

A LETTER TO THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE YEAR-LONG ATTACK AGAINST THE ALON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

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INTRODUCTION

We are writing, above all, to thank those many people and mature leaders in the Church who have given us great support, prayer and encouragement in response to what they have witnessed in this season of attack on The Alon Christian Community. The circumstances of the attack that we elaborate upon in this letter refer to specific situations in some detail due to the stories printed about us in publications and on the accuser's website against the work of Alon plus all his correspondence in e-mails, sms's, letters and phone calls to many. This can be verified by many in the FEAR OF THE LORD. This attack is, we believe, typical of the wicked humanistic onslaught persecuting the Church in this late hour with increasing fury with many false gospels and deceptions out to mislead and destroy those who believe in Jesus and who would follow him wholeheartedly. This attack also aims to divide the Body and to weaken the true gospel the Church must fearlessly proclaim and live by in order to bring salvation to a dying world.

Many have volunteered to write letters to the media to disprove the lies published against us but we have felt not to do this publicly as we have believed such action to be unbiblical. Some of these have now added their voice to this letter, and more would like to do so, not only to set the record straight regarding the lies against us but even for the larger purpose of taking a stand for what they know and believe to be most unbiblical and shameless attack that is all done in JESUS name. Due to the very disturbing fact that we, as a community, have been the target of the most diabolical slander for almost a year now, we have felt it necessary to post this letter to people in the Church and all concerned add it to our own website. We hope that you would read it objectively as we feel an obligation, especially to those who have been systematically targeted by these cunning lies, to share a bit of "background" and the real truth behind the allegations. This letter is not an explanation about ourselves or a defence of what we are but rather a statement from us regarding the happenings.

SOME COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE OF ALON

TESTIMONY OF YONATAN MILLER

Retired Israeli attorney, and international businessman living between Israel and Alon. He has lived at Alon for years at a time.

Happy Purim my dearest.

Sometime last year I read on the Internet terrible slanderous stories about the "ALON" community and now I see that the evil souls behind this filth are pushing on involving all kind of authorities and publications in their effort to smear rubbish on the community's work. Well, knowing so very well the persons behind this pathetic effort I

must admit that I don't feel any anger or animosity. I just feel a strong pity. I really pity those creatures.

If somebody is so bitter, ungodly, full of frustration and evil directed at Alon, I can't be angry with them but feel pity towards them.

Nobody can accuse me of being biased or having an interest that will influence my impression or my better judgment. After 68 years of life through storms and tribulations, 40 years actively practice law in Tel Aviv and on international scale, raising children to be in top positions in ISRAELI society and being an inquisitive critical Israeli Jew who doesn't accept things by the way they appear to be, but going deep into the core of all phenomenon's, I can, with all responsibility, declare that the "ALON" community is the expression of God's love to mankind. The beautiful way people live there in much joy and peace, the goodness God poured on this place, the rich cultural life and the high standard of living of ALL members is totally undeniable. The positive true nature of "ALON" will overcome and I am really proud to be associated with extraordinary people.

On the other hand there are those evil souls and their character is well known to me that are cast out of the community and are driven by pure envy. Jealousy and frustration. They were living in the community and now they feel deprived of the prosperity on various levels the community enjoys and that is like a strong wind to the sails of their frustration.

Keep on the blessed work you are doing.

Yonathan Miller, Tel-aviv, Israel

TESTIMONY OF GUNNAR & MANUELA

A Swiss married couple serving the Lord and running highly successful businesses in Switzerland.

We can only give a good report about the work of Alon.

My wife and I know Alon since many years and we have only had good experiences with Davit and Sara and the whole community. We go to visit once or twice a year. We live in Switzerland and we have our own business since more than 25 years. We work for a German company as distributors in France, England and Switzerland. We also have our own big shop on Lake Zurich, and a showroom for our distribution centre near Zurich. We are people who stand with our two feet on the ground and do not believe in fairytales.

Our two daughter's live some years on the farm. They are both doing well and live a very happy life. Our youngest daughter who went to a private school in America and received a full scholarship at a big University in the USA and went to Alon 5 years ago. She worked there to help in the orphanage as she wanted to do a social interim for a year. She liked it so much on the farm that she decided to stay there. She is now happily married with a wonderful husband and is expecting a baby. Our older daughter lived in the USA before she visited her younger sister in SA. She worked as a buyer for a very big American department store Nordstrom's in Santa Barbara, New Jersey and Miami. As she saw the wonderful life her sister was living in Africa she decided to stay there as well. She has not regretted this decision, not at all. In her whole life we have never seen her as content and happy as she is now. She also got married to wonderful South African man that is part of Alon.

We cannot understand how people can make the work that Alon is doing so bad and to put it in a way to make believe it is a cult. We permanently get mail from this man and wife who try to make us believe the worst. They want

to destroy our relationship with our family and people who live as part of Alon. I cannot understand what their motivation is?? As we know them from the times they still lived on the farm, we can only believe it must come out of their own envy, jealousy and frustration. I can only remember them being very self consuming. In that time I thought that there was something wrong with them. Now I know that they have a big psychological problem. They seem to put their own, wrong way of seeing things on others. But I don't want to make it to long but at the end I can only say that by the fruit you can see if a tree is good. We have only seen good fruit and we refuse to listen to his destructive propaganda. You know who you are...Shame on you!

TESTIMONY OF FERNANDO

A Mozambican man who lived at Alon for 5 years and left a year ago in order to take up responsibility back in Beira.

My name is Fernando Lucas Pinto. I am a Mozambican born in Beira city in 1980. Just as a testimony of my life during the time that I lived at Alon fellowship. I've lived at the Alon Farm for five years and I learned a lot. I wasn't a skilful boy myself but during those five years there, I got blessed with a lot of skills, like: carpentry, painting, music and most of all, the privilege of being loved and being accepted as part of the family of God. Alon Farm taught me the ways of God, how to worship God in spirit and in truth.

As a child, I grew up with no parents to look after me and to give me the love I always needed, and because of that I kinda developed some anger, bitterness, rejection, fear and no desire for life at all. But Alon fellowship helped me to find healing from Jesus. And today, I can testify with all my heart, that the spirit and the power of the living Messiah, dwells at Alon and I've seen a lot of beautiful and great things happening there. Today I am a man set free by Jesus through Alon. And Alon Farm, is my true family and also the best place I've ever been to in my whole life. So I give all thanks back to Jesus for the beautiful work that HE is performing through Alon fellowship.

GETUIENIS VAN ATTIE & ESTELLE BRESLER (SEE ENGLISH TRANSLATION BELOW)

Gewese Pastore van Die AGS Kerk, Tzaneen, tans in Pretoria, die ouers van twee seuns en 3 kleinkinders op Alon plaas.

Na aanleiding van die artikel gepubliseer in Huisgenoot, is dit vir my 'n behoefte om as die ouer van twee seuns wat bly op Alon, perspektief te probeer bring ten opsigte van Alon. Hiermee wil ek nie sê dat Alôn, 'n hedendaagse Eden is nie. So iets is nie moontlik in die gebroke wêreld waarin ons, ons bevind nie. In enige gemeenskap waar mense so nou saamleef is daar die potensiaal vir konflik en spanning. Is dit nie juis hierdie konflik en spanning wat deur God gebruik word om mense te vorm op Sy pottebakkers skyf nie? Die vraag wat ek vra is; toon ons die nodige begrip daaraan verbonde om 'n groep mense, sommige vanuit uiteenlopende agtergronde, wat so naby mekaar leef en van mekaar afhanklik is; in 'n eenheid saam te voeg? Soos wat ek die leierskap van Alôn ken, glo ek dat hulle nederig genoeg is om kritiek ten opsigte van onvolmaakthede op Alôn, positief te verwerk om van Alôn 'n nog beter plek te maak.

