

Introduction

Carte Blanche is probably South Africa's (if not Africa's) premium and longest standing investigative journalism programme. After the press and radio publicity around CTMI, the Concerned Parents Group were contacted by Carte Blanche and we agreed to their request for interviews.

Carte Blanche (CB) also requested an interview with Miki Hardy - leader of CTMI. The typical CTMI persecution complex kicked in and they nearly refused the interview. After some guarantees from CB they agreed to go ahead. To cover themselves, CTMI filmed the entire interview with their own cameras and posted this full interview on their own website.

We downloaded it.

It was Unfair!!

Their intro by Gilbert Grant (their media man) berates CB for a one sided and unbalanced show flighted on 7th February 2010. The main reason given is that just over a minute was given out of about thirteen to Miki Hardy and CTMI members. *How could only one minute out of a two hour interview be flighted?*

The truth is that there were nearly 24 hours of interviews which were distilled rather skillfully into those 13 minutes. Steve Goddard could also complain that only a minute of his two hours was flighted. Howard Silk could say the same as well as Patrick Monasie, Rajen Bablee, Keith Brown and many other parents.

CPG Response

Yes, there was more time devoted to the concerns about CTMI than their response. **However, the existence of the concerns and their serious nature was the very topic of the programme.** CB would not have chosen this topic if it were not for the concerns. CTMI is in the public eye promoting their views every week on TBN.

The main concerns were the cultish nature of CTMI and the powerful influence on members. The question "*How do you influence these young people to be here – to give up their studies...?*" was vital to this issue. His ducking of this question ("*How can we do that?*" *Laughs – "I was going to ask you that question?"*) was plain for all to see.

The programme only existed because of CTMI leadership's refusal to engage and respond to numerous official appeals from CPG and pastors in Durban. Therefore the question "*Why do you not meet with the concerned parents?*" was also extremely significant. Miki's response – "*I may do so if God gives me peace in my heart to do so*" was a very clear indication of why the concerns and allegations exist. This man (and his wife) controls CTMI and pays more attention to mystical feelings than to the word of God.

CPG is very grateful that CTMI have posted the full interview! It seems Carte Blanche was very fair leaving out many of Miki's responses to crucial questions! He should be grateful! This is because most of the answers reinforce our concerns and allegations more than any other communication available from them so far.

We will be responding one by one to the most significant answers from Miki Hardy.

What follows is an evaluation of Miki Hardy's response to the following questions:

1. **Are you the Apostle of CTMI?**
2. **Do you claim a unique revelation of the gospel?**
3. **Are you in the habit of criticizing other churches?**
4. **Do you put pressure on people to visit/move to Mauritius?**
5. **Do you instruct visitors/members to lie to customs officials to avoid mentioning CTMI when arriving in Mauritius?**
6. **Do you discourage young people from pursuing University studies?**
7. **Do you give members instructions that lead to hurt and division in families?**
8. **How do you respond to various allegations of blatant wrong doing?**
9. **Why have you not responded to repeated requests to engage with these unhappy parents and ex members?**

1. “Are you the Apostle of CTMI?”

The interviewer started by asking Miki about the leadership structures of CTMI. She mentioned that many say he is the leader and Apostle of the church.

We quote some of Miki's answers:

- *We are Church TEAM ministries international – with 100's of churches - not one person rules and reigns. There are seven of us on a committee. It can happen tomorrow that I am not on the committee. There is no structure whatsoever. We are not interested in taking over churches. Our affiliates are free to act and preach what is on their heart. They have their own websites. We have a couple of fellowships in America.*

CPG Response

We have extracted just a few of the many public comments that clearly contradict Miki's statements.

Edgewood Leaders Conference

“His (Paul’s) ministry opened the door for him to bring what He had received from God to them. Today churches are deprived, for without the foundation that type of relationship is impossible... there will always be fear, insecurity and doubts. But, when our lives are on the same foundation, we come to know each other, we go through things together, whether it’s persecution, suffering, hardship, or death. He then declares, “The good news is that it is possible... I can say that, because we are living it!!”

(CPG Comment: It certainly seems like Miki is positioning himself, like Paul, as the apostle who brings what he has received from God to the people. “Without this you pastors are deprived – come and join our team under the Apostle - then you can be like a church in the New Testament”)

“The elders of Ephesus submitted to the anointing on Paul’s life. When you build on the right foundation, God will put things right Himself... there’s nothing to fear.” Audrey (with insight into the hearts of the audience) says “The Holy Spirit is giving them the testimony in their hearts that what is being shared is the truth, it would be a shame to close the door. It would be sad for them not to walk through the door and enter into what God has in store for them.” “You are not sitting here by chance... NO! If today is your day... go through the door, and He will help you and give you the grace to build relationships with those carrying the same gospel...” He encourages them - look for those people, and to unite their hearts with them. “I know you have programs but it’s more important at this time in your life to put your programs on hold... to stop, to be ready to sit, and find time to hear from those who are already begotten in the gospel,”

(CPG Comment Blatant statement that it is our door you must walk through. We are the ones already begotten in the gospel!!!!!! Drop your independent plans and submit to those with the true gospel!)

Basil O ’ Connell-Jones (CTMI Pastor from Durban) In Botswana

Other CTMI leaders in their public teaching confirm submission to structures clearly headed by “the apostle”.

Basil, speaking in Botswana, said *"Do we remain detached and in a place where the Lord has no access to our hearts; or do we decide to submit to the elders, be broken, and serve the Lord with our entire lives? Basil ended on a powerful note, saying that if we are standing on the outside and criticising people in the church, we are still babies. We need to submit to the five-fold ministry in order to come to maturity."*

"There is only one gospel. The revelation of this gospel comes through the apostolic anointing. If there is a lack of this in the church, then we will go astray. A true apostle does not just bring the message of the cross, but a crucified life. The true gospel cannot be taught; it's a revelation."

The CTMI website describes the Apostle of the fivefold ministry *"They were submitted to the apostolic anointing on his life, which enabled him to proclaim to them the whole will of God. This confirms to us that the Apostle is a father to the churches he works with. The Apostle, as a result of the revelation he carries, the anointing over his ministry, and the example of the life he lives, brings security and stability among the people of God."*

(CPG Comment: In other words – Miki is the father of CTMI! Ask any member of CTMI – “who is your apostle”? What answer will you get?)

Miki In Joy Magazine

Miki wrote in Joy magazine *"Because of the lack of genuine Apostles, carrying the true anointing, this message is absent from the church today"*

The often repeated message that the church today is seriously lacking the true gospel! Basil O Connell Jones told local church leaders that CTMI had something they did not have – “apostolic anointing and revelation”

So who is CTMI's annointed Apostle?

Testimony of one of Big Five! (The Prophet of the Five Fold Minsitry – Peter McKenzie)

Soon I found myself, as a minister, travelling to churches in different countries and experiencing amazing prophetic manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The blessing of this ministry was clear to many, but I was alone and vulnerable! Through the grace of the Lord I met Miki Hardy and the apostolic call on his life confronted my independence and pride. I surrendered my one-man ministry and submitted my life to that authority."

He clearly is acknowledging Miki as Apostle and publicly announces submission to his authority!

We have to ask why Miki did not represent the views clearly believed and taught within CTMI in his answers to Carte Blanche??

2 - Do you claim a unique revelation of the true gospel?

We all know that this question goes to the heart of the unhealthy/cultish nature of CTMI. Their exclusive angle on truth – the “gospel of the cross” has led our children to a smug superiority and looking down on us and our churches. Lies are excused for the sake of “this gospel.” This gospel has seized their hearts in a way those outside cannot understand. In fact every concern expressed by CPG can be traced to their beliefs about “this gospel”.

Yet take a look at Miki and Marc’s response to the question about “*revelation of this gospel*” !

Miki - “Which revelation?”

Devi, (the interviewer) – “How many have you had!?”

Miki - “Every pastor would understand – the Lord speaks to Him. The Bible says “my sheep hear my voice”. It is absolutely normal to hear the voice of God.”

