



GODLY RESPONSE TO ABUSE IN THE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

ABWE Investigation Update – July 31, 2011

On May 31, 2011, GRACE and ABWE finalized and executed an investigation agreement. Per the agreement, GRACE will conduct an independent investigation of the abuse issues related to Donn Ketcham and how such issues were handled by ABWE. During the coming months, GRACE will make every effort to provide ABWE and the MK's with regular updates as to the general status of the investigation. Please feel free to share these updates with all who have expressed interest and concern regarding the issues related to this investigation.

The process is now underway, and GRACE has informed ABWE it has selected a lead investigator by the name of Stephanie Smith. Stephanie is experienced in child abuse issues, including reviewing and prosecuting many investigations of child abuse in a Midwest prosecutor's office. She made her first visit to ABWE on July 12-13, 2011. ABWE staff has begun to provide documents requested by GRACE, including a partial list of individuals who were present in Bangladesh during Donn Ketcham's time. Other requested materials are being compiled and sent from the Bangladesh field. The compilation and review of materials will be an ongoing process of this investigation.

In the coming weeks, GRACE will begin sending out questionnaires to ascertain who may have relevant information they wish to share. Once these questionnaires have been reviewed, the GRACE team will begin scheduling a series of interviews with MKs, their families, ABWE staff and any others who worked on the mission field with Donn Ketcham.

We continue to be grateful for your prayers as this investigation presses forward. It remains our prayer that the work of GRACE will continue to justify the confidence that has been placed upon us.