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Dear Sister BCG

Your letter of December 19, 1995 has just been received in our office. We were saddened to hear of the very serious circumstances which you outline in your correspondence. In response, we have made enquiries into the matters you raised from the brothers who handled the situation.

We are sure you have appreciated Jehovah's loving attention to your situation in various *Watchtower* articles to help victims of child abuse. You will no doubt also very much appreciate the article in *The Watchtower* April 1, 1996, with the theme, "Always Throw Your Burden On Jehovah." You can be confident that Jehovah knows the truth about every matter and considers you precious, especially as you are using your life to worship him. He is not insensitive to what you have gone through. The heart warming prayer of David is appropriate where he entreated Jehovah to preserve his tears in his "skin bottle." As David had confidence that Jehovah would not overlook the extreme suffering that he had experienced, you can have the same trust. (Ps. 56:1, 5, 8, 11) As you correctly say, you were victimised, just as someone who was raped. However, in Jehovah's sight, you are viewed as one who is loved and spiritually clean.

We note your reasons for concern that your father may have been reinstated prematurely. As mentioned, we will follow through on the points you have raised. By continuing to keep active in Jehovah's service and close to him, you will be assisted to cope with your emotional wounds so that these do not dominate your thinking. With Jehovah's help and your own efforts, you can look forward to the new world of peace. Even now, you will continue to be able to have the "peace of God that excels all thought."—Philippians 4:6-9.

Do not overlook the help that can come from those who have been appointed to oversight in the congregation. (Isa. 32:1, 2) Be assured of our prayers on your behalf to the end that you will continue to rely on the strength "beyond what is normal" from Jehovah. (2 Cor. 4:7) With our letter we are pleased to send an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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Mareeba Congregation

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Dear Brothers: We are sending you a copy of Sister BCG letter. Could we please have your comments on the specific points she makes with regard to the reinstatement of her father. If, as she states, he has never apologised to her, we wonder about the basis for reinstating him into the Christian congregation. Kindly reassure Sister BCG your desire to support her. Thank You. We send our warm Christian love and greetings.

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