Devi probed how his happens – do you hear the actual voice of God? No real answer. Marc Labonte says in relation to this being special and unique

– “I don’t know where that comes from”

In response to “what is your gospel” **Miki replies** “*What is in the bible. We preach it from first to last page*”

Devi asked - “But how are you different? What is your secret? How are people drawn?”

Miki - “Every church has its own character.” We are one among thousands of churches – many are bigger than us” “Why are people drawn? – they must say”

The interviewer worked hard on probing what every member and ex member knows about “this gospel” and Miki’s “apostolic anointing and revelation”. But as can be seen above Miki weaved

a vague fog and with mock humility attempted to represent CTMI to look like any "absolutely normal" and ordinary church.

CPG Response - Extracts and Quotes in Direct and Striking Contrast

- *A new breath of life is needed, a new gospel is necessary so that Christ may lay hold of the lives of Christians to the extent that Christ becomes their priority.* (Miki's Blog 27 February)
- *"You are scared of losing people because we have something you do not have - apostolic anointing and revelation"* (Basil OC Jones to elders of a local church in Durban)
- *"The lack of the revelation of this gospel is the reason why the Church today is being fed with lies and deception. There is hardly any spiritual growth and very little maturity to discern what is being preached."* (Miki Hardy - Joy magazine)
- *"I am convinced in my heart that there are thousands upon thousands of Christians who are waiting to hear something that will feed their spirit, even if there is a price to pay. They must be **sick and tired of hearing a gospel that has no power to change their lives.** (CPG - we have heard our children quote these exact words so many times!!!) *Christians are hungry and thirsty for the true gospel.*" (Miki Hardy Joy Magazine)*
- *"Yet today many Christians are falling apart, being destroyed, because they do not hear the right Gospel enough. As a result they backslide and leave the church. Because of the lack of genuine Apostles, carrying the true anointing, **this message is absent from the church today**" (Wow - truth is completely absent outside of CTMI!!!!!!? And clearly he is the Apostle with true anointing) (Miki Hardy Joy Magazine)*

And this is why so many young people, sick of hearing powerless gospels which change no one, (CPG there it is again!) are so excited when they hear the truth being shared by Miki Hardy, Basil O' Connell Jones and other CTMI leaders. People who make decisions according to principles and worldly wisdom won't understand our choices sometimes." (Rachel Gillon Blog)

- *The judgements of God upon the nations will increase in power and number. His judgement is also coming upon His church and will affect the pastors of many churches. The Lord has revealed the powerful gospel of the cross to us. (CPG - No!! It is revealed in scripture for everyone!!) He is now calling us to be a voice, firstly to warn pastors about the dangers of persisting in many deceiving doctrines and practices, and secondly to make known the fact that the preaching of the cross is the ONLY power to save **the church** from a great falling away.*

*Only God knows who will accept and who will reject this warning. The Holy Spirit will draw **many Christians** to the true gospel, and He will bring them to green pastures and deliver them from their bondages. (CPG - No! Paul taught that the gospel is the power of God for salvation of the lost!) Many who have backslidden will also join the church and it will be a time of restoration for those who have been far from the Lord. We will have to be ready to meet the needs of this incoming crowd. (Miki Hardy – CTMI website – 14 April 2010.)*

(CPG – Possibly the most blatant statement we have come across revealing belief in the special revelation of the gospel to CTMI alone! CTMI is called to restore NOT a lost world of sinners – but THE CHURCH! And the only way to do it is to come to their “green pastures”! **VERY different from the “we are one in 1000”s” and “every pastor out there will understand” positioning in Carte Blanche interview)**

Again Miki – May we ask why were your answers to Carte Blanche so contrary to what everyone knows?

And CTMI Members surely you can see this? You know the “gospel of the cross” is mentioned in almost every sermon and communication. How do you respond to Miki painting such a starkly different picture???

3 - Criticising Other Churches

Devi – It is an allegation that you preach against other churches? Is this true?

Miki - I can only say that this is unreasonable. Our website has hundreds of messages registered on there. Any person can download these messages anytime and hear what is our heart and how our desire is that every Christian loves Jesus with all their hearts.

Devi - Because it would be unchristian to preach against other churches surely?

Miki – (With a shrug and open hands!) Absolutely – Absolutely!

CPG Response

OK, so when we go to web messages, newsletters, blogs and Joy Magazine Articles we find the following:

- *The church at large is not interested in this gospel of the cross which is the foundation of Christianity" (Miki's blog)*
- *"I am distressed about the state of the Church today. Sin abounds and many Christians are discouraged, empty, and walking in defeat. The Church today no longer puts up with sound doctrine. It has rejected the truth and turned aside to myths. Many preachers today are deceiving Christians with fables and false teachings. They make empty promises that God will shower His blessings on them if they just follow techniques. These preachers only want to make Christians feel happy, so they tell them what they want to hear. But many Christians are in a desperate state. So I ask the question: Where is the Church going?" (Miki Joy Magazine)*
- *"There are more unbelievers in the church today than in the world" (Basil OC Jones at Stuart Brown memorial service)*
- *"The church today is so full of the world, compromise and sin, not to mention that the gospel being preached is in most cases, either motivational speaking, pure heresy or dead sermons!!" (BOCJ - again effectively writing off "most" of the bride of Christ)*
- *"The lack of the revelation of this gospel is the reason why the Church today is being fed with lies and deception. There is hardly any spiritual growth and very little maturity to discern what is being preached." (Miki Hardy - Joy magazine)*
- *"When we look at the state of the church today, it's no wonder that Christians are so disillusioned and that many have lost all hope and faith in the church." (BOCJ Blog)*
- *"The church has heard and is hearing a gospel that is so watered down, compromised and mixed with the flavour of this world's system that its hard to distinguish what is of the church and what is of the world. This mixture is what we have in the church today" (Miki – Joy Magazine)*

CPG Response to these accusations

The bible is clear that there will always be those who claim to be believers who "let the side down" with behaviour and doctrine that does not align with the truth of Christ as revealed in scripture. So there is a sense in which the above allegations have elements of truth. There are indeed many unhealthy churches that have strayed far from biblical roots in doctrine and practice.

CTMI (and all cults) however, make the error of repeated, broad sweeping allegations without discernment and discrimination. (The biblical Apostles always exposed error with specifics) CTMI leaders do this while simultaneously claiming exclusive ownership of "the right truth" by revelation to Miki Hardy. This leads our family members to smugly and proudly write off and look down on churches, pastors and believers widely recognized and respected as healthy! Even to the extent of cutting off and rejecting relationship with parents actively involved in such healthy churches.

Miki asked in the interview *"Upon what authority do people allege we are a cult?"*

All cult researchers include in their identification marks:

- Exclusive insight into truth while knocking all others
- Deceitfulness - "the end justifies the means".

It brings us no joy to have shown above that Miki's denial that he and his fellow leaders and members do not criticize the church - is a lie.

4 - Why Do You Always Invite folks to Mauritius?

Devi - People tell us that they were told they must come to Mauritius to hear Miki and the true gospel.

Miki – I wonder where that comes from? Let me tell you - if there is one thing we want to bring forward it is freedom. People have freedom of heart to come. If people have a desire to visit what right do I have to say no. It is totally the freedom of the person to decide. We are not seeking for people to come here. That is not real – it is unreasonable to say that. It is absolutely not true.

Devi - Then why do people have that idea?

Miki - Some people have an agenda – you must ask them

CPG Response

We wonder how Miki can post this response when his own members watching know this is simply not true. And there are many ex members who are incredulous at this response. Many laughed in disbelief!

And of course, why were there hundreds of young people who went to Mauritius for bible school which then changed to being labourers on the Trianon building site? Did the “desire” and “freedom of choice” for so many just fall out of the sky?

