

The Past and the Future after Three and a Half Years

As we remember three and a half years since the formation of the Concerned Parents Group (CPG) we want to rejoice in a major victory!!!

“Whaaat – has CTMI relented and repented?!” , you ask? No I’m afraid there is no sign of that! But we have scored a major victory (temporary at least!) over spammers on this forum! It has become part of our daily duty to nuke 10 – 20 spammers a day! Folks (mainly from Russia and the Eastern bloc) who advertise on our forum everything from shoes, bags and pharmaceuticals to computer games, porn and even passenger services for their airports! We tried pre-banning 1000’s of IP addresses secured from an anti spam website and this slowed their posting down a bit. However, the death blow was delivered by changing the questions required to register on the forum! It seems their software can cope with preloaded answers to a few questions. However now that we have about six alternative questions that are mainly bible based the spammers have disappeared! Not one since changing the questions!!! Hallelujah!

Would we have the same success if we tried changing the questions we have been putting to CTMI leaders and members for three and a half years? (Cults by nature, like spammers, relentlessly recruit and intrude) The reality seems to be that no matter how many questions are asked, cults do not go away. And they do not answer.

For three and a half years we have been asking:

- Please explain why our children alienated themselves from us after coming under your influence?
- Please explain why so many have given up valid life plans and moved to Mauritius to “serve” for next to nothing while tapping their parents for money?
- Please explain why you claim exclusive “revelation” of “this gospel” – a gospel of works where members rely on taking up **their** cross?
- Please explain why you regularly criticise other churches and have very little to do with any other believers?
- Please explain all the examples of lies, deceit, contradictions and cover ups we have exposed on this forum.
- Please explain why you arrange marriages even to the extent of marrying young members behind their parent’s back?
- Please explain the undue influence you have exercised on government officials?
- Please explain why you have consistently refused to meet with us for open discussion on these issues?
- Please explain with evidence your regular claim that our many verified allegations are just “lies and persecution”?

Unlike with spammers where there was a need to change the questions, there is absolutely no need to do so with CTMI. These questions remain absolutely valid because they remain extremely significant to any individual Christian and the body of Christ as a whole. They remain utterly pertinent in our lives as parents. **And we don’t need new questions because after three and a half years we do not yet have answers!**

We want to summarise below the issues we have faced and dealt with since doing the same on our first anniversary

The purpose is to inform new members to this forum in one post rather than having to spend hours scanning hundreds of posts. In addition, it is a good thing as those who have walked this journey for some time, to pause and remind ourselves of achievements as well as the disturbing patterns that continue in CTMI. This highlights the need for continuing praise to God and on-going dependence on Him as we persevere in raising awareness and speaking the truth in love.

Here are the main chapters since March 2009.

Phil Naessens

We were contacted by this experienced on line discernment ministry expert and tennis coach after he heard about CTMI from Pastor Bob Kraft who ministers on the professional tennis circuit. Bob shared his experience of how the champion French tennis player, Mary Pierce, had been lured to Mauritius by a “cultic group” called CTMI. Dubious recruitment methods were highlighted. All this without any CPG influence. In his research of CTMI Phil came across our website and forum. He contacted us and then interviewed a number of us on his “Theology Today” podcast. Bob Kraft posted on our forum and told his story on You Tube. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiIPmNZz40I>)

Phil analysed Miki Hardy’s youth conferences and identified the subtle and manipulative preparation for separation from families. He invited the Hardy’s onto his programme with no response. As an objective outsider not personally affected by CTMI, he also analysed Miki Hardy’s Carte Blanche interview and highlighted blatant contradictions.

Media

We became very aware of CTMI’s use of Christian media as part of their recruitment strategy. While often ridiculing “prosperity pastors” they colluded with Andre Roebert to secure programme space on **TBN**. They have lured “King”, the often mocked head of the **Nu Radio** in Mauritius into their fold. They got themselves onto **Sonshine Radio** in Perth before closing in on Alice Springs. They made offers to purchase a radio station in KZN, South Africa and claimed to have programmes on the massive **Trans World Radio** network. Miki’s articles have appeared for years in **JOY! Magazine**. They are active on **Vimeo**, broadcast live streaming on www.direct.mu and recently rejoiced that Miki’s articles were published in a **Tanzanian Christian magazine**. Their new flagship French program, **A Coeur Ouvert** goes out twice a week on Lumière du Monde TV (LMTV). The coverage is aimed at French speaking West Africa, but reaches 46 countries. All this coverage paints a glowing picture of a “normal”, active and exciting church with a dynamic and charismatic leader. Churches are then open to leadership campaigns and appeals to join the CTMI Empire.

