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DOCUMENTARY 'ALL GOD'S CHILDREN' MAKES HEADLINES AND SPARKS DISCUSSIONS IN CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Missionary kids speak out about abuse by missionaries at boarding school

(New York City, September 2009) The independently produced documentary *All God's Children*, directed by Scott Solary and Luci Westphal for Good Hard Working People, is currently screening throughout the US and Canada at churches, libraries, schools and other alternative venues. Recently the film has shown in Seattle, New York City, St. Louis, Washington, DC and Jacksonville among others. Screenings in Boston, Toronto, Chicago and many other cities are planned. The documentary is also available for purchase on DVD.

Most screening events include lively conversations between the filmmakers, a few film participants and audience members who are empathetic, outraged, shocked and often inspired to share their own traumatic childhood stories. The sometimes heated discussions continue online via social networking sites, message boards and comment sections for articles and blog posts. News about the film has been covered by newspapers like the [Seattle Times](#), [New York Post](#) and [Washington Times](#), and by Christian publications like [Faith Today](#), [Christianity Today](#) and [Faith Telegraph](#).

Some people want to keep the story of the abused missionary kids quiet. Some don't even believe this could happen at all. While others call for action: for further investigations to help survivors of abuse and to protect the children at risk today.

About the film:

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 Protestant 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. (Find a more detailed summary at www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com/The_Film.htm.)

As more stories about child abuse within various religious communities surface and awareness spreads that childhood trauma has life-long effects, '*All God's Children*' is at the forefront of dealing with this current subject which concerns people of all age groups, faiths and walks of life.

The *next public screening* will take place on the campus of Dartmouth College: **Monday, September 14, 7pm – Church of Christ at Dartmouth College, Batchelder Lounge, 40 College Street, Hanover, NH 03755.**

Reactions:

"There's much we can learn from this film - about predators and about "good people" whose silence enables predators. At the same time, we can learn about how courage and unified action can shed a light on horrific crimes and help deeply wounded victims recover."

- David Clohessy, national director of SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests)

"*All God's Children*' struggles to find meaning amid grief compounded by decades of disregard and a willful lack of justice. It also serves as a clarion call to organizations that would ignore and suppress the truth rather than drag it kicking and screaming into the light."

- Brandon Fibbs, [Christianity Today](#)

"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."

- W. Paul Young, author of [New York Times #1 Bestseller The Shack](#)

"*All God's Children* is a chilling snapshot of what can happen when an institution like the church ignores the signs of abuse: isolated and vulnerable children are harmed and their trauma remains for years. This is the story of courageous survivors who ask their church for justice and healing. They got less than they deserve. But they stood up for themselves and each other. Thanks be to God."

- Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, FaithTrust Institute

Website (Video Clips, Hi-Res Stills, Press Kit, etc.): www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com

To request a complimentary DVD of the film, please email info@allgodschildrenthefilm.com

Filmmakers Scott Solary and Luci Westphal as well as the missionary kids and parents featured in the documentary are available for interviews. Please contact Luci Westphal: luci@goodhardworkingpeople.com

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