Wat ook waar is, is dat daar baie mooi en positiewe dinge gesê kan word van Alôn, dinge soos dat talle jongmense, vasgevang in die strik van dwelms, waarby my seuns ingesluit is, hier volkome bevryding ontvang het. Hier het hulle die Here leer lief kry en dien hulle Hom met opregte harte en

oorgawe. Hier is hulle talente ook op talle vlakke ontwikkel wat daartoe gelei het dat hulle met groter selfvertroue die wêreld in die oë kyk. As ek dink aan die troues van my twee seuns wat op Alôn hulle lewensmaats ontmoet het, kan ek met oortuiging sê dat dit baie spesiale geleenthede was. As gelowige was ek diep bewus van die teenwoordigheid en seen van die Here. Elke keer wat ek en my vrou as besoekers Alôn besoek het, is ons oorweldig met liefde en belangstelling wat die mense van Alôn in ons getoon het. Ek het ook nog op geen stadium eers 'n gevoel gekry dat my seuns dit oorweeg on Alôn te verlaat nie. Alôn is hulle tuiste en hulle is uitverkoop aan die visie van Alôn.

Ten opsigte van Alôn se teologie; het ek nooit ervaar dat die mense van Alôn, nie Christo Sentries is nie. Ten alle tye bely hulle hul diepe afhanklikheid van die reddende genade van God in Christus Jesus. Ek wil die vertroue uitspreek dat Alôn nog 'n groot verskil ten goede sal meebring in baie mense se lewens in die toekoms.

TESTIMONY OF ATTIE & ESTELLE BRESLER

Previously Pastors of the AFM Church, Tzaneen, now based in Pretoria. They have two sons and three grandchildren living on Alon farm.

After the article was published in the You Magazine, I felt it was the duty for me as the father of my 2 sons living at Alon to give a perspective on Alon. By this I will not say that Alon is a modern day Eden. Such a thing is not possible in the broken world in which we find ourselves. In any community, in which people live so closely together, there is the potential for conflict and tension. Is it not just this conflict and tension that God uses to form people on His potter's wheel? The question which I ask is; do we show the understanding that is needed in order to forge together a group of people as a unit, some from very different backgrounds, to live so closely together and be dependent on one another? As I know the leadership at Alon, I believe they will be humble enough to positively receive and consider criticism in respect of any imperfections at Alon, in order to make Alon an even better place.

It is also true that many beautiful and positive things can be said about Alon, for example the many young people caught in the trap of drug abuse, which includes my sons, who were completely delivered at Alon from such drugs. There my sons learned to love the Lord and there they serve him with upright hearts and full commitment. At Alon their talents have been developed on many levels which has resulted in them being able to look the world in the face with greater self-confidence. If I think of the weddings of my two sons who met their wives at Alon, I can say with conviction that they were very special occasions. As a believer, I was deeply aware at their weddings of the presence and blessing of the Lord. Every time that my wife and I have been to Alon as visitors, we were overwhelmed by the love and attention that the people of Alon showed us. I have never at any stage even had a feeling that my sons intended leaving Alon. Alon is their home and they are sold out to the vision of Alon.

Regarding the theology of Alon; I have never experienced that the people of Alon were not Christ-centred. At all times they confess a deep dependence on the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. I would like to express my confidence that Alon will make a great difference in the lives of many people in the future.

TESTIMONY OF CLAUDIA LEUZINGER

A 26 year Swiss lady with a young child who stayed at Alon for 5 months and who left in March 2009. In December 2009 her estranged husband visited the farm and both went with Alon on outreach to Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Both parents felt at peace to join the outreach as, after being on the farm for some time, they had total confidence that their daughter would be in good hands if they were to leave her behind at the farm.

I am 26 years old and I from a young age went to church every Sunday, read the bible and tried to pray every day but it was not real. Finally at one time about one year ago my life started to fall into pieces and nothing was good anymore and in order. I completely lost control. I got hurt like never ever before in my life. I used to cry the whole day. I couldn't eat one bit and soon I was so skinny that I looked like a very sick woman. My daughter was a mess, too. She was very much scared of everything and she couldn't leave me out of her sight for one second. She was very insecure, worried and nervous.

I knew that I needed to go far away and I prayed that the Lord shows me the right place to go. Finally God took me out of my country and my circumstances and brought me into Alon community where I was able to draw closer to God and learn more about discipleship. As I started to do what god wants for my life, he started to bless me in so many ways. I finally could have a real relationship with God and be the way he wants me to be. My little daughter, who used to be like a little adult and was worried about all different kind of things all the time, became a cute healthy and very much secure little girl. It's such a blessing to see how the Lord healed and restored her. She got a very good appetite, she sleeps without fear, she's not demanding and she doesn't control her family like most of today's kids do! In her young age she already prays to God and puts her trust in him. She is thankful and she is able to appreciate little things. Thank you Lord that you changed my child and myself. Jesus is the way the truth and the life. I want to put him first and focus on him for the rest of my life.

TESTIMONY OF JOEL JOSEPH

Bible teacher and faithful promoter of Derek Prince's teachings, an acclaimed photo-journalist and businessman whose family lives in the USA and who travels between the USA, Africa and other locations for his work.

To all those at Alon:

I have been involved with Alon in one way or another for many years. Although not on the property, I have been in regular contact with the leadership since the 80s.

I feel that the recent attacks on Alon by various individuals are unjustified, unscriptural and untrue.

It is very easy to paint a picture with words. It is just as easy to paint a distorted picture by leaving out certain things and over-emphasising other things. This is just what we have here, to say nothing of pure lies. The problem with this is it can and does lead to obsession and eventually possession!

In my walk with our Lord and Saviour, which began in 1976 I have seen this sort of thing time and again and the amazing thing is that it almost always has very surprising results.

If we look at the example of Jesus and His disciples, we see that among His own there was Judas the betrayer. Judas must have thought that he was doing the right thing and he also thought he had succeeded! But it was him who committed suicide...the ultimate failure.

Yes Judas succeeded in his task temporarily, but what he was actually part of was the greatest victory of all time. Jesus went through the suffering and resulting death, but as we well know that was where the greatest story of all time essentially began. After the suffering and death came resurrection. So in every way, Judas was a failure and had his actions backfired totally!

I have a very strong sense that this will be the case in relation to these unrelenting obsessive attacks on Alon. They have caused suffering, but it is temporary and will result in many new wonderful things. It will all backfire on the attackers as well, mark my words!

I know for a fact that these attacks have caused the members of Alon to unite in greater strength. So rather than cause the intended damage, they are already producing victory.

This brings to mind a recent example. The remains of many of those kassam rockets fired into Israel recently by the Palestinians with the intention of causing death and destruction, were picked up by some wise guy and turned into bronzed roses in his workshop. He sells them now for \$170 each, so what was meant for great harm was turned into a thing of beauty.

There is a principle out there that where the true work of God is, there will always be a Judas!