- We have engaged in protracted engagement with Erin Georgiou – editor of **JOY! Magazine**. This included one of our father’s impassioned plea to 1000’s of SA pastors towards the end of 2011. When we last checked – Miki Hardy has not been in Joy! in 2012.

- We have also besieged local **TBN** directors as well as head office in the USA with awareness for three years. We were joined by a prominent East London journalist who had exposed TBN for “extracting” money from a certified mentally ill patient and then refusing to return it despite desperate appeals from the family concerned. TBN have fobbed us off and claimed they can find nothing wrong with CTMI (this after proven allegations of rape and cover up). However recently, when someone outside of CPG complained they thanked this person and CPG for all the awareness and informed us that Miki Hardy was being removed from TBN. We later discovered that the Hardy’s were now appearing on another of Roebert’s River Ministries’ Africa TV Channels! Tragic smoke and mirrors in the prosperity church. However, CTMI is no longer on the more popular channel.
- **Trans World Radio** officially refuted as inaccurate (i.e. lies) the claims on CTMI website by media head, Gilbert Grant, that TWR were broadcasting CTMI programmes. When we pointed this out to Grant there was the typical silence.
- **Sonshine Radio in Perth Australia** officially investigated CTMI through an independent organisation and wrote to us and apologised for broadcasting Miki and Audrey Hardy who were identified as leaders of a “fringe group to be treated with caution and scepticism”
- **Nu Radio** – responded to our communication saying they wanted to support the gospel in Mauritius. When we exposed the false gospel of Miki Hardy’s “revelation” as well as evidence of many serious allegations, “King” was silent and remains involved with CTMI.
- We engaged with **Highway Radio** in KZN who asked to meet with us but subsequently the CEO became embroiled in controversy over non payment of salaries to staff and communication ceased.
- The **Mauritian press** recently broke a story highlighting **the connection between an NGO called Laureate Trust run by a wealthy South African and PAWS**. (Most staff of PAWS are CTMI members and the CEO was appointed by Laureate trust.) The trust is supposed to exist for charity purposes alone but an insider has reported extensive and profitable land deals through this trust. The only beneficiary of charity is the CTMI affiliated PAWS. (Audrey’s SPCA type NGO in Mauritius) Evidently there is an extensive investigation into NGO’s whose numbers have boomed since legislation was passed to encourage social development in Mauritius. Many are run by foreigners who apparently are milking the laws for their own gain. This has resulted in an investigation into fraud in the ministry responsible for granting work permits and visas. A knowledgeable connection in Mauritius is keeping us abreast of these developments.

Rape

The son of a victim of repeated sexual abuse and rape by a CTMI elder who was her foster father contacted us in desperation after he became aware of what had happened to his mother years before. CPG wrote to CTMI leadership appealing for a simple apology to the victim. (That was all she was asking for after years of agony and suffering.) We received the typical silence. After repeated failed requests to leaders we sent an appeal to CTMI members and received a number of abusive and trite responses. The son then wrote to staff members of a CTMI affiliated NGO and received a request for a meeting with Miki Hardy on the same day! The son took his pastor as a witness and recorded the meeting. All who have heard the recording, including neutral believers who translated the French for us, described

Miki Hardy's treatment of this humble and earnest young Christian man as bullying, rude, arrogant and abusive.

The deed was acknowledged but dismissed as having been dealt with at the time. The victim adamantly denies the perpetrator ever acknowledging and repenting of this deed to her. Rather there was denial and the victim was rebuked by Audrey Hardy for raising the issue in a meeting with witnesses. The elder concerned was sent away to Rodrigues for a while.

