

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION**

**MATTHEW DICKSON and JENNIFER DICKSON,
Individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated**

PLAINTIFFS

v.

No. 5:16-CV-05027 PKH

GOSPEL FOR ASIA, INC.;
GOSPEL FOR ASIA-INTERNATIONAL;
K.P. YOHANNAN; GISELA PUNNOSE;
DANIEL PUNNOSE; DAVID CARROLL;
and PAT EMERICK

DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL

Defendants Gospel For Asia, Inc., Gospel for Asia-International,¹ K.P. Yohannan, Gisela Punnose, Daniel Punnose, David Carroll, and Pat Emerick, Defendants in the above named case (“Defendants”), hereby move for an order staying these proceedings pending their appeal as of right pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 16(a)(1) of the Court’s Order denying Defendants’ motion to compel arbitration entered on January 18, 2017, at Docket No. 39. As explained in Defendants’ brief in support filed herewith, a stay is required because the appeal divests the Court of jurisdiction over matters related to the appeal. In the alternative, Defendants respectfully request the Court to grant a discretionary stay pending the disposition of the appeal of the Court’s Order denying Defendants’ motion to compel arbitration.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Gospel For Asia, Inc., Gospel for Asia-International, K.P. Yohannan, Gisela Punnose, Daniel Punnose, David Carroll, and Pat Emerick pray the Court enter an order acknowledging the proceedings are automatically stayed or, in the alternative,

¹ Gospel for Asia-International does not currently exist.

grant a discretionary stay of these proceedings pending appeal of the Court's Order of January 18, 2017 (doc. 39) denying Defendants' motion to compel arbitration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that, on January 25, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court, to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system on the attorneys of record.

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