- We know of existing members who have not been to Mauritius who have stated that they have felt the pressure to go.
- Thwani Nxele testified to Carte Blanche that very soon after joining CTMI it became very clear that those “moving in the spirit” were in Mauritius. You just had to go.
- CPG parents who wrote to Miki expressing concern about their daughter were e-mailed by Miki who said he was not prepared to answer their questions but that they were welcome to come to Mauritius and “see how we live”
- Before concerns became apparent a CPG parent met Audrey Hardy briefly in SA. The very first thing she said to him was “*you must come to Mauritius, great things are happening in the Spirit*”
- In Des’s testimony on this forum she speaks of great pressure to be in Mauritius despite expressing doubt because her mother needed her. Then there were all sorts of dubious efforts to keep her there. Personal desire and freedom?
- In Di Bradford's testimony on this forum, her husband was convinced to change plans and go to Mauritius - eventually resulting in the tragic end to her marriage.

May 2019 - Ten pastors from Cape Town have been invited to the May Conference in Mauritius - all expenses paid! This after the BUILD conference in Cape Town

Miki - “We are not seeking for people to come here”

Again we are deeply grieved and concerned that our children and so many others are following a leader who so blatantly avoids telling the truth.

5. Lies to Immigration?

Devi – People have told us that when they come to Mauritius they are told to lie to immigration – give false addresses – tell them we met these people on holiday.

Miki – Mauritius is a democratic country with strict laws of immigration. Immigration itself can answer that question. And I suggest the best thing to do is that you ask the people concerned. As far as we are concerned we do things in the light.

Devi – I did ask them. Are you saying you have never said to people go lie to immigration? Miki – (laughing, shrugging his shoulders and opening his hands as though incredulous and slapping Marc Labonte on the knee as though asking him?) Listen! Listen! What for? For what reason?

Devi – I don't know

Miki - It does not make sense?

CPG Response

Please Miki – Jesus said “Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.” (Matthew 5:37)

We are getting used to deceitful denials but this is one of the most blatant!

- The flighted Carte Blanche programme featured the story of Thwane Nxele experiencing a harrowing interrogation after customs officials discovered she had lied. (CTMI had made a mistake with the address they provided)

- A CPG parent was present in a meeting when his daughter was given a false address and told to lie on her first visit to Mauritius
- All ex members in CPG have visited Mauritius – some many times. They have already submitted sworn affidavits that they were instructed to lie to customs officials. One was told if asked about Miki Hardy – say “Wasn’t he the Catholic Priest who went on a pilgrimage many years ago?”

So we have clear evidence of deceit about deceiving!

6 – “Why Does CTMI Discourage Young People Studying?”

Devi- Some people have said that CTMI discourages people to study – they said some of them were straight A students and had places at University and suddenly were chucking it all up to do the work of the Lord in Mauritius... the parents feel that you encourage them to stop studying. Explain that to me.

Miki – Very simple to explain that. In our church there are young people that are studying right now, now ,now. Doctors, lawyers, accountants, teachers and every sort of profession. **Never have we tried to stop someone studying what they want.** If an adult desires not to study – again I would say - all pastors would understand – when a person meets Jesus Christ something happens deep down in his heart – he sees things differently – he has different motives in life and different decisions he has to take for himself. This happens everywhere – even in marriages - where one gets saved and the other not - and every pastor has to face these things. If they want to take a year off and not study at this time – what can we say?

Devi - So you think it’s unfair that the parents blame you?

Miki – But you see it’s an issue between parents and children. Why do you blame CTMI when it’s something that is a problem between the parents and children.

CPG Response

Testimonies on this forum and other information to hand contradicts the denial that CTMI leaders influence decisions in terms of studies.

Furthermore, a gap year is a normal practice and, in that regard, Miki innocently asks “*what can we say?*” The reality, however, is that we have family members who, ten years after joining CTMI, still have no qualification.

- Travis Chaplin dropped out of University in Cape Town to start attending CTMI in Durban
- Hayley Goddard was convinced to not pursue studies but rather go to Mauritius. When her parents asked questions we have an e-mail from Miki telling her “do not let your parents manipulate you”. She requested to rather study in Mauritius at significantly higher prices than excellent SA Universities. Further attempts at parental involvement were met with the threat of a restraining order. Three years later she was expelled from Mauritius, is married, lived in the same suburb as her parents but would have nothing to do with them. And to this day has no qualifications.
- Liezl Steenkamp was a straight A student who was going to study medicine. She also left for Mauritius and is now married. She attempted to secure support from parents for UNISA studies (CTMI encourage distance learning to avoid “losing” folks to University campuses where they do not have a church)
- We have evidence from ex members of leaders – especially Audrey – saying things like “*The Lord is coming soon – of what use is a piece of paper? Universities are dens of iniquity – Christians do not belong there.*” And we know when Audrey speaks, members listen!!

From Mongoose: “I cannot quote times and dates or be accurate with who said what, but I have heard Basil, Miki, Audrey and many other elders state that an "education is nothing, what do you need a certificate for?" I have heard them tell young people that to be involved in a university is to open yourself up to drugs, fornication and alcohol abuse.

7 - The Most Significant Issue - Causing Division in Families

Part One - A family's First Contact with the Hardy's

Miki (related to previous studies issue) Why do you blame CTMI when it’s something that is a problem between the parents and children.

Devi – We asked parents and they told us it has everything to do with CTMI because when our

children come here to Mauritius we lose contact with our children. We come here and are not allowed to speak to them.

Miki – But that is unreasonable! How can that be?

Devi – But that is what I want to know!

Miki – Let me tell you dear. I received a letter from a parent in this concerned group. An arrogant and hard letter. The first thing I have told that person – please I will open my house, I will accommodate you, I will feed you. You will be free to come and do what you want. I invite you. There was a refusal. So how now can you blame CTMI by saying we are not allowed to come here. This is unreasonable and heresy.

Devi – But they are saying you brainwashed their children. How do you do that? How do you get these children to give up their lives in SA and come here and give up their studies?

Miki – laughs. I wanted to ask you that question. How can we do that? I just wanted to ask you the same question! We can't tell them that. It's impossible to tell them that. This is the desire of their hearts. As I told you earlier if someone meets Jesus Christ and every charismatic, born again, church leader in the world can tell you that your desires change. It's beautiful – look at their lives today. Free from drugs, alcohol and immorality. I think the parents should be proud, very proud to see where they were and where they are today.

Devi – Did Mr Goddard never give you a single reason why he refused your invitation?

Miki – All I can say is that he refused. He was a hurt man and that does not please me but this was over decisions his adult child had taken and he wanted to include CTMI in that which we don't have anything to do with it.

Losing Touch with those in Mauritius

Miki denies this and cites an example of his gracious offer of hospitality in response to an arrogant and hard letter from a parent as proof that there is no restriction on contact with children. It's deeply disturbing how events can be so distorted!

The truth is that Heather Goddard (not Steve as indicated by Miki) wrote a letter of concern and hurt to Miki Hardy after three very significant discoveries.

1. A letter from a local church warning against the cultishness of CTMI
2. The discovery of an e-mail from Miki to Hayley in which he said "*you must not allow your parents to manipulate you*"
3. The discovery that Hayley had been advised (while Audrey was visiting Hillcrest) to take out a restraining order against her parents!!

What decent parent could simply ignore these painful changes in behaviour? The purpose of Heather's letter was to question Miki as the obvious leader of CTMI on these things.

Miki's reply indicated that he certainly was not going to answer her questions but rather invited her to Mauritius to see how they live there!

In our opinion, this was the arrogant and insensitive letter!!

Here are parents becoming painfully aware of a strange distance from their previously close and devoted daughter. They had spent significant sums funding Hayley's visits to Mauritius. They had housed CTMI young folks in their home and given up their vehicle and holiday mountain cottage for CTMI use. But as soon as they began to ask questions and express concern they met with stern resistance and threats of restraining orders!! And a pastor is advising a child to resist her parents!? And instead of answering direct and legitimate questions there is a banal, hugely impractical and expensive invitation to come to Mauritius "*to see how we live*"!!

How does his deft sidestep into his "invitation" change the reality that Hayley disappeared off the radar screen resulting in Steve dropping everything and travelling to Mauritius where he was not allowed to speak to her alone. And it was too late to speak to her anyway and sort things out between parent and child as Miki suggests. The bans of her secret marriage had already been posted.

So, Steve Goddard did visit Mauritius and did indeed see how CTMI lives.