Alon... I am with you, for you and on your side. I recognise the hand of God at work within you and I encourage you to move forward and on with our Lord into all the great things that He has for us.

Blessings

Joel Joseph

TESTIMONY OF DR RJ MUHLARI

Father of Mazi Muhlari who matriculated from Blue Mountain College (private school at Alon) in 2008.

My son Mazi went to Blue Mountain College in 2006. He was from one of the schools around Tzaneen, and he went to do Grade 10 at Blue Mountain College. At first, we had misgivings about relocating Mazi from an already established school to this school which has just started. In fact, the principal of his former advised us against such a move, citing the fact that it took his school more than fifteen years to get where it is today. At the insistence of one of my colleagues at work, we finally decided to send him to Blue Mountain College. Looking back at the years he spent at Blue Mountain College, we have no regrets with the decision we took. Mazi was somebody who hated his work (studying), and would sit for hours on end watching TV. That is before he went to Blue Mountain College. He even weighed more than me at age 13, (and I am not proud with my weight). I used to exchange unprintable words with him because of his behaviour. He put his life into a different perspective after he went to Blue Mountain College. Not only did he change from being a couch potato to an active young boy, but his whole life underwent a complete transformation. No longer was the shy and timid boy who had difficulty with interacting with his peers, but he was oozing confidence. He also showed major improvement in his studies. The ratings in all his subjects improved beyond recognition. He did not get any distinction in his standard 10 subjects, but he did manage to get three or four B's, and this to me speaks volumes about the quality of education they were receiving, especially taking into account that theirs was the first batch of matriculants ever to enter for Grade 12 examinations. Mazi was the last of my children to finish their high school education, but if I were to live my life all over again, I would send all of them to Blue Mountain College. I congratulate the principal Gary Muller and his wonderful staff. Ku dya I ku engeta!! (Xitsonga for: Let the same be repeated to others as well, or to me next time around!).

TESTIMONY OF MRS. VALMA BOTHA

Mother of Joshua Botha who currently attends Blue Mountain College (grade 11). She is also an internationally acclaimed interior designer and founding owner of the prestigious Blue Mountain Lodge.

One generally associates high academic standards with schools that have been established for a long period of time and are financially in the advantageous position to recruit the very best teachers. However, Blue Mountain College, which is a relatively new institution, is achieving exceptional results with students. Our son Joshua Botha has had a history of learning challenges and for the first time in his school career, we have witnessed a remarkable change in his academic results. The small classes are a contributing factor, but it is the dedication and quality of teaching that has been pivotal in the change in him. In addition to academic tuition, there exists at Blue Mountain College the ethic of mentoring; a valuable part of the development of young people which is hardly practised anymore in the Western culture. A strong moral fibre is inculcated into these young minds which is an intrinsic part of the Alon community culture and will benefit these young people in years to come.

TESTIMONY OF MRS. PETUNIA MKWANAZI

Mother of Daniel Nkabinde and Shaun Mkwanzazi who currently attend Blue Mountain College (grades 10 and 9 respectively).

My name is Petunia Mkwanzazi. I have 2 teenage boys that were admitted at Blue Mountain College last year July {2008}. I learnt about the school through a colleague who had her son at the same school. The main reason for me to take my boys out of a school in Pretoria city to Blue Mountain College is the following: The boy's school work was deteriorating by the day, home work and projects were not supervised, no provision for extra classes for children who desperately needed attention, peer pressure on drugs and alcohol and bunking school very high, teachers not attending classes on allocated periods, teachers not marking nor commenting on school work, the children were not taught how to talk to elders, the children had no respect towards elders and friends and the children watched too much TV while always on phones and playing music loud. The few months they spent at Blue Mountain College had a huge positive impact on their lives and personalities viz: Dedication to school work improved, behaviour changed to the better, respect improved, difference between wrong and right taught, discipline, improved and better results on school work, less exposure to bad things seen daily on TV and heard over the radio and knowing how and when to pray.

TESTIMONY OF ANNEMIE LOTZ

Annemie matriculated from Blue Mountain College in 2008.

I had the amazing privilege of going to Blue Mountain College, it was not just a school where I received the finest education but it also became my home. Every teacher has the best interest of all the students at heart. My experience was definitely one that I will never forget especially because most of what I learned has made me into the person I am today. The unique setting and secure environment allowed me develop skills one would not find in an ordinary school. I am proud to be one of the first matriculants of

Blue Mountain College and am forever grateful for the effort and hard work that was put into my education and development.

TESTIMONY OF SYLVIE DELSOUIILLER

Sylvie is the "mother" of the Little Oaks Children's Home at Alon.

My name is Sylvie Delsouiller and my husband Remi and I emigrated from France in 1996. We have three beautiful children Kevin (17), Liberty (14), and Elliot (12). After I became a believer, the Lord put it upon my heart to move to Alon farm and to start a children's home. So 7 years ago our family moved to the farm. Soon the children's home was built and after months of prayer and mountains of forms filled in the Little Oaks Children's home was registered with the Department of Health and Welfare. We were overjoyed when the children started to arrive. Over the years we have witnessed miracles as we saw the Lord restoring and healing children who came to us so badly damaged by abuse and neglect. It is beautiful and amazing to see the changes in the children who didn't know how to play or laugh and to see them opening up, blossoming, becoming playful, happy, healthy and secure children when they are loved and cared for.

The social workers who have been monitoring us on a weekly basis all these years, and have in many ways become part of the Alon family, are thrilled to see the progress of these children. We are now looking after 15 children aged between 2 months and 8 years old, the three oldest have advanced to our primary school on the farm and their teacher says that they are "sunshines" in the class. We see the Lord's hand of love and compassion for taking these children out of very difficult circumstances where often their lives were threatened and to place them in safe haven where they can grow up knowing and trusting Him. Where they can receive a good balance between love and direction.

Many people we have met or who have visited the farm have been touched by these children carefree, full of life and joy. Recently during an outing in Swadini we met a couple that was so blessed to see the children playing and swimming so free and happy yet well behaved and obedient. They decided to bless the children's home with a big donation. As we live by faith and trust God to meet all our needs without ever asking anyone for money, we were rejoicing in his faithfulness.

I thank the Lord for giving me the chance to serve him by looking after his little ones. Even though it is hard work to be "mum" to so many children, it is so rewarding. I also thank him for placing us in a big family of God at Alon where we always find support and guidance, where we have learned his ways, the meaning of unity and singleness of heart.

TESTIMONY OF JESSICA DA SILVA

Jessica lived at Alon during the same time as the girl who publicly went against our Children's Home.

After reading the article in the YOU magazine I had to laugh to myself at the way Alon was portrayed. I lived on the farm for two years and decided to leave because of my own desires to travel and I simply missed the life there is in the city. I am still friends with the people on the farm and as I look back at my time there I am eternally grateful for all that I learnt and experienced. I can understand how the way of life at Alon can be negatively interpreted; I myself had many questions from time to time. There are always people who will want to throw stones and life doesn't always turn out as one would expect it to. I believe that no matter what has been said or will be said in the future about Alon, it is a place that has the blessing of God and my heart was touched many a time. I was more

happy and secure during my time there than the years before Alon. I was surrounded by people I knew loved me and believed they looked out for my best interests. The children on the farm touched my heart on my first visit. There is discipline on the farm but I do not believe it can be called abuse. I was never disciplined as a child and seeing how well behaved the kids were convinced me that they must have been doing something right.

