

Dear brother Kerry,

I am glad that you offered a further account of the story concerning the problems in South America with the differing publications. I hadn't heard the whole story and a certain impression registered within me. But having been furnished by you the salient details and facts the picture has now become clearer. Any time pertinent facts are left out of a given report, that report becomes skewed, and is therefore untrustworthy. I always appreciate hearing an entire story in order to determine the truth of a given situation.

I wish to take note of your first and last paragraphs below concerning S. America, and comment.

*The CBs wish to imply that the co-workers caused unrest among the churches by taking a stand on one publication. But in supporting their claim, are the CBs relaying the whole truth, or are they conveniently ignoring some important facts?*

*The CBs are true to form in hiding an important part of the story about publications among us. They conveniently pick up their narrative with what the co-workers have done and conveniently ignore what was going on before the co-workers acted. If you believe them, all was peaceful in the Lord's recovery until the co-workers did something. But how trustworthy are the CBs if they exclude from their account the obvious confusion and pain which existed among the saints before the co-workers acted and which existed because of differing publications.*

Brother Kerry, I ask you sincerely, do you believe in relaying the whole truth? We currently are involved in a lawsuit because of very careless individuals who don't take care of the truth even though they have had sufficient opportunity to read, research, and repent for their gross error of the inclusion of the local churches in their book. These are not ones who relay the truth.

But *we* must be in everything we say or write.

As a rather important aside, before coming back to my question to you, I have become more or less friends with a vice president at Harvest House, having stopped in for a visit and having had four phone conversations and having exchanged a couple of emails. I told her, as I told Stan Tillman one of their attorneys, a couple of years ago, that they are actually wrong to include the local churches in their book. I encouraged them as dear saints to visit the churches and get to know the saints, even the leading ones who are involved in the litigation, then see how they felt about having us in *ENCR*. Our conversations (referring to both of them), were quite loving and communications were very good, as we held a high mutual respect for one another in the Lord in addressing problems. Mary said recently, "if we have misrepresented the local churches in any way, we should remove the references to them from the book."

She was quite surprised by the Fuller findings, Christianity Today's assessments, and the Bible Answer Man's comments, which all supply appropriate commendations of the ministry, Witness Lee, and the local churches. I told her, this is why thorough research and investigation is necessary. Because some believers outside the churches were able to dig out the facts, they have saved themselves and they are able to save others. Save from what? Save from bearing false witness, a common occurrence when there is a lack of diligence to research and investigate.

Have you ever borne false witness Kerry? Did anyone involved with Living Stream over the years ever bear false witness before the Lord and the churches? The Lord is no respecter of persons. Have you at some time stepped forth to represent someone yet "conveniently left out

important facts", perhaps according to your bias and the prevailing mentality that surrounded you and not according to thorough thoughtful research? Can you become objective and consider this?

Brother, I do believe you *have* borne false witness, and I am prepared to share my findings with you. Are you willing to repent if you are found to be wrong in your representation of another man? Mary Cooper and Harvest House should just repent, as should the authors. I believe that Mary Cooper has had sufficient exposure to the writings of Witness Lee and that she has sufficient understanding now of the character of the saints in the churches. Perhaps it is pride now that keeps her and others at HH from repenting. It could be, Kerry, that in the situation I refer to concerning you, that no bias was acted upon and that you didn't conveniently leave out facts. It could be that you didn't even know the facts! But upon learning the facts, could you then relay the truth to others?

**In this current atmosphere of litigation and the tenacious holding to the fire a publishing house and two authors for their roles of defamation against us, I am moved by the Lord to submit to you a far more serious case of defamation that far exceeds the other in libelous content, injury, and need to address.**

Kerry, can you open with me to the Lord and consider the facts of our history, even that which has been "*conveniently ignored*" by our leadership for many years? Although you are intent upon the one publication matter, I am looking at this atmosphere of litigation as the opportune time for our leadership to objectively view themselves in the light of facts concerning our own case of defamatory injustice in the local churches.....