7.2 Dividing Families

Opinions, Minority and Persecution

Devi – To be honest I would be unhappy if my daughter rushed off to do the work of the Lord in Mauritius – she must first get her degree

Miki – Well that is an opinion like any opinion – that’s a personal opinion. Let me say again all pastors of all churches around the world would understand the reaction of these few. Why are we not looking at the majority of parents who are supporting and loving and respecting the decisions of the 1000’s of adult children? We are talking about 3 or 4 people out of 1000’s. Do not generalise.

Devi – How do you respond to your members who say they are giving up studies?

Miki – I can only respect that decision because I am absolutely for someone to hear from the Lord Himself. And when someone hears from the lord who am I to decide or counsel. I cannot – I can only respect that decision and the freedom of that person.

Devi – earlier you were saying that you were being persecuted. But you are being persecuted by other Christians....

Miki - By other Christians or people or whosoever...

Devi – Now I don’t understand – why do Christians persecute each other?

Miki - But you must ask them. I don’t know why. I am trying to find out myself why.

CPG Response - Opinions

We have repeatedly challenged CTMI leaders with the biblical command “to honour your father and mother” Here we see Miki clearly dismissing a parent’s view as a “personal opinion like any opinion”. This is hugely significant!! It goes a long way to explain the changed attitude of our children towards us. Contrary to the word of God, our opinions as parents are just one of many opinions. If our children look to this man’s attitude as being the example of Christ to follow, then the opinion of parents, especially Christian parents who have loved their children, raised them in

the things of the Lord, made sacrifices to educate them in the best schools, can simply be ignored. Parents to whom their children are the most important people to them in the world. Parents, whose views are written off as just another personal opinion which can be dismissed by “new desires” and “hearing from the Lord”.

“Who am I to decide or counsel” says Miki? Yet in the previous post we documented his advice to Hayley to not let her parents manipulate her??

Minority

We have heard this response from the beginning. “This is just a few disgruntled parents” “Howie and two unhappy mommies” The CPG forum has over 400 members who have made approaching 1400 posts. CTMI has been exposed on continent wide television and in a number of front page newspaper articles in South Africa and Mauritius. They have been targeted on radio and podcast interviews in the USA, South Africa and Mauritius. Pastoral fraternal have written to them. An international “On line Discernment Ministry” (ODM) “Theology Today” has initiated investigations and comments quite independently of CPG. Sounds like a little more than 3 or 4?!

But even if it was only one person highlighting serious concerns that violate the essence of Christianity – surely this should be heard? Truth is truth whether exposed by one or 1000’s. God turned the world upside down with only 12!

Persecution

The keenly developed Us vs Them “persecution complex”, typical of all cults, has played havoc in family relationships.

- Rachel Gillon cried “persecution” and left her home resulting in Stuart and Louise Brown leaving their family home without explanation.
- A father’s decision to remove his minor son from CTMI after the secret marriage of Hayley resulted in his daughter and son-in-law crying persecution and informing the parents they wanted nothing more to do with them.
- Hayley was protected and prevented from talking to her father alone and married a man her parents had never met because of perceived “persecution”.

- Travis deceptively disappeared because he could not trust his parents due to persecution!
- Geoffrey, Terri and Louise Brown will have nothing to do with family due to perceived “active persecution”
- The Jubber family was accused of persecution and division for asking questions and exposing some bad leadership behaviour in San Diego
- The Beck family were accused of persecution when they left the San Diego church quietly - without a word!!
- Visitors to Mauritius are told to lie to customs “because of persecution”

This forum has commented over and over again on this bizarre phenomenon. We have repeatedly said that **Christians using the word of God to expose error and questionable practices is not persecution as described in the bible!! Go study real persecution!**

Why deceitfully feign ignorance when he has full and precise knowledge!!!?? **Our open letter sent to leaders and then all members and then a letter from concerned Pastors clearly articulated our concerns.** When that was ignored – try reading all the publicity and this forum! Why have our children withdrawn from us? Because our concerns are now public and widely known! Why does Miki Hardy claim ignorance?

We repeat some of **Dr Ronald Enroth’s reputable research in “Churches That Abuse”**

"As parents and others began to react to the isolationist stance that the fellowship was taking, members began to believe that the “world was out to get them.”

The whole persecution thing, as I see it, is just a self-fulfilling prophecy. You do a bunch of off-the-wall, bizarre, crazy things, and sure, people are going to come after you and ask, "Hey, what's going on here?" That's not persecution-not as Jesus experienced it."

7.3 Dividing Families

Church vs Family, Kicked out of Home and Impartiality?

Devi – What is CTMI's thoughts on family - if parents disagree with CTMI what must the young people do?

Miki – We must again say that when someone meets Jesus – it's like a revolution – and it happens every day in life with 1000's of people and often parents do not understand.

Devi – But we have been told that you say to the young people distance yourselves from biological family and friends if they don't understand.

Miki – ***This is an allegation and a lie. How can I say that to a person? The Bible is clear. A person is free. I cannot impose any of my thinking into any person's life. It's impossible.***

Devi – But we are told that a number of people in South Africa moved out of their homes into the homes of CTMI members

Miki – Many times, many times the children are forced to leave their homes

Devi – Really!?

Miki – Yes! Oh yes! (seemingly with relish!) I know people who have been kicked out of their homes because of their faith. It happens everywhere in the world. That's Christianity. It's a spiritual battle. I know that there are young people who have been kicked out of their homes because the parents are not happy about their decision

Devi – But that must cause some turmoil for you because you don't want to see families broken up?

Miki – No but you see the bible is very clear, Jesus said it, it's very clear, Jesus said it in his own mouth there will be division in the home in the family between the parent and the child. And every pastor in the world must face these situations all the time – its unavoidable. We don't want it but it happens and we have to love everyone and make the people feel the heart of the Lord and show we are not for one and against the other in these situations. It's a spiritual thing that cannot be explained and you cannot put your hand into it. We are sorry these things happen but we cannot do anything about it. Its normal!

CPG Response

“This is an allegation and a lie. How can I say that to a person? The Bible is clear. A person is free. I cannot impose any of my thinking into any person’s life. It’s impossible.”

Once again Miki accuses us of lying while dodging the truth himself!!

If our allegation of CTMI teaching on “distance yourself from family and friends” is a lie then maybe Miki can explain the following:

- Why have we all heard from our children the view that they are now “sons and daughters in the house” – the spiritual house of CTMI and that these spiritual relationships supersede biological relationships and relationships “in the natural”.

Basil told us Lynn Page was Rachel Gillon’s mother!? A grieved Christian mother told us her adult daughter informed her that she was no longer her mother – but that Brigitte was! (Audrey’s right hand woman in Mauritius) Thwani Nxele also articulated the exact same sentiment in her CB interview. Who influenced them all to quote the same passages about Jesus bringing a sword in families and disciples dropping their nets and leaving families if Miki “*cannot impose his thinking in a person’s life?*”

- Why did our children and others not only tell us your teaching Miki - but then also act on it. All left our homes, moved to Mauritius to work and/or marry and to this day many refuse any relationship with us and former close friends.

Miki claims this “*happens every day with 1000’s of people*” and “*all the time*”. Many of us have been involved with various bible believing, evangelical churches for many years. We have NEVER encountered such a pattern of young people moving out of their homes into church homes with such consistency and frequency. We are sure that a survey of “pastors all over the world” would belie Miki’s claims.

Kicked Out?

Devi was asking why CPG family left their homes to stay in CTMI member and leader homes. Miki immediately ducks and dives into the “kicked out” defence!

We acknowledge that this may be true in many cases around the world and in Mauritius.

However, we categorically deny that this is true of any of our family leaving our homes!!!

It is the mark of any unhealthy religious group's strategy to demonise those who ask questions. A clear example was the lies spread about the Goddards, Gillons and Browns cases – that they were “kicked out”. Parents “put them on the street”. Blogs cried “severe pressure” and “persecution”.

We simply ask that if we dismissed our children with disdain why are we still here raising awareness through truth and in love? Why do we pray daily at 12h00 for restoration? Why do we often weep at this bizarre estrangement in Christian families?

