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**ALL GOD’S CHILDREN, DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CHILDREN SURVIVING ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA**

*Film’s Participants and Director to Attend Screening in Gainesville, Florida*

(New York, June 2009) *All God’s Children* will have its Gainesville premiere on **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm, at the Story House, 11 SE 5th Avenue.** One of the two film’s directors Scott Solary (Brooklyn, NY) as well as two of the film’s participants, Ann and Rev. Dr. Howard Beardslee (Jacksonville, FL), are scheduled to attend. The producers/directors Scott Solary and Luci Westphal have been making films together since they met at Santa Fe College in Gainesville in 1994.

Through the eyes of three families, the documentary *All God’s Children* (70 minutes) tells the personal story of the first boarding school for children of missionaries to be investigated for abuse at the hands of the parents’ missionary colleagues. The survivors and parents share their journey of seeking justice, redemption and healing.

While the American parents were stationed in remote outposts throughout West Africa, their children - starting at the age of 6 - were required to attend the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) boarding school in Mamou, Guinea. Cut off from their parents and without any reliable means of communication, the children quietly suffered from the abuse by the all-missionary staff. It took the children decades to acknowledge the effects on their lives. When they finally dared to speak out, the C&MA denied all allegations and refused to help. Through years of persistent activism the survivors and their parents finally compelled the C&MA to conduct an investigation and acknowledge the abuses. The healing could begin.

*"I believe that this story is a valuable addition to the growing awareness of how children have been long sacrificed on the altar of God's work, and that alone will be healing for many of us, so thank you for that."*

*- William Paul Young, author of NY Times #1 Bestseller The Shack*

*"Exposing a horrific scandal that's virtually never been highlighted anywhere, this deeply moving film is about far more than childhood betrayal. It's also about the heroic work of wounded adults to hold callous and deceitful church officials accountable for stunning crimes. It's both jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring."*

*David Clohessy, national director of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests*

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The filmmakers and the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews.

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