

Fact Sheet Regarding Current Status Of The Policies Of Denominations And Mission Agencies Who Own And/Or Manage Schools For The Children Of Missionaries In Countries Outside Of North America

1. There are currently more than 85 schools either owned or managed by missionaries or with direct missionary involvement. The combined enrollment of these schools is over 16,000 children. The schools are located outside of the United States and Canada, and do not fall under child protective policies of any state, provincial, or federal governments. For a list of these schools, please go to www.mksafetynet.net.
2. Former MKs (missionary kids) from 25 denominations and mission groups have reported abuse to MKSN (Missionary Kids Safety Net).
3. There have been allegations of abuse in the following schools either managed by the C&MA (Christian and Missionary Alliance) or with dormitories staffed with C&MA missionaries: Bongolo (Gabon), International Christian Academy (Ivory Coast), Quito Alliance Academy (Ecuador), Dalat Academy (Malasia), Zamboanaga (Philippines), Santani (Indonesia).

At times it was discovered that a staff member still employed at a C&MA school was a sexual predator, and they were quietly relocated to a church and/or into the general community in North America. When alumni reported abuses at the school they had attended, there were never any independent investigations into the allegations of abuse. When more than one former alumni from these schools reported abuse, the C&MA dealt with each separately and then declared there was not enough evidence to bring charges against the accused perpetrator. The policies of the C&MA have not changed.

4. In the spring of 2009 a group of former MK's from the New Tribes Mission began organizing in order to put pressure on the New Tribes Mission to fully investigate the abuses that occurred in their school and to take corrective action. This group is between the ages of 26 and 35 years old, and in 1989 they began reporting the abuses which occurred to them. Their stories are told on their blog: www.fandaeagles.com.
5. There is a consortium of mission agencies, called "The Child Safety and Protection Network", which has been developing child protective policies for children being schooled in mission agencies. As of August, 2009, the policies include the following:
 - a. Initial internal investigations of abuse allegations are conducted by people inside the school and/or mission agency. The entire process almost always draws on personnel or resources from within the organization itself.

- b. The allegations are not reported as criminal matters. They are not investigated under the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where they arose. When the abuse occurs outside of the country in which the abuser and/or the abused are from, the abuse and abuser are not reported to the appropriate authorities in the state or province where the organization is incorporated.
- c. Mission agencies/denominations respond to groups of MKs / Former MKs who jointly report abuse by dealing with each member of the group individually. They then claim that there is not enough supporting evidence to bring charges against the alleged abuser(s).
- d. Mission organizations do not have an internal disciplinary process that deals impartially with all allegations of abuse. Upon the filing of any such allegation, the accused employee is not placed on paid administrative leave (either on or off the field) or assigned to duties that preclude any further contact with the accuser or others likely to be vulnerable to the type of misconduct alleged.
- e. When there is a finding -- either administrative or legal -- of abusive conduct by an employee, the employing organization does not immediately withdraw any professional credentials held by that person, and terminate their employment.

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