TESTIMONY OF ANNEMARIE SCHNEHAGE

Annemarie is the mother of Ethan who lives at Alon.

After reading the negative article in the You Magazine lately I feel very strongly to say something positive.

I have been to Alon twice in the past seven years to visit my son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. What a magnificent place! Tranquility, beautiful surrounds and love and warmth from the community greeted me. I always came away from Alon with peace of mind that my son has really found the Lord and is doing His work.

Ethan, my son, had a very troubled teenage life. He had the wrong friends, was rebellious and even suicidal inclinations. Then he met some members of the community in Somerset West, attended some of the meetings, became a Christian and decided to move to the farm in Tzaneen. Since then he has never looked back, and I can only thank the Lord for showing him the way. I pray that more and more people will find the Lord and join communities like Alon. What a wonderful place to bring children up. Keep up the good work!

TESTIMONY OF CHERRY HULLEY OF ZIMBABWE

Cherry is the mother of Matthew who lives at Alon.

I am writing as a mother of one of the young single guys who has been at Alon for almost two years.

One of the most noticeable things about the life at Alon is the peace of the place. It is the thing I look forward to the most when I visit the community and I have been several times over the past two years. Immediately after this is the people and the life that you can see within them. It is quite something to be a part of even though I have only experienced it for a few days at a time.

The other noticeable character trait of the community is the children and their behaviour. Without the order they have in their lives there would be no peace. They have manners and they respect their elders. They are treated like children and are free to live and play within the boundaries that a child should have and for this reason peace prevails. They are loved, provided for and protected in ways that many children unfortunately are not able to have. This is especially so for the orphans that the community takes in and cares for from its own pocket. The environment they live in is secure and free of many of the ills one would find in the world today. For example swearing, physical and mental abuse, and adult conversations that children should not be involved in. Children who live in these environments do not grow up to be balanced people and this is the beauty of the lives of the children live at Alon.

While I was in Zimbabwe, I overheard a conversation with a stranger to Alon and a leader of Alon. The question was simply put, "What happens to the children when they get old enough to go to school and then finish school?" and the answer was "Our commitment to these children is for life, now while they need to be nurtured, healed and provided for, when we put them through our school and when they leave school we allow them to become members of

the community should they so choose. You don't disown your own children when they finish school do you? They are free, to stay if they wish."

I personally found this to be a staggering statement as it implies a great deal of commitment, spiritually, physically and financially to children that at times have nothing! Not only that but children that come out of abusive homes or children with no parents at all. This love I have witnessed and it is absolutely amazing!

TESTIMONY OF CHRIS BERRY OF AUSTRALIA

Chris is from Hobart in Tasmania (Australia) and has visited Alon twice.

Dear Davit, Sara and all the Leaders and Community at Alon, I would like to add my prayers, encouragement and support to you all. It was with great sadness that I read about the persistent onslaught against the work and people at Alon by a former community member. Even faced with this onslaught of slander, harassment and defamatory claims you have not resorted to get legal assistance to protect your legal rights but you have chosen instead to trust in the Lord. I have such happy memories of Alon and how I was welcomed into the community. I daily witnessed love and commitment to the Lord at work in all areas of life on the farm and I give thanks that I was given this opportunity. My earnest prayer is that the onslaught should cease and that you as a community may live once again in peace and harmony. No words can convey my sense of outrage at the dreadful accusations and slander that has been directed at you and your community. May God bless and protect you all, now and forever.

TESTIMONY OF DEMPSEY MULLER

Dempsey qualified as a high school teacher in technical subjects and is also a nature conservationist. He currently resides at Alon and specifically requested that his testimony be made public.

With all that is going on I just got it on my heart so I started to write something, put some thoughts on paper. Not to react really, although in a way the lies flying around, at us, at the work and against Davit and Sara, it does make me realize something. When you hear stories but live the reality, then in a way you see what is real, clearer... We moved to Alon just a few years ago, although it already feels like a lifetime. I'm pretty sure by now we have seen enough to have a basic idea of what is going on at Alon. We live here, we work here and we laughed and cried here, we have become part of Alon, of a family in God. So today I would like to absolutely without any doubt give all the glory and honour to Jesus, the true only Messiah, for what we have found here. For the life that we have here, for the changes in our lives that has come about here, for every single thing received, learned, experienced, for every moment of every day. For without any doubt these last few years have been the best of our lives, ever! I can honestly testify that everything we experience and learned at Alon, be it through the leadership or other members of this community, has been an absolute positive input in our lives. Family and friends comment on how amazing me and my wife's relationship has changed, they talk of the peace they can see between us, where before there was much tension. My parents have many times commented on the fact that the fruit that they see convinces them of a real change. Yet more than anyone, I know from where and out of what God saved me and thus also my family!

When I think of our children the word that comes up immediately is, incredible! To see the development in them so far is just amazing. To hear them talking about the school, the hostel, the life on the farm, all the time just positive. Clearly they love it here! There is no longing for the life we had before or the previous schools they have experienced. The changes and development in their lives is something that any parent can just be incredibly thankful for.

There is no way that we would ever want to go back to any of the times we had before. Many friends and family dreamt in envy of the places and lives we used to have, but we know that nothing can compare to the life we have in Him, the life that He has called us to, here at Alon. We firmly believe that this is where and what God intended for us to be and have. This place is truly a planting of the Lord. This place is truly a place where Jesus is the center and His ways alone are followed by normal, everyday, real people. A people given over in service to Him.

So what do I want to say? Just this: all the glory and honour to Jesus, all praise to Him who rides the heavens, who was and is and is to come. Why? Thanks for salvation, for continued renewing of the mind, for healing and so many things. But now through this letter: Thank you Lord for this place, these people, and this provision from his hand. For Davit and Sara (I do not have the words) leader's incredibly humble, beautiful examples, real people, real examples of what it is to be Christ-like.

If any person ever lived, lives or will live on this place and cannot give thanks to God for this place, our leaders and brothers/sisters and all it stands for, surely they must be blind, deaf and extremely hard hearted, not to see that Jesus is the Lord and King of this work.

My prayer is that God will increase His blessing on all of this work, but especially on Davit and Sara a hundred fold and more...

TESTIMONY OF SISTER LOUISE JANSEN

Sister Louise Jansen was a senior matron for many years at Modjadjiskloof Hospital.

The members of the Alon Christian Community are very well known to me because of my role as a senior nursing sister at the local Modjadjiskloof Hospital where I have worked for more than 20 years. It has been my pleasure to witness the delivery of most (if not all) of the babies born in the community. I say this because they are beautiful people and have always been extremely thankful and grateful for my help. It has been wonderful to see the development of all the children at Alon over the years as they have been nurtured in a loving and caring environment. I am aware that they do many charitable works in the local community including a school and children's home and I know that they are totally committed to what they do and are an invaluable asset to this area. I was therefore absolutely furious when I heard about the lies published in the media about Alon. I can say that allegations of child abuse are nothing more than a twisted attempt by some person to damage this established community. I wish Alon every success with all that they put their hands to - well done and thank you for all that you are doing!

LETTER FROM BRIDGET HILTON-BARBER

Bridget Hilton-Barber is a celebrated author and journalist who regularly writes for national publications. The following letter was submitted by her voluntarily in response to the recent article about Alon in a national magazine.