When Keith Brown heard this accusation, he called his son Stuart who was dying of cancer and informed him of the “kicked out” accusation. Stuart's response was *“that's preposterous dad”*

Impartiality???

“we have to love everyone and make the people feel the heart of the Lord and show we are not for one and against the other in these situations”

How impartial and showing the “heart of the lord” do the following extracts from Miki's blog sound to you?

“CTMI, pastor Basil O Connel Jones and myself are being accused falsely of many things, by the concerned parents group amongst others. The worse is that pastors of some churches have accepted these lies and false accusations without checking if they are true or not.”
“The “concerned parents group” has got no right to blame anybody but needs to repent of their pagan ways and trust the Lord to heal the relationship that they have destroyed with their children. They still have the time to repair what they have destroyed.”

Sounds pretty much against certain parties to us!

We have here again significant marks of an unhealthy religious group. Deceitful double speak! One message for the public PR image and a very different one for the faithful disciples.

7.4 Dividing Families - Arranged Marriages?

Devi – You are accused of arranging marriages of young members some in a matter of days or weeks - 18 -19 years of age who come here where no permission from parents is necessary.

Whereas in South Africa you need written consent if you are under 21.

Miki – what do you mean members? One or two?

Devi – Tell me how many then? Put it into context.

Miki – I do not know. I do not count. I don't even know exactly?

Devi – Let's answer the question – is it ok that these things happen when people are so young?

Miki – If they desire to, it's their will if they fall in love – wonderful - what am I to say anything about it? Go and meet them and see how happy they are. I can see it and anyway I have nothing to say.. people get married at all ages 18, 19, 50 ...

Devi - But what about the issue of parents consent? You must be concerned....?

Miki - You must put yourself into a place where there has been a lot of controversy between the parent and the child. How would you react if your parents put your names and photograph publically in the newspaper? Would you be free to have a relationship with them? I don't want you to answer that. We must not put ourself truly in a place where we have a one sided picture. There are always two sides to a coin. These young people have been facing very difficult times very difficult situations. We cannot talk about the law and parents consent – but we must go further, deeper into the situation and then we understand. Who am I to stand in the way of people who are in love. Go and interview these people.

Devi – Are you saying the parents who have not even met their daughter's groom must just get over themselves? Parents play an important role.

Miki – This issue arose through many circumstances that came before. So we cannot put it like a technical thing with steps. This is between a parent and a child and its very sad but what can we do?

Devi – How many young marriages have there been?

Miki – I don't know. I don't count. I don't do all the marriages.

Devi – But you must have an idea.. a lot or few?

Miki – 5, 10, 15 out of 100's I don't know. I can't tell you. We do not look over the edge at people – if they ask us to marry them we marry them. That's what it's all about.

CPG Response

Interestingly Miki does not deny these marriages. He just asks what's wrong with marrying people who are in love whatever their age and justifies it with "go and see how happy they are" ! He is however very illusive on the key issue of parental involvement. (or NON involvement!)

Leadership Influence on Making and Breaking Marriages

We have extremely reliable evidence of mature believers meeting with the Hardy's to question the planned marriage of Miki and Audrey's daughter when they knew she did not love the man. Audrey's comment was *"even if she has to die a 1000 deaths she will marry because it is of God."*

Di Bradford, Shaun Benneke and Des Ouwerkirk have written about their personal experiences of control and influence in their relationships.

Heather Goddard wrote of a young lady CTMI member visiting in their home who, when questioned, clearly expressed that she was not interested in any young man and was not in any relationship. Yet a matter of weeks later she was engaged!? This was one of the first things that sparked concern in the Goddards.

The Goddard Case

Little were the Goddard's to know at the time that not long afterwards their own daughter would announce from Mauritius that she planned to marry someone they had never met. Bizarre, because the week before Hayley announced in the press that she was grateful for *"a year with no pressure - not having to make any major decisions"* (Ironically, this was probably accurate in that it seems that this was not her making the major decision to marry!).

The web of deceit, avoidance and blatant lies which followed has been extensively publicised and has touched, shocked and angered folks in Mauritius, South Africa and all over the world. Miki Hardy presided over Hayley Goddard secretly marrying without her parents' consent, support, knowledge of the groom or knowledge of the timing of the events. They heard about the legal and church marriage after the fact from strangers.

And Miki has the gall to write off the hugely significant question about parental consent with “*if they ask us to marry them, we marry them – that’s what it’s about*” and “*there was controversy – these young people had been through very difficult times*”

Miki said - “*we must go further, deeper into the situation and then we understand*”

We agree!! Trouble is Miki only rewinds as far as a newspaper article published just before Hayley's call to announce marriage. **So let's go a little further and deeper!**

The truth is that it was the parents who had a very difficult time! We have already told of the Goddard's request for answers to very legitimate questions about what was happening to their daughter. Hayley had left home to live with CTMI members (like all our children), after her parents had expressed hurt at her refusal to join them on the usual annual holiday. This, after they agreed to not even raise church issues! She had pledged submission to Miki, threatened a restraining order and requested to study in Mauritius at five times the price of SA Universities. And to all this Miki's response was “*don't let your parents manipulate you*” and “*come to Mauritius and see how we live*”!!! And Audrey's advice was “*let her follow her heart*”! This after these parents had funded a number of trips to Mauritius for Hayley and supported her staying there for months. They had also shown open and warm hospitality to CTMI visitors for conferences in Durban and donated their vehicle and cottage for a week-end.

Then Hayley, along with many others, left again for Mauritius after almost zero communication with her parents – full of the joys of spring – very excited about the conference and the new building! (No “*very difficult times*” here!) But leaving behind distraught parents with a deep sense of loss and feeling unappreciated and rejected. (Very difficult times!).

Hayley had thus distanced herself from the relationship with her parents long before any newspaper article! And so had other CPG family members who had also moved out of family homes to live with CTMI leaders and members (Why this common trend?)

These other parents with similar experiences had also received poor or zero responses to their individual queries. So, after forming the Concerned Parents Group, they wrote a decent, factual, group letter of common concerns to the leadership of CTMI. They requested discussion and answers. When they received no response at all they sent it again saying that a further non response would mean that CTMI didn't mind them taking things more public. Silence! Local pastors then wrote a similar letter. Silence again!

In the light of the facts above it is ludicrous for Miki to excuse Hayley's public rejection of her father and secret marriage because of the "deeper" issue of a newspaper article! And by the way, it had no photographs of Hayley! In fact her parents requested the journalist to not even use her name! Was it perhaps the photos of Miki's mansion in a poor country that caused the angry response?

Rather the issue is overwhelming evidence of undue influence of leaders in the name of God. How else would a young lady be saying one week *"I do not know the direction for my life and am enjoying being under no pressure to make major decisions"* and announcing complete surprise plans for marriage the next week!? Small wonder the Mauritian radio journalist asked *"Hayley did you fall in love overnight?"*

We suggest that, as leader of CTMI, Miki is accountable for undue influence that ignores and undermines the scared and biblical role of parents in families, causing pain and estrangement to this day.

7.5 Dividing Families - The Browns

Devi – What of Stuart Brown and the allegations that you separated him from his parents when he was dying?

Miki - I think that his wife is here and I am sure you will opportunity to meet with her and hear the exact detail of the story.

Devi – You could not have felt good about that? That puts you in a situation.

Miki – Ja? I have no situation to be involved in that. Why should I be involved in a situation like that. It happens every day in life.

Devi - Why then are you blamed?

Miki – People are trying to blame a third person when it is between them. This is an issue between parents and adult children – let them take responsibility and sort things out - why put CTMI in there? We have nothing to do in there.

CPG Response

The Brown family testimony has been posted on this forum, been published in the press and Theology Today's interview with Keith Brown can be heard on <https://phillyflash.wordpress.com/church-national/>

In essence, the true key elements of the journey for this family were as follows.