While remaining silent in the face of all our correspondence, Miki Hardy typically went public in a sermon on "dealing with sin in the church" where he maintained that if a leader falls into sin it was up to the leader himself to step down if he felt led to do so. *"Is it our responsibility to sanction him? Where does that come from? Where is that in the bible?"*

CPG responded and explained from many passages exactly where it is in the bible. Again, there was no reply and, to date, still no apology to the victim.

Venues

Communication from CPG and local churches and communities have resulted in the following venues terminating their arrangements with Grace Gospel Church (GGC – the CTMI church in Durban South Africa)

- Pinetown Boys High
- Assagay Hotel
- Westville Hotel
- Pinedean Hotel
- Durban venue of a reputable national Christian organisation
- Robin Hills Scout Hall (Not finally verified – see below)

In each case CTMI leadership chose not to engage on the allegations. This was especially obvious in the case of the reputable national Christian organisation where the director offered to chair a meeting with CPG and GGC leadership. CPG welcomed this opportunity but GGC tried to meet alone with the director which he wisely refused. GGC then simply ceased communication and went back to their previous venue at the SABC. Why did they not take this opportunity to prove our allegations are "lies and persecution"?

In addition, we have raised awareness with evangelical churches where CTMI have conferences (Bulawayo, Harare, Kampala, Alice Springs) as well as in Florida USA where a "church plant" is under way. We have done the same for church plants in Johannesburg and Klerksdorp.

The Scout organisation in Gauteng thanked us for information provided after we became aware that CTMI were meeting in the scout hall in Robin Hills. While to date we do not have final confirmation – the head of scouting Gauteng informed us that it was his intention to terminate the arrangement.

Sean Semple Libel Case

Soon after a number of our children were expelled by the authorities from Mauritius, a letter written by one of them was widely distributed accusing Pastoral Therapist, Sean Semple, of malpractice and of being a fraud with false qualifications. This seemed in apparent revenge

for his going public with concerns about CTMI after he interviewed young members and parents. Sean and his professional society proved the allegations false and instead of pressing charges graciously asked for a simple apology. There was the typical non response. After a number of further attempts without response Sean warned of possible legal repercussions to protect the name of his practice. Mysteriously there was still no response!! A legal process ensued which the CTMI member (obviously under advice from leaders) ignored. The final result was that the member has paid costs of over R20,000.00.

Leadership Conferences

We have analysed a number of the reports of these frequently held conferences throughout Africa as well as Australia and Paris. CTMI's perpetual motion of special events creates excitement and highs for members almost every month! (There has been a men's followed by women's, followed by youth conference in Zimbabwe the last three months. Where does the money come from for all the flights?) Apart from the addictive emotional highs, members are reinforced in their perceptions of belonging to a vibrant, active and successful organisation.

The pattern and content of these conferences is almost identical every time.

- Local supporters and the media publicise the "international" conference along with the hype of media and promise of experiencing the privilege of hearing the TV apostle, Miki Hardy.
- The thrust of all the conferences is to inform pastors they are part of a fallen church and that they will not know success until they embrace Miki's "gospel of the cross". They are weak and on their own until they join CTMI and become part of those "founded in this gospel". They should surrender their independence and join under the apostolic anointing and five-fold ministry of CTMI. They are encouraged to imagine being part of such a large united church! Miki always aligns himself with the Apostle Paul travelling between the churches who submitted to him. Audrey usually involves herself in her self confessed "favourite topic" - appealing for funds! Gullible and untaught pastors are often in awe and are added to the list of CTMI churches!
- The reports always magnify Miki whose name is mentioned more than Christ's and emotively describe "amazing things" – usually tears and confessions.

Help and Advice

On an on-going basis we are in touch with folks who have been affected by CTMI and who ask for advice:

- Family members (sometimes parents, sometimes children, sometimes husbands, sometimes wives) who are concerned and hurting over changed relationships with their family after they joined CTMI. We have had interaction with folks from SA, USA, Zimbabwe, France, UK and Botswana.
- Ex-members who are hurting and needing guidance about joining another church and who are dealing with the aftermath of being in a high control group and who are now suspicious of all Christian leaders.

- Talks and teaching at various churches, youth groups, breakfast and community groups in order to raise awareness about warning signs to recognise any unhealthy group that departs from God's word.