You have got to be kidding!!

Religious intolerance once again reared its ugly head in the form of a sleazy and wildly sensational article in a recent You magazine regarding Alon, a Christian community in Modjadjiskloof, on Tzaneen's doorstep.

On the basis of an interview with a couple who predictably "prefer to remain anonymous" we are told the horror story of how they had to spring themselves from an "isolated Christian cult" that harbours paedophiles, control freaks, violent weirdos, psycho-monsters and assorted repugnant characters a la Waco Texas. We are further told on the basis of an interview with one young woman how Alon staff routinely beat the children in their care, even though she never actually worked in either their orphanage or schools.

Gimme a break!

In my view the story is wildly absurd, entirely libellous and an example of the worst kind of gutter journalism around. As a journalist myself (and a non-Christian for the record, for whatever that matters), I have visited Alon several times, written stories about it, gotten to meet many of the people involved, and I cannot honestly believe this You article is talking about the same place I have visited.

According to my own research, observations and interviews, Alon runs a Christian-based volunteer programme for around 150 people who are seeking a wholesome life. Alon has an orphanage and day care centre, a primary and high school, a nursery, a carpentry workshop, an interior décor centre, various homesteads and houses as well as a restaurant and music room for live theatre and entertainment.

I have personally visited all of these places and have met many of the volunteers who come from a variety of countries including Switzerland, Germany, Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Israel and America and of course, South Africa. Some stay a few months, other years. Most are visiting Africa, taking a gap year, seeking spiritual solutions, recovering from drugs or alcohol or simply seeking a simple communal Christian lifestyle. Never ever in my visits there have I picked up the slightest trace that Alon is a cult. Not once have I detected any fear, suspicion, isolation, bullying or oppression.

The Alon grounds are beautifully landscaped and maintained, the buildings - from the orphanage to the hostels - are attractive and clean and my overriding impression is that this place is run by caring professional people with an emphasis on decent values and honest hard work.

Alon has also thrown their doors open with warmth and hospitality to a variety of hungry locals who, for the past four years or so, have enthusiastically packed out their occasional restaurant named Mosaic and various theatrical events. All of us who have been there have returned satisfied, stimulated and impressed. Alon has also endeared itself to many Tzaneen residents who regularly gather at their Yum Yum deli in town. It is a tasteful, trendy, inspiring and delightful spot.

Without bothering to speak to any other volunteers or the organisers, never mind actually visiting Alon, You magazine has condemned a wonderful community. It has also profoundly insulted the residents of Tzaneen and environs, where Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Zionists, Christian Fundamentalists, New Agers and many others co-exist peacefully and happily. You magazine should hang its narrow-minded head in utter shame!

MORE ABOUT US

As you would see (if you have not done so already) from viewing our website we are a Christian community situated on a farm near Tzaneen in the Limpopo Province. We currently have about 150

people living on the farm and have always opened our doors to people from all walks of life. Our community consists of professional people, artists, farmers, and carpenters etc who all actively contribute to the day-to-day function of the activities within the fellowship. Not only are there people who have settled here permanently, but also people who come through our doors for shorter seasons e.g. 3 months, 6 months, 12 months etc. Many often approach us for help with problems in their lives whether it is poor marital or family relations, drug or other addictions, sickness etc.

All will be revealed and we are to live lives open and in the light, for as Jesus said: ***"No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought into the open. Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him."*** (Luke 8:16-18)

ALON'S OPEN-DOOR POLICY

Almost 8 years ago a man, his wife and family joined us as their church was in the process of breaking up. For the sake of protecting their identity we will refer to him in this document as **"the accuser"**. He and his wife were very bitter and angry against the leadership of their previous church and constantly spoke in a slanderous and personal way against them. We eventually felt to ask them to refrain from doing this. They would often in envy and jealousy speak in a scrutinising manner about the finances and lifestyle of that particular church leadership which we discerned, at that time, to be a deep-rooted problem the accuser had with money. They also mentioned many intimate details about them which were inappropriate and which we will not mention. We felt a certain check or a caution that if this was how they spoke about the previous church they were in, how would they then slander us if they were to later leave us? One of our team members of 22 years standing had spent a season 26 years previously with this man as they were involved in the same ministry in Israel. She said that even then he had been a huge problem for the leadership there and had been constantly divisive. Nevertheless we felt pity for them and agreed for them to join us on their request. We had never pressed them to join us whatsoever.

Their children's' real father had, years previously, committed suicide which had brought about certain dysfunctional aspects within his newly-adopted family including a boy who showed signs of maniac depression when they first came to us. They therefore asked to join our community out of a desperate need to find stability. He was extremely unbalanced in his relationship with his wife and her children and tried to enforce upon the children until the day they left Alon, his legalistic approach to GOD. In spite of this her children did very well at the school and in the community and developed into healthy, normal kids growing up in a farm environment. They were very likeable children and were enjoyed by teachers and community members in all the years they were with us. In many ways she (the mother) was also a fond part of the community and we shared many good moments with her especially when she was, momentarily, away from his obsessive control.

He was often very negative about his wife's family and spoke openly to us about this. Often we encouraged him to invite his wife's family for a visit to Alon and also the sister living as an unbeliever according to them. He always blocked it by stating that she was a "slob" and living, as he put it, as white trash. He said she was an embarrassment to them and that he was not open for her to visit. We thought it would be good for her to visit as we prefer REAL PEOPLE rather than strange religious people that are often so off-putting to unbelievers. The wife seemed to like this sister very much and told us that we would like her. Also it's important to mention that his own parents never once visited him, and he hardly ever saw them or had much to do with them. This always stood out as something unusual as we are used to family members coming and going all the time on the farm. Amongst ourselves we knew that he had undealt issues with them and, most probably, transposed these emotions onto his surrogate family. Furthermore, this man had a regressive eye condition which could result in possible blindness. As a result, he was unemployed and so we, in compassion, accepted them into our community. In spite of his physical impairments we did everything possible to create a position in the community office for him. This role was of no real significance to us as we function extremely efficiently without it but we felt a pressure to create something for him, in his condition, to keep him busy daily in order to foster dignity. We also wanted to give them a sense of belonging and responsibility in the community.

Unlike any of the other community members (who are mostly self-supportive or living out of the pooled resources of the community as God provides daily) they lived off sponsorship and donations from people with whom they regularly corresponded. He also received a regular disability grant because of his eye condition. In addition to him making requests to his own personal donors he asked us, even 2 weeks before leaving us recorded on a sms, to make an appeal to our long-standing wealthy friends, who do not support the work financially, to support him with donations. As a community we have never felt to ask for donations or sponsorships as we have trusted God to provide individually and corporately and each of us has witnessed His faithfulness. This has inspired us to trust Him to begin businesses etc which have flourished under His provision. We never interfered in their way of living but did take note of the fact that they seemed to often procure far more than what they seemed to need to live on. This was so especially due to the fact that the community provided them with a newly decorated home, although they had their own furniture, and covered all their utilities, electricity bills, water and levies and heavily subsidised the private school fees of their children. They were also provided for, in great abundance, from the farm's store of fresh vegetables and fruit which is very costly to maintain as it provides for what is effectively a small village. They only needed to buy their basic groceries and any luxury items or treats for themselves as they saw fit. We also created employment for his wife in our legal office, training her in a secretarial position. We did this as she was less suited to being involved in the day to day domestic chores, which someone has to do in the community village at the farm, as this was not her strong point or desire. In return for this they received board and lodging with all the benefits previously mentioned.

