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Dear Brothers,

I am writing about some concerns that I have about my father -BCH. I am concerned that he may still have contact with young children in his congregation and they may be in danger of being abused by him. I am sure not many in his congregation are aware of his attitude toward pedophilia and may unknowingly expose their children to risk. As you are most probably aware, he has had a long history of abusing children - starting with myself when I was very young (1972), and even though, after learning the truth from the bible, and bringing his life into harmony with it for a time, he later allowed himself to other incidents. Again, some time after in 1978, at a convention, he behaved indecently toward me. Then, in 1988, he abused my sister BCG and at around that time, also my sister BCL.

It has become very obvious to me that he does not think he has done anything wrong and on several occasions has expressed that he was wrongly disfellowshipped. He has in the past been very misleading spiritually with myself, misquoting scriptures to suit his own ends giving no concern to the effect on others (even though, it’s because of him that I have come to know and love Jehovah) - including myself. I feel no animosity toward him and have searched for signs of humility and true sorrow and regret over what he has done - but I have not found any. In the years since he left my mother with all of the children, he has been under obligation to pay maintenance for the children, but he hardly paid what was owed to my mother. (It was never on time or the correct amount and only sent after my mother phoned to ask for it) This issue over paying the maintenance for his children disgusted me and it made me ask the question “Is this evidence of someone who is truly sorry for all the heartache he has caused his children. Is he really repentant?” I felt it difficult to see any repentance especially when I saw he had bought himself a new car. I would love to have a proper father/daughter relationship with him, but after writing to him for about a year, and having some telephone conversations, I felt compelled to cut my contact with him, for my own spiritual health. This was because he continued to express the same attitude that he was spiritually strong, was enjoying privileges, (like having a book study group at his home, having the circuit overseer and his wife as a guest, that he was studying the bible with others etc) and he was known and loved in the congregation and he was innocent of the charges that he was disfellowshipped for.
I feel very concerned that if something were to happen again to another child, besides the hurt and pain they would go through personally, Jehovah's name and his reputation and that of his organization would be damaged because my father had been reinstated. (Even though he has stood by the statement that he has done nothing wrong.) Saying that on many occasions "it's all in her head" about BCG's abuse - My brother will support this statement, because I recently had the opportunity to speak to him about this matter. I know that Jehovah hates child abuse and that Jehovah's organization does not tolerate it in any fashion, but that there is room for mercy for someone who is truly repentant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about this matter if you need clarification of anything I have mentioned in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

BCK