

Abuse Crisis in the Ministry

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Our Dear Friends, Workers and Overseers,

We have had many stories entrusted to us regarding the varied abuses that are endured by our workers. With these stories we have felt a compulsion and a measure of responsibility to bring awareness to many that likely don't have an idea of what actually goes on in the "worker world" because it has been hidden to maintain an appearance of perfection. We collectively believe that awareness will help all of us in becoming more vigilant gatekeepers, especially for the most vulnerable workers. Some of these stories will cut your heart like a knife, we know it has ours, as each one has been brave enough to come forward. So many of these folks' scars will never be diminished until they are safe in the arms of God on the shores of eternity. May we all be filled with a heart of compassion and a spirit of Christ as we read each one. Please also know, if you are suffering in the ministry, or have suffered, you will be heard and believed by so many of us that care, please reach out to trusted friends and there will be resources to assist you, a confidential email is available to any who may need assistance Ahandheldout@gmail.com where friends can be contacted.

Sending love and care from concerned Elders, wives, and friends that love and care about those who have been and are in the ministry.

WINGS Note: The pdf document below has stories from 13 workers of abuse within the ministry. The primary focus of WINGS is Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) but these stories illustrate the unhealthy attitudes within the ministry that have allowed CSA to be hidden, minimised and badly managed.