Despite what we did for them, they never became a part of the Alon team or a part of the Alon leadership/elders or a part of us as a trusted group of people living in UNITY AND COMMITMENT IN SERVING ONE ANOTHER WITH GREAT SPONTANEITY AND GODLY RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY. We felt sorry for them for various reasons not to be mentioned and even gave the opportunity

for his wife's parents to come and live on the farm in our retirement division and be together with them as a family. This they did for a lengthy period of time only as a visit and left with an open invitation to return at any time in the future.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

After many years of deliberation concerning the need to begin our own High School, it was decided that it would become necessary. The reason for this was partly due to a sense of vision and purpose for ourselves as a community but also due to the fact that in the rainy summer months our roads became almost impassable and so extra-curriculum activities for our children at the local public schools were becoming increasingly problematic. This, and the simple reality that we had the potential with very qualified people for a wonderful environment to create a school where children from all over South Africa and abroad could be educated in a loving Christian atmosphere and ethic, was sufficient motivation for us to start a new school.

Blue Mountain College was therefore born and we went through all the necessary procedures to register the school and all that goes with it. In fairness to the large percentage of boarders from far afield which the school enrolled, we felt that it would be good for our community children not to get preferential treatment but to rather join the outside pupils in the hostels during school terms and only come home for long weekends and holidays. We then adapted this arrangement (which will always be adapted according to the seasonal need) which we had implemented so that children could also eat supper at home every Sunday night and spend Saturday afternoons at home with friends from the school. Sunday afternoons were a time to catch up with parents at home and the rest of the weekend according to the school programme was for youth meetings, sport, movies, visits to town, outings, etc. However, though the headmaster meant well, this initial routine was misconstrued by the couple as controlling and thereafter a hornet's nest of negativity began to open with them.

Soon afterwards, at the beginning of January 2008, they abruptly informed us of their decision to leave the community within 3 days! This was done without taking into account the responsibility of the wife as a secretary in town who had been trained into a specialised position over many years and was now leaving on 3 days notice! It was very strange as 2 weeks before they left they had sent an sms to one of our leaders asking for us to arrange a donation for them from long-standing friends of the work and also stating how very content they were to be in the community! They said it was not because of any reason or anything that was unresolved but they simply felt it was time to move on. We asked them to openly share with us if there was anything that was troubling them or anything unresolved we could discuss in an open and Godly way. They said there was absolutely nothing they had against us or the work but they simply felt the Lord was leading them on. We prayed a blessing on them in a public meeting and they left amicably. We were very surprised then when, shortly afterwards, they launched a full-scale ungodly attack against us which continues to this day!

THE VICIOUS ATTACK

"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him: but if Baal is God, follow him." (1 KINGS 18:21)

Immediately after leaving they launched their attack starting by doing their best to try and convince community members via countless phone calls, e-mails, letters and sms's that the leadership were of cult status. They even told people they should leave and that our church was a cult and a money-making business for the "elect few". The attacks have been systematic and methodical and from the start were aimed first at our leaders with the aim to disgrace them, to bring them into disrepute within the Body and the secular world and to bring down this work of God, if that were possible.

In an e-mail dated March-April 2008 the **accuser** said arrogantly that ***"One's life at Alon reminds one of that amazing ship, the Titanic...its end was destruction"*** thus exposing his intense hatred and destructive intentions.

As time went on it became clear that he attacked us on a very large scale. We saw how he began to draw many uninvolved people, even unbelievers, into his personal issues. We were amazed and concerned to see how he was starting to go all out to mastermind in a scheming way an attack against us that was clearly obsessive and consuming of his very existence. We were absolutely shocked to see what attitude was in this man toward us who had given him and his family a home, help and much more. Our offices, privately run businesses, school and private phones were suddenly bombarded by unsolicited and absurdly large volumes of emails and sms's with page upon page of maniacally twisted lies about the community. These were also sent to community families and friends. His lies have offended many who stay in the community, as well as family and friends and our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ everywhere.

The lies, which the accuser perpetuated, were about all the hurts they had supposedly received and how badly they and their children were treated by the community. This was all very sinister and contradictory, especially in the light of the book (which we have on record) which he had spent writing mostly in his work time as he really had little else to occupy himself with. He had taken it upon himself to write this book, which he stressed would be of great encouragement for the Body of Christ internationally. In the book he praises the virtues of living in such a vibrant, healing community and he testifies to God's goodness in all they had experienced in all their years at Alon as a family! He was always very self-promoting in writing the book and teachings on many subjects which he wanted us to use. However, in their haste and change of heart when they went, he left it all behind on our file.

The accuser even wrote articles about disciplining children to put on our website but we felt never to use them because they were totally out of balance. What he wrote about child discipline was dysfunctional and we never wanted it on our website. He even gave his daughter a hiding when she was 16 years old. Some of us in leadership were extremely alarmed by this especially in the light of him not being the biological parent and her being far too old for this. We did not interfere as we knew the situation to be complex due to the fact that he had very strong religious viewpoints and

methods to do with child discipline and with treating his wife's children. He was constantly striving under self-imposed legalistic pressure to make a stand due to the insecurity of not being the childrens' biological father. In any case we generally do not involve ourselves as we try to allow families their own space to order their family affairs within their own homes.

His lies were sent to many people on our database which he lifted from our office without our permission and were no doubt also sent to all his sponsors and those he relied on for finance. Many people have responded to us in a good way after receiving his e-mails/sms's and have even offered to make a website to counter what he is doing but we felt not to go ahead as this would be entering into an ungodly fight for unbelievers to witness. He then created slanderous websites with the sole purpose of destroying us and showed absolutely no restraint in spreading these false allegations even on the internet - the most widely used tool of communication. He did this knowing full well that his websites would be a "stumbling block" for Jewish Orthodox and people of other faiths let alone Jewish and gentile secular people if they were to read his websites. This would be a stumbling block for people not on the path to Alon, but in the way of Jesus and His gospel of salvation to all mankind. To mastermind his plot he cunningly tricked a support base he had persuaded and set up into sponsoring the websites he created. This support base consisted of people who had never interviewed us and some who posted entries on his websites and sent emails spreading his lies on the basis of his word. Many supporters of Alon did post positive comments and responses on one of his websites, but they were conveniently removed which, once again, shows his destructive intent and one-sided and deceitful presentation of the facts.

However, never did we personally receive a letter, e-mail, phone call or were we approached in person by those that the accuser managed by whatever means to turn against us publicly. Again JESHUA (JESUS) HIMSELF gives very clear instruction in HIS word for example in Matthew 18 about what we should do IF A BROTHER HAS SINNED AGAINST US OR HARMED US. In the book of James we are for example clearly called not to slander, speak against or judge one another. The very people called by the accuser to testify against us publicly have not expressed any indication towards us about any wrong doing from us against them and some have even spoken on very friendly terms to us much less than a year ago??? Some have never visited Alon for longer than 3 days and those 15 years and more ago??? Some of these people have called upon us for help or counsel numerous times for years at all hours of the day/night when in need with their own problems, children, marriages, drug problems, financial help and much more which will remain private.

