by the mother who held the perpetrator in high regard.

you will remember I am sure that Kevin asked me to accompany him to see you and ask what he ethically and morally should do in this case. As we did not feel free to reveal the perpetrator's name at that time you told us to be led by the Lord as to the way we handle it. You also suggested we go to Brian Houston and we said we didn't feel we could do that.

Since that time I have written to the perpetrator to ask him to meet the victim with a view of ministering healing to both. The perpetrator at first had convenient amnesia, saying "if he had done anything out of place he was sorry. All this was done by phone. I rang to try to get a meeting. The perpetrator said he had to go overseas...another wait...rang again...perpetrator had to go overseas again...another...rings. The rang in anger and I said we were angry too...another wait for the conference. The perpetrator rang the victim this week saying he had shed "buckets of tears" and apologised for the incident. He at first tried to trivialise the incident but has amplified it on the phone. Not one of us that work of this think that this man will ever seek healing for himself or acknowledge any responsibility for the awful pain he has caused the victim.

At the moment the victim is as he expresses it "sick to the gut of his stomach" with the whole matter and can't understand how God can bless a man who has damaged and live this. He said he wants to put the matter on hold at the moment for he is too upset to continue with anything at the moment and he is affected is angry. I have told him the Holy Spirit will help him forgive the perpetrator. At the moment he is disgusted and reviled at the remembrance of the event.

I have done my best to try to bring about a happening where the Holy Spirit would be a power to minister to both. That has not happened.

I wanted you to know we did not just sit on the matter and have tried unsuccessfully to bring this matter to some sort of conclusion. Progress made is that now the church can talk about the incident to some degree and that the perpetrator has acknowledged he did behave with a seven year old boy in such a way as would have him classified as if we consider the Lord has now delivered what an paedophile.

Your co-worker in Christ  
Barbara Taylor

P.C. Copy sent to perpetrator