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Dear Dr. Lofquist and Mr. Paul Seger,

We have not met previously, though I would be very glad to do so and be of any service that I can to your continued good work. It is with faith, full reliance upon the promises of God and His instructions to us who would serve His church that I come to you today via this initial letter and supporting materials.

You will not be unaware of at least some level of complaint and concerns over the years about the ministry of IBLP and the Rev. Bill Gothard. The Reports copied to you in this package relate to very specific charges which were reviewed by the Board of Directors of the ministry in July, 1980. That Board terminated Rev. Gothard at that time based on the enclosed evidence, or at that time a rougher version of the interview notes involved. Rev. Gothard changed the name of the ministry, employed a new Board and a new staff and forged on ahead, leaving most of these charges unresolved.

Please find a copy of a letter of request enclosed which is addressed to the LaGrange Bible Church, LaGrange, IL, which we believe is a member of your Association. We made every good attempt to involve that church in this process believing that would be the Biblical thing to do, in that LaGrange Bible Church ordained this minister and commissioned him to this ministry. They have always declined and rather participated in further support and endorsement of his behavior, which is the subject of our request to them now.

As the enclosed correspondence explains, your Association is being copied on these materials for two reasons.

First, this church directly supported and endorsed the letter of Libel, charging myself as being an “agent of Satan” utilizing 26 obviously false and poorly written claims. The LaGrange Bible Church participated in and supported the publishing and distribution of this document by the Institute ministry organization and thereby share in that sin and that rejection of Jesus Christ and His teachings for how matters such as this are to be handled. They have never acknowledged that or made that right.

Second, Rev. Gothard has described to millions of people, to 50,000 pastors, that the LaGrange Bible Church Board of Elders are his Umbrella of Protection and have oversight and responsibility for his spiritual care. Additionally, they are directly responsible for his Ordination and for his Commissioning to this ministry.

If the LaGrange Bible Church falters or obfuscates once again as they did in such a shameful way in 1980, the IFCA is being asked to review the matters at hand and take on their own responsibility to examine the spiritual issues involved, and advise the Pastor and the Board of Elders at LaGrange how

your Association views the instructions of God's Word and the responsibility of the local church to address charges against any one of their members, without partiality. I Timothy 5:19-25. This is not a happy task, but in all of Scripture it seems to be one that God expects us to participate in with all gentleness, kindness, patience, and with very clear instruction as we work and pray for God's involvement in and the hoped for repentance of the one in such great spiritual need. II Timothy 2:24-26.

I and others would be glad to meet with you and correspond as there is need and opportunity. We are much in prayer for each party, each person involved, that through this all God will clearly get the Glory He only deserves.

Thank you kindly for your time today.
With many prayers,

Tony G

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Enclosures:

Letter to Dr. Ross Bacon and Board of Elders of LaGrange Bible Church
With same package of support documentation