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Bruce D. Hales
Sydney
Australia

RE: the Diale situation in Jamaica and other cases

Dear Mr Hales,

Having unexpectedly found myself outside of the PBCC fellowship, and prohibited from caring for the brethren inside, I have now turned my attention to those without.

Like myself, many find themselves out of fellowship without understanding why they found no hand of grace extended ready to grasp theirs. As you may know, some even then face attacks from the brethren.

Cases in which I have taken an interest include the Diales (Jamaica and Trinidad), the DeSeyns (Neche), and Jilly Moxham (Whangarei) – as per my enclosed communications with your brother Daniel, these matters remain outstanding.

I enclose more detail pertaining to the Diales who, while in a desperate situation, I have found to be open, honest and ready for help. The elder Mr Diale has recently died, in addition to the tragic drowning of their daughter. I think the Jamaican brethren will witness that the family conducted themselves well at the graveside service.

Regarding this family I have enlisted the assistance of Sydney Ward of Montego Bay, a well-known member of the Jamaican community (despite being a member of the PBCC he held a record as the island's fastest runner, long before the emergence of Usain Bolt.) He was excommunicated in 1988 and is now 58 years of age, ably supported by his wife Mauvalette.

Having familiarised myself with the situation, I fully support Sydney's suggestion that he takes on the task of uplifting the Diale family. His proposal is to open a new hardware-supply operation replicating his current model in Montego Bay, and thereby provide employment and opportunity for the various family members in need.

This project requires USD\$300,000 in capital.

Whilst not necessarily expecting support from the PBCC, your assistance would surely be an honourable gesture in view of the prominent role played by the church in creating the current situation.

The Diales are prepared to be held accountable to Sydney in this, and he of course would be personally invested to guard against financial mismanagement or impropriety. Further oversight could be provided by you, your nominees, or myself, as you prefer.

In addition to this project, you will see from the attached financial summary our assessment that a gift of USD\$900,000 to the whole Diale family would suffice to a) compensate the Diales for the heavy personal cost of their transition from South Africa to the Caribbean, and; b) provide them a platform from which they can live a comfortable and happy life hereafter.

I have met others such as Romulus Desai who are able to draw on financial support from the brethren for their ongoing needs – despite a similar background of transplacement and excommunication. I understand there is less resource in the Caribbean than in Auckland – hence my appeal to you.

Although some did turn against us later, Deborah and I always found that the poor of the PBCC community deeply appreciated our unconditional support in their ‘rainy days’. And now, having witnessed and lived amongst the poverty of Trinidad and Jamaica, I know that a little money here goes a long way.

Imagine the suffering you could alleviate, Bruce, if you were to allocate just a little of the wealth you control to this cause. I feel bold in making the suggestion, knowing as do you of the many contributions I myself made to that wealth over many years.

On another note, I have been advised of letters mentioning my name which have been read out in assemblies and publicly assented to, both in the UK and in Australia. In the name of common decency and law, I request to know the contents of these letters.

I am becoming increasingly heartbroken to discover more and more lovely people out here who have been excommunicated for petty and venal reasons, including outright falsehoods, since 2002.

I have spoken with Lindy Jacomb (nee Simmons) who is now a pastor and as bright and lovely a person as one can imagine. As you know, she was cut off from her family at 19 years of age because she enquired about the basis of certain PBCC doctrines (first privately, then publicly; see letter attached). She has waited 11 years for your reply. Scripture records that Jesus responded quite differently to those with questions.

I have spoken also with her brother Braden Simmons, whom you assailed in ministry in 2015 – because he obeyed the urging of the brethren (with direct involvement from your family) to travel to Europe. Quite aside from the unusual nature of your ministry advocating suicide, the brethren in Auckland will testify that the basis for your comments was largely incorrect. In addition, although your comments were removed from the bound volumes – a plain admission of error – you declined to avail yourself of at least two opportunities to quietly right the matter in private.

Bruce, the time for rightness, restitution and reconciliation is now, while as many as possible remain alive, and can experience the justice that was denied to my parents and so many others.

The truth will prevail – either in your time or after it. I pray you choose the former.

Yours Sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Diale Family Financial Assistance Summary

Name	Attribution	Value (USD)	Totals (USD)
Mrs Winnie Diale (Jamaica)	10 year Medical Care (treatment: diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic depression, hypertension)	\$22,000	
	Home comforts	\$27,000	
	Subtotal		\$49,000
Freddie Diale (Trinidad)	Financial compensation (unjustified dismissal from Westco)	\$80,000	
	Support for children, especially Zidane	\$12,500	
	New house	\$63,000	
	Subtotal		\$155,500
Mesheck Diale (Jamaica)	Financial support for wife and 2 children still in fellowship (10 year plan)	\$25,000	
	Business investment (land and new building)	\$65,000	
	Toyota Hiace wagon for business deliveries	\$18,250	
	Housing: proposal is to sell his current house and split proceeds with his wife which should give him the funds to buy a new house	\$0	
	Subtotal		\$108,250
Shadrack Diale (Trinidad)	New House	\$63,000	
	Subtotal		\$63,000
Teresa Diale (Jamaica)	Acquire full ownership of house currently owned by parents	\$21,000	
	Vehicle (includes to care for mother, and to get to work)	\$18,750	
	House improvements (to restore to level of comfort enjoyed in S.A.)	\$27,000	
	Subtotal		\$66,750
Nicholas Diale (Jamaica)	New house	\$68,000	
	New work vehicle (taxi)	\$15,000	
	Subtotal		\$83,000
Alfred (Ali) Diale (Jamaica)	New house in Montego Bay	\$63,000	
	Work permit (next 10 years)	\$10,500	
	Passport	\$500	
	Subtotal		\$74,000
Entire Family	Investment in Stanley Ward's business to generate employment and opportunity (plan to follow)	\$300,000	
	Subtotal		\$300,000
TOTAL			\$899,500