1. Initial Joy at Stuart and his brother Geoff's involvement with CTMI after Stuart was diagnosed with cancer
2. Believing Basil was reasonable, Keith recommended to his eldership team a meeting with Basil to agree a more peaceful transition after Rachel Gillon's radical departure from Hillcrest Baptist Church to CTMI.
3. This meeting was a watershed eye opener! Hillcrest Baptist Church elders were told they were "pathetic Pharisees" and were scared of losing people because CTMI had what they did not have - "*apostolic anointing and revelation*". When these men turned to scripture they were told to "*stop quoting scripture into people's lives*", "*that's a dead letter*" and "*put the book aside and let God speak to your heart*". When the unhappy Gillon parents were mentioned these elders were told "*Jesus said I came to bring a sword in families, not peace*" and "*if they are unhappy then Rachel can come and live with her mother Lyn Page*". Rachel did exactly that the following week
4. Hillcrest Baptist Church elders requested that Rachel cease divisive accusations (false gospel, pastor poisoning congregation, form of godliness without power, on the broad road etc) and aggressive recruiting. She cried "harsh persecution" in meetings and distributed emails stolen from her parents' computer.
5. Stuart and Louise Brown mysteriously left the Brown family home where they had been cared for during Stuart's cancer treatment for five months. They left without explanation. The entire Brown family was devastated but kept this to themselves and visited Stuart in CTMI homes for the remaining seven months of his life.
6. Stuart apologised months later for non-communication but still gave no explanation for leaving. Louise Brown after Stuart's death informed the Browns that they had left over "*active persecution of our leaders and members*".

7. Significant numbers walked out in protest during Basil O Connell Jones's address at Stuart's memorial service. Basil used this platform to defend himself (A local Christian leader commented - I have never heard a pastor use "I" so much) and attack the family, the CPG and the church at large. (*"there are more unbelievers in the church today than in the world"*) His only mention of Stuart was that *"he had repented for thinking the house revolved around him"*. A significant Grace Gospel Church leader and his family left them over this handling of the funeral.

9. Louise, Geoff and Terri Brown to this day will have nothing to do with the Brown family.

And what is Miki Hardy's response to all of this?

Ja? I have no situation to be involved in that. Why should I be involved in a situation like that. It happens every day in life. People are trying to blame a third person when it is between them. This is an issue between parents and adult children – let them take responsibility and sort things out - why put CTMI in there? We have nothing to do in there.

Instead of Christian empathy - weeping with those who weep and carrying one another's burdens - this pastor displays the same callous arrogance as Basil did at the funeral. As if these most unusual, grieving and bizarre circumstances *"happen every day in life"*. Not only has a family lost a son to cancer but they lost the former full and open communication they enjoyed with him as well as relationships with a precious daughter in law and other son, his wife and children.

Miki asks " *Why put CTMI in there?*"

What is absolutely clear to us in this sad case is that CTMI were very powerfully in there!!!

7.6 Dividing Families- The Goddards

Devi – Steve Goddard alleges that CTMI got the police to arrest him.

Miki – (with a changed tone – animated and with apparent irritation) Please don't put CTMI in Mr Goddard and Hayley Goddard's story.

Devi – But he sees CTMI in the story

Miki – He can see anything he wants to see. CTMI has got nothing to do with Hayley Goddard's decision to call the police.

Devi – She phoned the police!?

Miki – Hayley or whosoever phoned the police. I have got nothing to do with that, I was not there, I have got nothing to do with that! I was not in this place. Mr Goddard has got his story but I suggest that you speak to Hayley Page and hear her side of the story.

Devi – is she here? No she is in SA? What happened there? Why did she leave?

Miki – No let me finish please. You should meet with her then you will see clearly – but it is not my business. I don't want to get involved. You must understand that. Its normal.

Devi – But will she not need permission to speak with me?

Miki - From who?

Devi - I'm sure she will need permission...

Miki - You must finish your sentence from who?!

Devi – From CTMI

Miki - Are you joking – what makes you say that?

Devi – people told us they needed to get permission before speaking to us.

Miki – Who are these people

Devi – many people

Miki – No! You can say 1 person or 1000 people – we must be very clear. We must get facts! You ask me questions – I reply. You must get facts.

Devi – Is there no way you can tell me why Hayley ended up leaving Mauritius?

Miki – It's her desire to leave – I don't know. Everyone listening must understand we do not control people's lives. We are not in that business - we have a lot of things to do.

CPG Response

What a fascinating interaction!!!

- As the recognised leader of CTMI and Eglise Chrétienne (although, as we have seen, he denied this) he once again completely absolves himself and his organisation from the highly influenced behaviour of his members. Whatever happened to biblical leadership accountability? Since when does any leader say of a situation dramatically affecting the image of his organisation “*I do not want to be involved*”?
- He then rebukes the interviewer for speculation and demands facts!
- Followed immediately by him refusing to give facts about why Hayley and Levi left Mauritius. In fact he lies.
- And refusing to give the true facts about asking for permission to speak to media!
- He has just said that CTMI “show we are not for one and against the other”. He now instructs the interviewer that if she wants to “see clearly” she should speak to an obviously confused, mind controlled young lady, who has publicly uttered a number of blatant contradictions. Rather than believe a mature, successful, decent Christian father who raised Hayley. This father is written off with an irritated “*he can see whatever he wants to see*”. Small wonder there is low view of “Honour your father and mother” among CTMI members!

We are amazed that Miki has posted this interview which to those who know the truth is so embarrassing for him!

“Please don’t put CTMI in Mr Goddard and Hayley Goddard’s story.”

Once again, it is obvious to those who are not wilfully blind to the facts that CTMI were very much “in there” throughout the sad Goddard story.

- Hayley had written a pledge of submission to Miki. Her father was present when she was instructed to lie to customs about where she will be staying in Mauritius. (Yeah right – she came up with this idea independently!?) A 17 year old, knowing nothing about business, asks her father to invest in a Mauritian business in order to extend her stay?? (Yeah right, like Liezl Steenkamp, who did exactly the same - she came up with this idea independently!?) She requested to study at a foreign university in Mauritius – hugely more expensive than the planned

university education in South Africa. Miki had written to her saying “*do not be manipulated by your parents*”. There is the threat of a restraining order against loving and concerned parents! Hayley leaves her home to live and work almost as a domestic servant in a CTMI home just around the corner from her family home. Later she says she wants to come home but adds only if her parents apologise publicly, leave the Concerned Parents Group and provide a free car and petrol to attend meetings. When they refuse this obvious leadership manipulation, they are accused of putting Hayley “*on the street*”!

And although all the above are facts – Miki, without shame, says CTMI are not “*in there*”!? And “*we do not control people’s lives*”, “*I cannot impose any of my thinking into any person’s life. It’s impossible*” and “*people are free to hear from the Lord and follow the desires of their hearts*”.

The story of Steve Goddard in Mauritius has been told in the press, on radio in Mauritius and on this forum. An interview with Steve by Phil Naessens of Theology Today can be heard on [http://phillyflash.wordpress.com/church ... rnational/](http://phillyflash.wordpress.com/church...national/)

Now that the truth is known, it is obvious what happened to Steve Goddard in Mauritius.

- After hearing from Mauritius that Hayley planned to marry someone the parents had never met, Steve feared undue influence. (CTMI “in there”! He had first-hand experience of “influenced marriages” because a young lady who stayed for a few weeks with the Goddards and who had no boyfriend was engaged three weeks later!) After the announcement and Steve’s request to first meet Levi, she had disappeared from contact and missed calling Steve on his birthday for the first time. He was concerned at this inability to connect with Hayley and wanted to just see his daughter and reassure her of his love and seek to understand what was going on with these plans for marriage. So he got on a plane and flew to Mauritius.
- Upon arriving he was still unable to contact her so he caught a taxi to the CTMI offices in Curepipe. He asked for their address and, once they knew who he was, took nearly an hour to come up with a clearly known address. Announcing his name was like a cat among pigeons and many phone calls were made!
- And then when Steve found Hayley at the Fitzroy’s home he was not allowed to see her alone. Hayley claims this was her choice. Why this fear for a father who his whole life has hardly raised his voice to her let alone his hand? We now know that the elephant in the room which Steve could not see was that the bans for Hayley’s marriage had already been published. (Yeah right! Hayley had decided independently to this deceitful act. CTMI “in there”!)

