

To: The GFA-US and GFA-Canada Boards of Directors
From: Garry Cluley, member of the Canadian board

December 21, 2015

Dear members of the Boards:

I greet you in the name of our risen Saviour and Lord.

I am writing about a very serious situation. I would like to begin by telling you about my affiliation with GFA.

My first awareness of GFA came when I heard K.P. YOHANNAN speak at a Calvary Chapel conference in 2002. A short time later my wife and I began to support several BRIDGE OF HOPE children.

In 2006 GFA representative, Martin Lamb spoke at the Calvary Chapel in Langley, BC. I immediately had a connection with Martin as his parents had been part of New Tribes Mission whose HQ is located in my home town, Durham, Ontario. During our conversation at services, Martin invited my wife and myself to have dinner with him. We became further enthralled with GFA. Martin gave me additional literature about GFA. I applied to become involved and I became a GFA representative in the British Columbia lower mainland.

During 2007 due to the health of my parents, Ingrid and I had to move back to my original ancestral home in Durham, Ontario. I felt that my work with GFA would probably be over as the GFA HQ was located in Stoney Creek, Ontario. However there was a need for GFA church presenters in Ontario and I soon began to speak on behalf of GFA. My work with GFA continued in this vein until 2012 when Martin asked me if I would consider becoming a member of the GFA Canadian Board of Directors. I joined the Board of Directors in 2013. It was with great distress that I learned about the current problems during 2014 and 2015.

During my time as a GFA speaker in southern Ontario Churches I enthusiastically represented GFA and appreciated the opportunity to serve the mission field. Due to the power of the GFA story many senior couples and widowers sponsored BOH children and missionaries and provided for various animals to Indian families. My presentations were urgent and passionate as per my mindset at the time. In addition urgent requests for financial support were continually sent out by GFA Canada. It breaks my heart to learn that "needy Christians" are scrimping in order to send their support while GFA has millions of dollars that are held in reserve in numerous accounts in India.

In view of all that has happened in the United States and now in connection with my membership on the Canadian Board of Directors I felt that it was necessary to send you this memo.

I was on the Canadian Board of Directors from 2013 until the occurrence of the events that I will outline below.

On July 17, 2015 we held a meeting of the Canadian Board of Directors in response to the problems. Naturally everyone was concerned and focused upon rectifying the criticisms that have surfaced. To date most of the focus has been on the United States and India, however we are one organization so we have to be concerned from a Canadian perspective as well.

In Canada the Canadian Government requires that charitable organizations that send money out of the country must create and maintain what is called a "Joint Ministry Agreement" with the organization in each country to which aid is dispersed. An annual audit of the activities must be done every year.

As a result of all that had occurred I felt that due to my "fiduciary responsibilities" as a Board Member I should obtain and review this document and the annual audits that have been done for past several years and I asked about obtaining these documents.

On November 25, 2015 after discussion with the other Canadian members on the Canadian Board I sent an email request for this information to Mr. Pat Emerick, of GFA Canada.

On December 2, 2015, when I had not received any reply to my November 25, 2015 request, I sent a follow up email reiterating my interest in receiving these documents.

On December 8th, 2015, I still had not received any information so I made a personal phone call to Pat Emerick. Pat and I had an amicable conversation in which we both expressed our mutual interest in resolving the problems faced by GFA. I explained to Pat my interest in reviewing the "Joint Ministry Agreement" and the annual audits and that the sooner we could establish that similar problems do not exist in Canada the better it would be for GFA, Canada. Pat agreed to send me the requested material by Fedex.

At approximately 11:00 am on December 9th, 2015, I received the appended memo dated 2015 December 08 from K.P., in which he said that he was terminating my membership on the Canadian Gospel for Asia Board of Directors. The Canadian Board membership of Rob Thiessen, Conference Minister for the British Columbia Mennonite Conference (BCMC) was terminated on the same date. (Note that in the termination letters K.P stated that "The Board needs to welcome the fresh perspective and ideas that new members can offer". It is poignant that this decision was made on the same day that I, once again, had requested the "Joint Ministry Agreement and the annual audit.

When I received K.P.'s termination letter I was astounded. As you can see from the sequence of events there would appear to be no question that the termination letter was sent to me because "the powers that be at GFA" do not want to provide me with these documents.

I was faced with a dilemma. I was very aware of the scriptural advice vis a vis the exposure of Church matters to the judgment of a secular court; so should I report this matter to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)? As I mentally stepped back and prayerfully thought about this question, it became clear to me that as a member of the GFA Canadian Board of Directors I had no choice.

First, KP broke the law that he had promised to obey; by virtue of GFA asking for and receiving corporate and charity status in Canada, the board is contractually bound to abide by applicable laws. KP acted unilaterally, which alone contravenes the law. Also, his reason for termination is bogus and not recognized by the law. Hence it became clear that my obligation as a Board Member is to bring these matters to the attention of the CRA.

Rob Thiessen who is the Conference Minister for the British Columbia Mennonite Brethren Conference who was another member of the GFA Canadian Board of Directors, was also fired from membership on the Board on December 8, 2015. When I informed him of my intention to inform CRA and send an email to all of the other U.S. and Canadian Board Members he asked me to include his comments which are as follows:

Garry and I have served these three years on the Canadian board and were terminated without notice. The Canadian board of GFA is left with only one Canadian member. Lal Raniga, a long time friend of brother K.P., who has served since the early days of GFA Canada. Our efforts as board members to understand and assess the complaints against GFA in terms of its financial dealings and its treatment of staff were frustrated, ignored, minimized and now dismissed by brother K.P. and the other GFA employees who serve on our Canadian board. We were only made aware of the various allegations by the former directors of GFA Canada, Martin Lamb and Wendell Leytham and of course through media sources like Christianity Today. It is clear to us now that GFA Canada has completely inadequate board oversight and is run as a "dictatorship" under K.P. Yohannan. We like many of you, have a deep gratitude to God for how He has used GFA over the years and brother K.P. in particular but this gratitude blinded us to his evidently poor management of the ministry over this past season. We have not served him well by allowing him to continue along this pathway for so many years. Garry and I have been terminated as board members but we continue to pray for GFA and KP in particular and we would be willing to be involved again with the ministry if there was a genuine repentance and honesty regarding the mistakes and poor leadership oversight that KP is responsible for. This is tough to say of a man that I and many of us held in highest esteem but I think it has become clear now to us all that there is something deeply amiss in KP's life and leadership that would allow him to continue leading by dismissing those to whom he should be accountable and by denying that he knew about multiple millions of dollars being used dishonestly. I have personally offered to meet with brother KP in Texas at my expense but he has not taken me up on it. I know that KP has dismissed those who criticize him for not coming to him personally so I have made it a priority to contact him repeatedly by email to talk about these matters. These issues at hand however go far beyond personal conversation and are a matter of public record which affect the body of Christ across North America and indeed globally. We need to pray and act. If there is any way that we can help, please don't hesitate to ask.

Rob Theissen

If the Board wishes to terminate my membership and the membership of Rob Theissen, it must be done honestly and legally. Please respond.

Appended documents;
The letter sent to the Canadian Revenue Agency,
The .pdf copy of K.P.'s termination letter,

Sincerely in His Name,
Garry Cluley