Serret Missionary Blog

This is a missionary family from Australia – originally from Mauritius but sensed the call of God to return to Mauritius as missionaries with the support of their home church in Australia. We connected with the Serrets after their blog reported warnings about CTMI and hindrances they were experiencing in ministry due to the reputation of this mega church. They appealed for prayer from their supporters. They received a number of really nasty and abusive responses on their blog from CTMI supporters. ("crap", "Bullshit", "common", "What Rubbish" "get your story straight" "Serrets - Mauritius idiots", "badmouther", "just ranting for attention on his blog". "You seem to know it all, right?" "How many lives have been transformed by your great teaching?" "some idiot's blog" "waffling on about something he doesn't know about", "how successful has your gospel been?") The Serret's did not respond but CPG members however rallied in support with objective facts and questions. As usual, after attacking the messenger, these CTMI supporters slunk away silently. (The details can be seen on <http://ctmiconcernedparents.com/phpBB-3.0.5/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=965>)

Fraud and Deceit in Land Deal

It has been known ever since our children joined CTMI that the satellite church in the Durban area have been looking for land to construct a church building. This would of course prevent them moving from one venue to another as landlords became aware of their reputation. Audrey Hardy at a family camp in 2010 challenged the congregation to raise funds for land and buildings and promised rand for rand support from Mauritius.

In early 2011 it came to our attention from the seller and neighbours involved that there were issues emerging in the purchase of a sizeable property in Waterfall. These issues were as follows:

- The seller was concerned about being held to mysterious secrecy clauses
- She and the neighbours were told the purchase was for a special school for a few pupils. Very few neighbours objected to this in the rezoning application.
- The seller then discovered that all the people involved in the deal were from CTMI and that the school was a front for a cultish church. She informed the neighbours.
- The neighbours were angered at having been deceived and called a meeting to object to the rezoning.
- Only at this stage did CPG hear about this situation and were invited to address a meeting of neighbours who wanted to know more about this "church".
- The neighbours decided to go to the press with this story.
- It was then discovered by the journalist involved that the deal was processed through the deeds office at less than half of the price paid to the seller. The seller prepared an affidavit claiming forged signatures were used to defraud the receiver of revenue of transfer duties.
- After denying to the press that CTMI had anything to do with the deal, Durban CTMI leaders then called a meeting with neighbours. A resident recorded the meeting. The stated purpose was to win back confidence after all the deception which was blamed on CPG! Our children (one of whom was flown out secretly from Mauritius just for

this meeting) were paraded and gave emotive (some tearful) testimonies in favour of CTMI and against us parents. The neighbours' response was best summarised by one outspoken member who said "We are not interested in all these emotional stories. We want to know your intentions for this land. How can we believe you now when you have deceived us for over a year?"

- With help from local land deal watchdog, Lilian Develing, the neighbours then launched an appeal against the rezoning of the property based on the fact that a church is very different from a school for 15 pupils. This means that until there is a response from the provincial authority, no development is allowed on the site.
- The evidence of fraud secured by the journalist has been submitted to SARS and the Legal Society along with the seller's affidavit. After committees in these organisations reviewed the evidence they reported that investigations are under way. (We have been told that these wheels turn slowly)

One of CTMI leader's common responses has been "All this smoke is just from a few disgruntled mommies in Durban because their "adult children" made decisions they did not like". The above evidence in particular where a community has discovered similar patterns in CTMI long before any CPG involvement clearly contradicts this perception. Rather it speaks to the common dysfunctional core behind the glow that has blinded our family members.

CTMI Responses

A number of response patterns are evident in the above reports. These can be described as **Fight or Flight or Shmooze!**

We have received many **Fight** responses. No response to the issues raised – rather attack the messenger. (The nasty and foul mouthed attacks on the Serret missionary couple. The posts of Gilbert Grant, the CTMI media manager, calling us "a group bent on evil" and aligning our methods with those of the Nazi, Josef Goebbels, on their "forum". (Plus a number of other emotive and unfounded attacks) Miki Hardy's attack on the rape victim's son – "You are nothing, a nobody – a little boy who knows nothing behaving like a pagan – be careful all this will backfire on you. Take the log out of your eye! I will destroy your doctrine!" The phone call and sms one of our fathers received threatening exposure of dirty washing and describing his wife as a "psycho bitch". The attack on Sean Semple as a fraud. And then the often repeated "diabolical enemies of the cross with a veil over your eyes"; "You are bitter and lacking forgiveness", "Pharisees and Legalists" and everything we say is "Lies and Persecution") **Un-Christlike intimidation designed to threaten us into withdrawal.**