We for sure cried for days when we heard about what people were saying as we continued to love them and yet could not believe that they could do something so wrong before GOD working together with the accuser in trying to destroy us. We were not angry because of our own name or even the name of Alon that's being discredited but GODS name that gets mocked by unbelievers as they see believers that are trying to destroy other believers in JESUS name. We can see Paul, David, Joseph, Mordecai and others in the bible having suffered from believers and unbelievers doing wrong against them but should take to heart how they responded so we can live in a GODLY MANNER.

Even young and impressionable members of our community - some of whom had come off drugs only a short while before, and who were only then taking their first cautious and watchful steps in

following Jesus in a committed and fully surrendered lifestyle - had been made the selfish target of some of these attacks. The accuser, who professes to be a believer in Jesus, sent e-mails and sms's to these young believers without considering the fact that such conduct could destroy the faith of some and that his personal issues had nothing to do with them. He even contacted the families of these vulnerable believers with the intention of luring them away from Alon and the help they were receiving! He has done this well aware of the repeated warning in Scripture not to do anything that might make another to stumble, or to be a stumbling block to the weak. We can testify that he and his wife never had an interest in the people including the young adult people at Alon, be it in a pastoral way or just in personal care but rather had severe envy and jealousy towards the Alon leadership and young people growing in GODLY GRACE and leadership. They tried on many occasions to sow discord and were also only seeking "fame and fortune" shamelessly at times. It is obvious that he is not conducting this smear campaign out of concern for anyone and certainly not for the people he approached to be his support base!

THE LITTLE OAKS CHILDRENS' HOME

The Little Oaks children's' home was established on the farm in 2003 and has done a wonderful work of looking after orphans, many of whom have come to us having been terribly abused. They have been looked after at our own cost and by fully committed volunteer workers. The achievements of the Home have been recognised by the child welfare community of Limpopo and an award for the Home is being considered.

Unfortunately a children's' home is an obvious target for an ideological trouble-maker. Predictably the accuser, who had showed zero interest in and given no support to the Home when he stayed on the farm, launched an attack on it. He did this in extreme selfishness with no thought as to the effect of this on the lives of the volunteer childminders and the children. The orphans, in a process of healing and rehabilitation, had to face 3 different interrogations from officials because of the false reports of the accuser. All reports were proven false! Jesus said: "**suffer not the little children to come unto me.**"

The accuser also had us reported in secular newspapers and even national magazines - cheap tabloids which survive off selling gossip and smut to print sensational articles about us - focusing on our alleged mistreatment of orphans and so appealing persuasively to people's emotions with wild allegations of "blood curdling" screams from children getting countless hidings etc. Social Welfare, the Police and the National School Board all descended upon our community and harassed our children with countless loaded questions.

These "investigations", sent by tip-offs from the accuser, came up with nothing but a clean bill of health in every area. The Department of Social Welfare, SA Police and Schools Board all independently of each other, were greatly impressed by what they had seen in our community and all came to the same conclusion - that they had been sent as part of a smear campaign against the work of Alon. Our children were emotionally unsettled after the third "visit" by these departments sent by

the accuser. These visits involved interrogations with children, based on allegations which were completely unfounded, to which a young child should not be subjected. We, as parents, were extremely upset by this but were told by government that, although they could see this was unwarranted, they were obliged to act every time in spite of the doubts they had about the source.

Before the accuser had falsely "reported" the Children's' Home and School, he ominously threatened us by sms that the "mechanisms of state" would visit us. This shows he never had a concern for the welfare of children but would exploit this emotionally-charged topic in order to waste and divert the resources of the child welfare community, busy with extreme cases of child abuse such as rape and child trafficking, to fight his personal issues.

Even after we had been cleared by the police and social welfare he continued with his false reports playing off one department against another and going to another office or branch if one sector of the child protection community would not help him or found the Children's Home to be in order. He also tried to turn the authorities against us by sending them e-mails on unrelated topics to do with our stand as believers and also that we are a cult. Fortunately some officials, including some who were believers in Jesus, could easily detect his false motives. Others unfortunately were misled by him and so public and private resources and funding were wasted as a result of his personal vendetta. A top senior government official has testified of the accuser phoning him incessantly in an almost insane manner trying to smear us with total lies which, inadvertently, opened up more doors for us. Government officials have given us the most positive reports regarding our school and children's home. The accuser has been trying for almost a year to close every door on us, trying to close our school, our children's home etc etc but with every door that he tries to close, GOD opens up the way for more and more favour and open doors!!!

In it all SALVATION AND GRACE HAVE CONTINUED TO BE POURED OUT BY GOD upon Jew and Gentile, learners at our school, visitors and others here at Alon. The accuser has tried every effort to split or drive families apart, even trying to split our leader from his own son and him and his son from their in-laws. He has tried constantly to get people to leave Alon or tried to separate or cause dissension between the brothers and sisters at Alon which has only created a greater unity in Jesus between us. He made every effort to publish us as evil and bad in newspapers and magazines of lesser credibility. Articles were published in 2 affiliated national tabloids with photos of the attacker and his wife with their faces intentionally blurred and their names conveniently changed, all in line with his cowardly and deceitful campaign.

***'They sharpen their tongues like swords
And aim their words like deadly arrows.
They shoot from ambush at the innocent man.
they shoot at him suddenly, without fear.
They encourage each other in evil plans,
They talk about hiding their snares;
They say, "who will see them ?"
They plot injustice and say,***

***"we have devised a perfect plan!"
Surely the mind and heart of man are cunning.'***

(PSALM 64:3 – 6)

Even after the publication of the tabloids the accuser spitefully sent a threat by sms to one our leaders showing once again his vindictive and highly destructive attitude towards us. In it he brazenly named the magazine he had used for his ends to try to destroy us. He states in the sms on 11 March 2009:

"This YOU magazine article is just the beginning...get out while you can!"

Without us making any effort we have even received many positive responses to these articles by people who want to visit us and who stated that they can clearly see the article consists of lies! **"WHO CAN CURSE WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED?"** Also without paying towards it we have been featured in a very positive light and continue to be featured in trustworthy newspapers and publications of a high standard including national TV...and the list goes on. God neither slumbers nor sleeps!!!

His attack is one of extreme hate, which has gone on for over a year. Even though his emails and sms's are unanswered, he refuses to stop. We have all communications on record so that this story be fully told. They constitute harassment, invasion of privacy, and defamation, for which we could easily get a court interdict against him as he has sent hundreds of defamatory and damaging communications without reply! In fact, people would often ask us why we would not retaliate by exposing the source of the persecution. In this we have consistently been advised by well-meaning people, including lawyers and the South African Police Services, to take steps - including approaching the High Court of South Africa to get legal assistance for the protection of our legal rights. We have not done this as we have chosen to trust in Jesus, the Mighty One who undertook for David, the Defender of the Church and of all peoples and nations who would trust in Him - the Holy One of Israel.

It has also come to light that the accuser has been engaging in the attack on us under the banner of an international humanitarian ministry. We have, in addition to this, been shocked by the endorsement of the accuser by another well known international ministry related to Israel! We have enjoyed good relationships with some of these people but do not know what they were fed. We stand in awe of what GOD is doing in spite of what this particular accuser is trying to do, exhibiting the most obsessive behaviour in trying to destroy GOD'S work at Alon and elsewhere. He has attacked us through plans and schemes so cunning and wicked that many unbelievers have seen through his schemes as being aimed only at mad destruction. In fact an unbeliever with integrity, dignity and good standards would never partake in such a filthy, wicked smear campaign.