- Hayley had agreed to see Steve for lunch the next day. When he arrived with a picnic basket he was met with aggression from Neville and told Hayley did not want to see him. Hayley has subsequently announced publicly that she had changed her mind overnight about lunch with her father. Maybe an attack of conscience? A sincere and honest young lady, knowing her father would ask about the marriage, not being able to face deceiving him to his face? (If CTMI was not “in there” why was Neville doing all the talking?) Steve was told if he did not leave the police would be called. Steve insisted on hearing from Hayley herself. Neville instructed his wife to call the police. Hayley then emerged and informed the police she did not want to see her father. The police were sympathetic but escorted Steve away in tears. The taxi driver, who witnessed this debacle, was so outraged he refused to charge Steve for a trip half way across Mauritius!
- Despite never giving his address, Steve then received a note at his hotel that a charge had been laid against him and that it was best that he leave the Island. Who has contacts to secure the address left with customs upon Steve’s arrival in Mauritius. Hayley??! CTMI “in there!”
- Steve then proceeded to meet with a lawyer in Mauritius who established that the charge was mere “sabre rattling”. (What kind of tactics is this from a church?! CTMI in there! Did Hayley have contacts with the chief of police?!) He recommended that Steve move out his hotel. A kind Christian lady, with much experience of CTMI’s ways, provided safe accommodation for Stephen.
- Steve met with politicians, the press and church leaders and this story received much publicity in Mauritius. He discovered much fear talking to ordinary people because the Hardy’s “know powerful people in high places”.
- Steve and Hayley were interviewed on radio and prompting from Vanessa Fitzroy was so obvious that the interviewer asked Hayley “do you not want to hand the phone to Vanessa since she is speaking for you” (CTMI “in there”!) The saddest aspect of this interview was that Hayley publicly rejected her parents and allied herself with the Fitzroys (Why even mention these leaders if CTMI are not in there?) She also stated that she did not know when she was getting married. She was legally married that afternoon!
- Steve’s lawyer issued a legal instruction to the appropriate office that Hayley and Levi were not to be married prior to appearing before a judge. A senior official indicated that he was tired of this sort of thing and would do everything to prevent this marriage. Steve left for South Africa relieved that at least there would be a delay in this mysterious marriage arrangement.

- A week later Steve and Heather received the devastating news from his lawyer that they had been too late. Steve and Heather discovered the subsequent church wedding had taken place when someone saw it on You Tube.
- Shortly afterwards they were informed that Hayley and Levi and a number of others had been given 24 hours to leave Mauritius for various irregularities. (We know that virtually the whole island knew about this! We suggest that Miki saying it was Hayley's desire to leave when she was obsessed with Mauritius is completely misleading. And saying "I don't know" either means he is completely out of touch or is lying.)
- Steve and Heather heard via others that Hayley and Levi were back in Hillcrest after they were seen in a vehicle.
- Hayley refused any contact with her parents even though they lived in the same community. Steve attempted contact and left notes in the post box . His desire was merely to have bible study with his daughter. Later his letters were returned unopened to him.

PLEASE, CTMI leaders and members, - do not explain the above ungodly and unbiblical behaviour with "*seized by this gospel*", "*a revolution in hearts that parents do not understand*", "*dropping nets, leaving family and following Jesus*", "*Jesus bringing a sword not peace in families*" and "*parents refusing to respect the freedom of choice of their adult children*"

The fruit of changed lives in Christian believers should be improved relationships – in stark contrast to the sorry tale above. Jesus said "The greatest commandments are to love God and your neighbour as yourself" (and we are talking family here - not neighbours!) "By this shall all men know you are my disciples – if you love one another – even your enemies!" He also said "if you love me keep my commandments" – one of which is "honour your father and mother".

Permission to Speak?

Why did Miki get so touchy about this issue?? Why did Miki say "*we do not control people's lives*" completely unrelated to the question?

"Me thinks he protesteth too much!"

We suggest the denials are strong because he knows the truth!

We have already mentioned the fear Steve Goddard encountered in Mauritius. To this day we

find folks in Mauritius, ex- members and even journalists reluctant to speak! We know what happens to members who ask questions and challenge leadership in any way. And Steve Goddard was the victim of a trumped up charge by the police to leave the island because he was there “without permission”.

If Miki wants facts - apart from all the hoops Carte Blanche had to jump through to conduct this interview, how about this quote from Touria Prayag, an Edinburgh Masters Graduate and Mauritian editor in chief of l'Express - “Straight Talk” in an article “Moral Freedom and Sects” (22/12/09).

“My interaction with the “ Eglise Chrétienne” has been cordial but peculiar. While I normally pick up the phone and gently „ coerce” a minister, an M. P. or a busy CEO to participate in Straight Talk, I had to go through a plethora of barriers and give a dozen assurances of good faith before I received the texts to be published. The hierarchy seems almost insurmountable.”

8. Issues of Misconduct

Issue 1 - When asked about the allegation that the congregation was asked to make contributions to buy **Miki a yacht/speedboat**, he laughed out loud and referred to Marc Labonte who also laughed and discredited the source, Patrick Monasie. When asked again whether he has such a “boat”, Miki again shrugged and incredulously replied “ Of course I have got nothing”.

Partick Monasie alleges that to this day he regrets missing a family wedding because he attended the handing over ceremony of the church gift of a speedboat to Miki. Why would he lie publicly about such a ceremony? He feels free to mention this publicly with no fear of recrimination because he knows there were many others present and that it therefore cannot be denied.

Issue 2 – Devi raised the allegations that **sterilisations** were encouraged and arranged for wives of “responsibles” so as to be more fully devoted to serve the Lord. This was again met with laughter and denial and *“I do not know what you are talking about – Please, I do not understand what you are talking about. Is this a joke?”* When asked where the idea comes from, the reply was – *“You must ask them - the church has got nothing to do with the decisions of people”*.

A South African journalist spoke with one of the wives concerned who, through a French interpreter, confirmed that this in fact happened to her and others. In addition, we have been in touch with a Mauritian journalist who confirms that, after interviews, these allegations appeared in the press at the time. We also have evidence from a Christian man in Rodriguez who testifies to forbidding his wife from participating in this scheme where nurses from India were performing sterilisations. Evidently, most of the wives who participated are still members and will not speak.

Issue 3 – Alladee kidnapping allegations. Devi raised the well publicised issue where a Muslim father was unable to secure the custody of his children after the death of his wife who was a member of CTMI. Rather a wealthy CTMI family in Zimbabwe secured custody signed by the wife when she was very ill. Evidently the children were “smuggled” to Bulawayo .

Miki’s reply was simply *“The court of law and justice in Mauritius took this matter seriously and a judge ruled in our favour. That is all I want to say about that.”*

Our research with people in Mauritius who were very involved at the time tells a different story.

- The Alladee’s were separated after the mother joined APSA and CTMI. She was granted custody of the children.
- When she became gravely ill lawyers drew up papers granting custody of the Alladee children to a wealthy CTMI family in Zimbabwe. The mother signed these papers.
- After her death the father discovered the children were no longer in Mauritius !
- He took the matter to court and won the case! The judge ruled that the custody papers were illegal as children cannot be bequeathed or “given away” without the biological father’s involvement.
- However this judgement could never be put into effect as it was a Mauritian judgement and the children were in Zimbabwe.
- There was a lot of publicity on this issue and the Hardy’s sued a particular newspaper. This paper was prepared to fight but the case took five years to get to court by which time the journalists and editors concerned had left the paper and new management were not prepared to fight and settled out of court.
- As soon as the eldest child gained majority, a court in Zimbabwe granted her custody of the other two children.
- Evidently they only returned to Mauritius when they were adults and when their father was too old and ill to continue the fight.

How these children were raised and whether they received a better deal than if they were with their father is not the issue. The point is that the Mauritian courts Mikki claims ruled in his favour in fact ruled against this whole plan, hatched and implemented by the church. It seems the church knew this, hence the children being shipped out of jurisdiction.