We have also received many **Flight** responses. (Miki Hardy's refusal to respond to our appeals on behalf of the rape victim. The rape accused putting down the phone when the victim called him. Gilbert Grant's refusal to respond to our exposure of lies about TWR and questions about his post. Local leadership refusing to engage when invited to do so by a national, reputable interdenominational Christian organisation. Leadership's refusal to respond to Sean Semple's offer to avoid legal action. Basil O Connell-Jones's refusal to meet with Keith Brown after Basil requested the meeting. Why? Keith refused to come alone and insisted on his wife being with him. Many examples of our children either withdrawing completely and refusing all contact or maintaining some contact but on condition that CTMI issues cannot be discussed. The many "no comment" responses to probing questions from

the media. The Hardy's refusing to reply to Phil Naessens's invitation to be interviewed on his programme. The many "I know this person – they would never do or say that" responses we have had from members. Blind avoidance. Sean Semple has written a thesis on Grace Gospel Church for his Master of Theology research. He wrote to Basil O Connell-Jones asking permission to interview some current members. There was not even the courtesy of a response.)

All designed to frustrate us into withdrawing. Perhaps hoping that ignoring us will mean we will give it all up as a waste of time? (Audrey Hardy even wrote a rare blog about sheep not having horns – an exhortation to non-response during the rape saga!)

More recently we have encountered an apparent shift to **charming schmooze!** The obvious example is the snacks and drinks invite to neighbours in the land deal with open statements on what wonderful family people they are. "We want you to feel our hearts" and free gifts of Basil's book! (Of course when that didn't work and the neighbours appealed against the rezoning anyway - they reverted to "flight".)

A recent wedding was diametrically different from the previous example of a secretive wedding without the parents' knowledge and blessing. Although the engagement was typically announced out of the blue, this time parents were introduced to the groom. They were fully involved in the wedding and, in their words, were "treated like royalty" in Mauritius. Miki has often responded to allegations with "come and visit us in Mauritius and we will show you around and you will see how we live" – knowing full well how to be charming and sincere on an exotic island. This subtly deflects from the real and serious allegations which remain unaddressed. While not wanting to question the sincerity of many good people in CTMI, former members do testify to being part of meetings where "charm and love bombing" were specifically planned as a tactic to win over strategic people.

We are truly grateful for examples of communication opening up with our children where before there was no contact due to an official "we can have nothing to do with you until you leave CPG." It is however sad to have experienced blatant and unsubtle examples of attempted manipulation – most likely instigated by leaders who are attempting to use the "restored" relationships. There have been various requests to parents to distance themselves from CPG and/or influence CPG to back off on certain issues. **Is this an attempt to divide the CPG by isolating certain key members who may fear losing the joy of new found interaction with their beloved children?**

Our response has been to say that we long to back off but cannot while all our questions and allegations to leaders for three and a half years remain unresolved. No matter how happy and appreciative we are with renewed interaction, this does not change the realities covered above in this anniversary document as well as those covered previously after one year. In the light of this reality, renewed interaction will remain incomplete and merely papers over the cracks. Please ask your leaders to truly acknowledge and repent or simply show us where we are wrong and we will rejoice and go away in peace. We refuse to cry "peace, peace when there is no peace".

Conclusion

We end this summary in the same way we did in March 2010. CPG is not going away. We know too much to turn a blind eye. We will remain vigilant for the cause of truth and

prevention of grief in families. The ball is in CTMI's court. We have always been open to meet and discuss these issues transparently. To date this has not happened. Again we ask why?

Is Miki Hardy still waiting for "peace from God" before speaking with us as he said on Carte Blanche eighteen months ago? We pray that he will consider that God has already spoken on this issue.

(Mat 5:23-24 "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.)

Our appeal to our family members and CTMI leaders remains the same. Please show us where our clearly articulated allegations are "lies and persecution" or acknowledge the wrong and genuinely repent.