

# CSA Coverup in Ecuador

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This is Judy Habner I was direct involvement exposing CSA issues these past 11 months in Ecuador.

The facts are:

Twenty years ago a man name [TP] sexually abused his daughter many times. His professing wife [B] left him because of these CSA on her daughter. Two older brothers in Ecuador LeRoy Lerwick and Max Bowman encouraged her to forgive him and then return to her husband.

She submitted to the oldest workers advice and returned home. After sometime [TP]. professed and [B] told me that during this time he abused her emotionally and mentally.

It was also at this time he became an Elder with Sunday morning meeting in his home.

Two years ago [TP] continued to Sexually Abuse some of his own family members all children.

Three brother workers in Ecuador Jim Price, Richard Harbur and Scott Porter knew all about

this and did nothing but cover it up from the friends in the area, and the people in the community. The only thing these brothers did was take away his privilege of guiding the meeting in his home as the elder BUT [TP] was still allowed to having meeting in his home and partake of the emblems for 2 years. I was present at his house when he partook of the emblems and I didn't know the evil that he has done. That day was my first time to be at his house in 32 years since I professed.

While I was in Ecuador in August 2022 the wife [B] was under deep distress and I asked her why you are so sad? She told me the nightmare that she was living in and asked me to help her talk to the friends and let them know she did not want to have Sunday Morning Meeting in her home any more.

The people in the San Jose area where all this happened knew of [TP]'s abuses and that he had a meeting in his home and they called him of the Devil, and the people who came to his home are also of the devil. I told [B] that it was necessary to write a letter to all in the Sunday morning meeting letting everyone know what she wanted and to expose [TP]'s CSA issues to protect other children in the community and among the fellowship, many of the friends didn't know what's going on just they hear "rumors" about it . Workers never talk to anybody about what was going on.

Before I comforted [TP] I called Lealand Broughton the responsible brother over South America and asked him: "Why have you allowed him to have meeting in his home? " Lealand told me: "You don't have the spirit of the Lamb to deal with this issue".

Lealand advice was to talk to one elder nearby and if he agree taken the meeting is ok to take away the meeting. Then he advised another elder to talk to Jim Price and if he agreed also then the meeting was to be taken out of [TP]'s home.

I heard the conversation when Jim Price said to the Elder over the phone: "Is there something new?"

This is a little thing that happened 20-years ago, and again 8-years ago and we know all about it ".  
is there something new?

The Elder told Jim: If I had known this before I would of never guided the meeting in his Home. Jim Price then agreed to take the meeting out of [TP]'s home because [TP]'s CSA was again exposed.

On the same day Scott Porter told me that I was out of order for exposing [TP] and there would be consequences for what I was doing, and he didn't know that Lealand Broughton advice was to talk to Jim Price and an elder if both agree then ok take the meeting out from his house.

On Sunday August 24th, 2022 I confronted [TP] in his house during the Sunday Morning and [TP] denied everything and all the abuses that he committed and then I read the letter written by his wife [B] that exposed all his evil deeds towards his own family members all children at that time. Richard Harbur and Scott Porter came to Las Mercedes area just across the field from Las Mercedes convention ground and we visited there.

During the visit I had with Richard Harbur and Scott Porter, I asked them: Why have you allowed [TP] to have meeting in his home?

The answer was: "I don't know".

Then I asked Scott Porter Why did you allow him to partake of the emblems? And he said to me

"The emblems don't have feelings" at this point

Richard was upset that I exposed the abuser and he " Screamed at me for reading the letter in the meeting that was written by [B] (the wife) and this letter expose [TP]'s evil deeds ".

Richard Harbur at that time wanted to put the Sunday morning meeting back into [TP]'s home. But no one wanted to go to his house for meetings again.

I then went to the authorities to tell them the deep CSA issues in the San Jose area. When the authorities heard of these problems and heard the recording of Richard Harbur screaming at me they immediately suggested that I place a "restraining-order against Richard Harbur". This also I did as the authorities encouraged me to be very careful of the "Abuse Power" from religious leaders.

Richard Harbur was then served the "restraining-Order" from the authorities. Richard then hired two lawyers to defend himself to have the restraining-order removed. Richard also spoke to many of the friends to come support him at the court date. At the court date many friends including from Guayaquil came to defend Richard and no one addressed the real problem of CSA that Richard Harbur, Scott Porter, and Jim Price had been covering up for years. I never hired a lawyer but the Judge appointed a lawyer for me. The Judge asked Richard Harbur lawyer about the incident.

Richard Harbur lawyer asked Richard: Did you scream at Mrs Judy? And Richard replied: No.

When I heard this I could not believe he would lie before the Judge and all the witnesses. It deeply sadden my heart. The Judge asked me to speak and I said, I will keep the restraining order. The Judge decision was to keep the restraining order also and the letter will be under investigation.

The Judge then made his decision based on all he had heard and said, "The Restraining-Order" will remain.

As a result of this I was evil spoken of, gaslit, and condemned by Richard Harbur, elders in Guayaquil and by some workers on the Ecuador staff. I was also excommunicated from attending Sunday morning meeting in two Elders homes in Guayaquil Ecuador. It has deeply saddened my heart. I lost my song in my heart but I keep my Faith.

I was devastated but still I keep my Faith in God.

I was not alone as a few dear friends stood by me during this devastating time. Others have posted on Wings for the Truth, and Advocates for the Truth about these very troubling and "hidden crimes" that have been swept under the rug for years.

My husband Charlie Habner came to support me and worked remotely from Guayaquil for 2 months. His heart too was deeply sadden by the workers and friends who have covered up these most troubling "Crimes" against Children. These are not just Sins - they are CRIMES against innocent children who suffered and still suffer because of the evil that continues to be allowed. Our hearts go out to the victims and pray that God would hear their cry and give them a voice to be heard so their deep pain can begin to heal.

For the record [TP] was allowed to attend Las Mercedes Convention this past November 2022. It wasn't until this past April 2023 that [TP] was removed from attending meetings in his area because I wrote a letter to all the workers in Ecuador asking why you allowed him to continue coming to meetings?

Because that they told [TP] not to come to meetings.

Lealand Broughton knew all of this and chose to do NOTHING. There are also many other CSA issues in South America that Lealand Percy Broughton has known about for years and has done NOTHING.

It saddens my husband and I deeply that many responsible servants have bowed down to the service of men and have not fulfilled their calling to God.

All that I have mentioned above I also sent detailed emails to Ray Hoffman about these deep problems and crimes of CSA in South America and he never even wrote back once. It's like he didn't even care for the Victims. It's so sad to see no one cares about my country in Ecuador.

With a broken heart,

Judy Habner



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