

## **STATEMENT CONCERNING DON MONDAY'S ALLEGATIONS TO ABC 4 CORNERS PROGRAM**

**15 October 2007**

During September 2007, Mr Don Monday from Humble Texas USA was interviewed by the ABC 4 Corners program where he provided misleading testimony regarding our Church.

Mr Monday made claims that he carried large sums of cash across international borders, with a suggestion these may have been used for political campaigns. The Brethren can confirm absolutely that Mr Monday was never given large sums of money to carry internationally. Any small gift he was asked to pass on was for the needy and those serving the Lord within the church and not for any political purpose.

Furthermore, the Brethren had assisted Mr Monday financially to settle his bankruptcy prior to him joining the church and had gifted his family considerable amounts of money to enable their travel overseas and household expenses. The Brethren also provided Mr Monday with well paid employment. Additionally his home was extensively renovated at no cost to him.

Mr Monday alleges that politics was a topic which came up at church meetings and that the church was involved in political activities. The Exclusive Brethren Church does not get involved in political matters and does not discuss politics at church meetings; however members do make representation to government on matters of conscience and where they feel there is moral decline.

Mr Monday has alleged on several occasions that after leaving the church, his employer made it difficult for him to gain employment. The Brethren can confirm that Mr Monday resigned from his work, after which he voluntarily left the church. Mr Monday was subsequently offered further employment opportunities by members of the Church. He declined these.

It is with much sadness that we see Mr Monday make blatantly untrue statements, fabricated for what could be personal financial gain. Mr Monday is an unreliable witness who has no credibility.

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