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Dear Pastor, Church and All Supporters;

An open letter to all Supporters, individuals, churches and or interested parties:

Pr 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

Pr 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pr 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pr 6:19 *A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 22:10 *Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

This letter is being written after days of prayer and consideration for the ‘work’s sake’ it is not a target nor aim to defame, attack, or single any one out....However, as any pastor has a duty to guard the sheep of which, he is placed as a (under shepherd), by the same token, Paul took his missionary vocation seriously, and so do I.

After near thirty-five years of mission work, many mistakes, heartaches, having suffered bodily, being imprisoned, stranded, beaten, stoned, attacked, sick unto death, abandoned and even left for dead, I feel that I know a (little) something about mission work and the challenges that go with it.

I will not consume much of your time with this letter, however it will be pointed, and definitive. I will state my position and would ask that you (if a supporter) respect this and follow suite.

Firstly, I do not try to dictate to any Pastor and or church they shepherd, if there are ‘church problems’ and there always are, that is the job of that pastor to work through and sort out. How many churches have experienced divisions over the years, because another pastor was being ‘solicited’ for advice, counsel, and or action?

How many mission works have been spoiled, and shame brought because of some 'other' ideas, to do and handle the work. The older generation had enough sense to 'respect' for the most part and either submit or walk away, this is not the case now.

I will not go into all the details nor is it necessary, it's not important for you to know all the details but it is import for you to know my position.

Secondly, this mission work (that I do) is under the Authority of Providence Baptist Church, of Henderson, TX. Of whom the pastor (my pastor) is Elder Steve Fulton. Many of you may know him, of him, or read some of his comments over the months, years regarding my problems in the work, and challenges I face.

This work, of which, I am engaged is known as the Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission of PNG / Malawi; that door is not closed either!

My home church voted to give me Authority as a missionary to be led by the H.S. in preaching the Gospel, Baptizing those who believe, and Organizing local churches. Whatever you position on how a local church is to be constituted is not at question here nor the issue.

As long as I am here as the non-indigenous missionary to this field and have valid 'authority' from my home church I am the one whom GOD has placed in charge of this work/ field. Any person, and or church from the USA, whom may have or continues to support a local pastor here in PNG, that is your prerogative, however, [IF] that pastor claims 'fellowship' within the mission work that I am involved in, that in turn puts a strain on the mission work, meaning (jealously and contention) has been birthed and I am supposed to sort out the 'collateral damage'.

I have had constant turmoil in the work here since 2017, mostly due to the strong preaching and hard doctrinal position. There have been numerous meetings that I have been summoned to by local pastors which, were no more than a complaint session.

I would politely ask that if you (whomever) you are communicating with any pastor, preacher, or church member from within our mission work, I would ask that either you include me immediately or halt the process immediately.

A constant turmoil and undercurrent has continued for the past three years and a lot of this has to do with some external support and communications from some within PNG to 'some' in the USA.

My former pastor Elder Rick Perdue had/has some wisdom, in as much as when I was working within Malawi Africa and disgruntled local pastors would contact Bro. Perdue, he would in turn send me a copy of their letter, his response, and then revert them back to me with the understanding that I was there as the missionary and they needed to go to me. This ended most -second hand information and gossip.

The division in the Malawi mission work came when my advice was ignored, and 'another' came to assist me in the mission work. This resulted in a devastating blow and the work never fully recovered. Two Authorities cannot govern one mission field, with two missionaries who are members of different bodies.

There is a young man here whom was voted by the local church in Mt. Hagen to be their pastor, I will not mention names but those who are familiar with the work and reports, letters etc. will know of whom I speak.

He has continued to communicate with 'some' in the US against my instructions, and this in turn has caused much strife. I have also contacted those 'same' parties on the US side and asked that they refrain from such except that I be included or halt the process. Some have honoured this, but the process continues. False reports have been given out, solicitation for funding has been pursued against my teachings and instructions.

I was taught, do teach, and embrace the practice that we as GOD'S men, people are to pray, relay and wait upon the LORD to sustain and supply our needs. There is much I can say, and much I can tell; however, this is not a report, rather a 'open letter'.

I ask that if the contents of this letter has touched some part of where you are involved, may you consider the actions, consequences and accountability of such, should my request be ignored, I will have no other option but to break fellowship with those (whom) are causing division and contention within our mission work.

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