So how can Mikki claim the law was on his side??? No wonder he wanted no further discussion – *“that’s all I want to say about that”*

Where oh where is the openness and transparency he so glibly claims? *“Things are clear, things are in the light here – we have nothing to hide”*

AND Devi did not even raise the very similar Atisse case.

This was also well publicised and involved poor Catholic grandparents losing the custody of their grand children to CTMI church members after the parents, who were involved CTMI members, both died in an accident.

The Hardy’s argued that a much better life was available because of financial resources in the church.

Why then did the church not simply provide the money for the children’s food, clothing and education while in the custody of their biological family?

Issue 4 - Devi asked whether there had ever been a **commission of enquiry into CTMI**? Miki emphatically denied this - *“never, never ever not CTMI”!* (with much waving of hands and shaking of heads by Miki and Marc.) Devi pursued the issue and probed *“there has never been a select committee or investigation of any kind into CTMI or if not CTMI, your church or you or any organisation related to the church?”* Again an emphatic denial from Miki. (He did mumble *“that was another association”*).

Various ex members and journalists are absolutely clear that it can be confirmed by official parliamentary documentation that a “select committee” was appointed in 1997 to investigate the affairs of APSA and its connections with “Eglise Chretienne”. So the fact of such an investigation is undeniable. CPG has been in correspondence with the office of the Prime Minister of Mauritius in this regard. The matter was widely published in the Mauritian press and confirmed by lawyers when Steve Goddard was in Mauritius. Ex – members speak of briefing sessions with Audrey where names and numbers were changed due to the fear of phone

tapping. Documents were shredded. Employees were instructed not to reveal connections with CTMI. There was talk of bribing officials to remove names from company registers.

On a number of occasions in this interview Miki says *“We are open and transparent – we have nothing to hide – everything is in the light”*.

Only darkness was shed in his response to this question.

Issue 5 – Influence with government officials. In response to Devi’s questions in this regard Miki seemed to have a prepared answer. He asked if CTMI had influence with government why had an overdue grant not been paid and why had the road to the new church not been tarred? (He seemed peeved that the road to the Chinese Club was tarred!)

It seems to us that this does not answer the question. Maybe they had no influence over the officials that handle those trivial issues! But they certainly do have influence in other departments!

No influence in these minor issues certainly does not remove the evidence we have from first hand experience and reliable feedback:

- How was Steve Goddard’s hotel address secured when he had told no-one the details
- How were the police influenced to send him a “sabre rattling” warning?
- When Steve visited customs an official told him he was tired of influence on officials to change visas and showed Steve evidence
- Why were so many Steve spoke to in Mauritius fearful of the Hardy’s because of their “contacts in high places”
- Why was there hesitation on part of some folks to accommodate Steve? They confessed fearing further recriminations which they had already experienced.
- Testimonies on this forum from people who were very close to the Hardy’s speak clearly of influence on officials. Even plans to bribe if necessary.

9. Why Not Meet with the Concerned Parents?

The concerns expressed on this site were communicated privately to leaders and family members from July 2008. Our first official appeal as a group for discussion followed on 5th September 2009. Local pastors wrote to CTMI leadership on 27 November 2009 expressing similar concerns and appealing for a meeting with an agreed mediator. It is now nearly two

years on and while CTMI often express that they are leaving this whole matter to the Lord - there has been a flurry of blogs and website activity - mainly defending themselves and attacking CPG.

We have responded to this often on this forum. However not one shred of interpersonal communication has been forth coming from CTMI leadership.

Devi twice asked in the interview why Miki will not meet with Concerned Parents. Miki's response was as follows:

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As I told you before - firstly that person wrote me a harsh and arrogant letter. I kindly invited him here and he refused. Then there was a letter written by a therapist about me and the pastor in Durban and circulated throughout the world. I phoned that person and asked to meet with him because I was concerned about that letter and I wanted to talk. He replied by mail and said that the conditions were that the meeting should be recorded fully and spread everywhere. And that members of the concerned parents group - people I have never met or seen in my life would attend. Now after this do you think that at this time it could happen that I was not happy to meet that person?"

Devi - But if you are speaking the truth ... I mean you are recording this interview - we have nothing to hide??

Miki - Absolutely I don't have anything to hide. Why should I meet with people who are arrogant and who have an agenda behind them.

I didn't feel that it was right for me to do it. We cannot be technical in things. If the Lord puts peace in my heart to meet the person I will do it. And every church pastor will tell you the same thing. We are free people to meet with whosoever we want. If I feel in my heart I don't feel at peace to get into that thing - its my right - its my freedom. But do not interpret that as if I have things to hide. To publicly record and spread the meeting - I mean there is an agenda behind it and I have got that check in my spirit that somewhere its not my place there.

Devi - Why then are you happy to meet with us?

Miki - I feel I have nothing to hide. This is a public place, everything is open, there is nothing to hide - we talk. So why not!?

Towards the end of the interview Devi asked again when he might meet with the CPG and he replied that the elders would discuss and pray about it.

Miki's agenda is clear for all to see! His mail in response to Sean Semple (the therapist) said ***"I wanted to give you an opportunity to put right the harm you are causing our good name. But since you wish to persist in your endeavours the meeting will serve no purpose."***

Miki's agenda was to control the meeting and get Sean Semple to apologise and withdraw the letters he had sent to local schools and churches (NOT the "whole world" as Miki asserts!!). What Miki leaves out was that Sean requested that the meeting be devoted to the "hurt caused to many families". So, knowing CPG members would be there and that it would not be two CTMI leaders putting pressure on Sean Semple alone and knowing the agenda would not be Sean's letter but parents' grievances and questions - he no longer felt right in his spirit!!

Devi's question was a good and obvious one "why meet with us then?" (In other words - you are prepared to appear before Carte Blanche on these issues - this time really "for the whole world to see" - but not before the grieved people who asked these questions in the first place?!) One almost feels embarrassed at his squirming answer!! It seems the key difference is that he is in control – it's on his territory - his media team is taping the meeting - it has been published on his site. (Just like the refusal to answer the Goddards questions - rather seize control with a ridiculous invitation to Mauritius to see how we live. His domain and terms. Thereby avoid facing and answering the issues.)

Posted: Mon Aug 23, 2010 2:15 pm *"Why should I meet with people who are arrogant and who have an agenda behind them. I didn't feel that it was right for me to do it."*

Once again we have the bizarre irony of Miki Hardy accusing CPG falsely of the very things of which he and his organisation are clearly guilty!! Arrogant?? How is it arrogant for parents to ask pertinent questions of concern when their children fairly suddenly withdraw from family and life plans and disappear into other homes and Mauritius with a spiritually superior "we have what you don't" attitude?

How is it arrogant to object to hasty and obviously influenced marriage arrangements? How is it arrogant to point out unbiblical practices and teachings as God's word instructs we should do?

Surely it is arrogant to refuse to answer these questions and merely instruct desperate parents to let their children "follow their heart" and "come to Mauritius and see how we live"?

Surely it is arrogant to simply ignore and refuse to reply to the joint appeals of a number of parents and evangelical pastors?

Surely it is arrogant to claim a unique and superior gospel while regularly criticising the church at large?

Surely it is arrogant to claim a special calling to save the church and prepare to have many fleeing this lukewarm church to come to them?

Surely it is arrogant (and blasphemous!) to publicly claim "*when my heart is pure why do I need the blood of Christ?*"

Surely it is arrogant to secretly and publicly marry members knowing the parents were against this or didn't even know!!

Surely it is arrogant to refuse to meet until God gives the go ahead when He already has given the go-ahead by way of commands in His word! (Effectively blaming God for not meeting with detractors)

Agenda???

Parents agenda's have been crystal clear from the beginning - PLEASE ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS! When, after nearly a year, there was no joy on the above - "EXPOSING CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CONCERNS" to prevent others going through our experience has been our transparent agenda.

Surely refusing to answer questions, refusing to meet with a growing group of concerned Christians and lying publicly is very clear evidence of hidden agendas in CTMI?

And they have instructed us to take the planks out of our eyes!?