Maybe the accuser needs to know that the help of man is worthless and that GOD is well able to close a work if it is not pleasing in GOD'S sight. In the book of Acts we are told that if a work, purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail but if it is from GOD, you will only find yourself fighting against GOD. We have received so much harassment and many so-called words or

prophecies meant to come from GOD cursing us as an evil people that are about to be destroyed. We have even received communications touching negatively on the testimony brought forth upon us of our daughter Alona who went to be with the LORD in her 7th year 16 years ago. Somehow we see GOD'S word instructing us to forgive, to love and to bless one another. The enemy is like a roaring lion as his time is short but Jesus is coming back! Therefore as believers we must stand together against the furious, cunning and divisive attack of the enemy which in this age is directed at the Christian bible-believing Church – with Jesus at its head; it is the only hope of humanity in the shaking and darkening world of today.

The word says that fights and quarrels are caused by desires that battle within us as humans if we don't yield ourselves to GOD. HIS SPIRIT within us does not envy or fight as man does. We are told by GOD'S word that LOVE keeps no record of wrongs and that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. We as believers are not to take revenge or fight or expose one another as the world does but to yield ourselves into HIS LOVE AND FORGIVENESS and seek to cling to what is good rather than evil. It doesn't take much Christian maturity to know that the HOLY SPIRIT works differently to the spirit of the world or the flesh of man. GOD HIMSELF who knows the secrets of the human heart will avenge and repay as HE ALONE IS GOD AND JUDGE OF ALL. We as believers are called to bear fruit in keeping with repentance...and the fruit will show itself.

Even more serious than the attack on us is the fact that, by publicising his problems to unbelievers, by way of emails, his websites and in the tabloid media, he has brought the Christian Church into disrepute in the eyes of the world and for which he stands accountable.

"There are six things the lord hates, seven that are detestable to him:

Haughty eyes,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

A heart that devises wicked schemes,

Feet that are quick to rush into evil,

A false witness who pours out lies

And a man who stirs up dissension among brothers."

(PROVERBS 6:16)

THE MOTIVE FOR THE ATTACK

It is clear from the accuser's behaviour, and from the book that he was writing over a long period of time, that the reason for his attack is not that he believes there is something wrong with Alon but it is rather a vicious reaction and devious smear campaign resulting from his own personal grudges against the work and its leaders in

which he could not get his own way, or be recognised as a leader, something he aimed for at all times.

The accuser's actions have nothing to do with truth nor does he care about those he has systematically tracked down and made to be a part of his support base. He does not even believe there is something wrong with the Community, School or Children's' Home as he stayed with us for over 7 years and his children were in our school. He stayed with us by choice, even praising us in the book he so carefully wrote, and not out of economic necessity as in that time he could have been supported by his in-laws and family living nearby in Pretoria as they periodically received financial support from them. This exposes his lack of credibility and false motives for accusing us as he had no problem with the Community, School nor the Children's' Home in that 7 year period!

Instead of raising his own issues in the proper way face to face he has falsely, and by misquoting the word of God, made out Alon to be a cult and has attempted in his rage to sweep up a wave of persecution against it to cause its destruction and to humiliate us.

He even states in a sms to a leader of Alon: **"What makes you think you do not manifest the traits of a borderline psychopath? Why do you not repent? The next level of exposure will only be even more than ever before. Let everyone go and dissolve the community, i wish you no personal harm but you may bring nationwide humiliation upon yourself if you continue with the alon cult, mark"**. By this he shows, as he did before at his previous church, that he has no respect for established leaders of the Church but that his intention is to destroy that which has been born of God! This intention is also evidenced in numerous other sms's and e-mails.

This letter then also serves as a warning to the Church about the accuser and others like him who, as wolves in sheep's clothing, are a danger to the flock in these critical days when the Church is so needed to arise in all the earth.

His behaviour reminds one of how Haman tried to deceive the King in the book of Esther ch. 3 at this time of Purim by telling the King: **"There is a certain people...who do not obey the King's laws...if it pleases the King, let a decree be issued to destroy them"** but of course the real motivation of the self-righteous and self-serving Haman is seen in verse 5: **"When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him (Haman) honour, he was enraged."** The just ending of the story of course is that Haman's lies were exposed.

THE CASE OF THE DISTURBED 21 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO WAS FEATURED IN THE SECULAR TABLOID PRESS ALONG WITH THE ACCUSER

The girl whom the "accuser" refers to in one of his many attacking media articles came to the farm for a season with her parent's approval in 2007. When she joined us she was on a daily dosage of a long list of strong pharmaceutical drugs and medication. She was very dysfunctional, an insomniac

and at times hardly able to walk properly due to the medication. She regularly suffered from terrible migraines and was, according to her own confession, overdosing and using the drugs just to make it through the day.

According to her, her family and especially her parents were in constant conflict and all were obsessively controlled by her mother. She, herself, had been crippled by her mother who had, in her own words, possessed her and even later threatened, periodically, to commit suicide as she (the mother) was desperately lonely without her daughter by her side. We found this extremely disturbing but all the time encouraged her to keep contact with her parents and yet at the same time to get mentally free so that she could become a whole person in her identity in Christ. She claimed that she could never be open and honest with her mother because it would be an endless fight and she would be subjected to immense guilt if, in any way, she offended her because she said that her mother constantly portrayed herself as a wounded victim in life. She said it was her mother's way of manipulating her and keeping her in a relationship where, at times, the roles were reversed and she felt, not like a young carefree girl, but like an old burnt-out woman. She knew that she needed to get distance from this relationship and pleaded with us to keep her at Alon. When we asked her why she doesn't involve her dad she said that he too had given up and had become passively disinterested and mute as he had seen that it never came to any good whenever he tried to have his say. She felt very sorry for her dad and said in many ways he was actually the victim and that he lived in a cocoon of silence in the home. Of course we wanted to help but realized how delicate this situation was and although we have been working with people from diverse backgrounds for more than two decades, we found the situation to be unusually complex.

She told us on many occasions that it was difficult to keep communication with her mother as she believed that her dysfunctional relationship with her was the root cause of her own anxiety and depression and she had started to see, being at the farm, that what she had thought was normal (the manipulation, suicide threats etc) was actually totally abnormal and damaging. At various times she told us that she had been asked to go back home but she said she didn't want to yet as it may interfere in what God was doing in her life and knew that she needed to build a strong foundation before she could face certain issues in her past. We gave her counsel, as we saw fit, but left the decision to her and regularly communicated this with her parents so that they might understand what their daughter was going through as much as we could explain telephonically.

In the time this young girl was with us we had tried to equip and teach her life and people skills as she was obviously handicapped to some degree in this. We felt it would be best to create work for her firstly in our medical centre in a reception capacity but soon realized that due to her low concentration levels (probably as a result of the medication) she would need an extended period of healing before she would be fully recovered. We tried to place her in an environment where she could take steps to build herself up to restore self-esteem and emotional posture as much as possible in her season with us.

After some months on the farm she testified how God had healed her from her terrible suffering of migraine headaches, how normal sleep patterns had been restored, how she no longer was taking any medication etc. and she knew this to be a miracle and the love of God which she had experienced on the farm.

However, on the last visit of the parents to the farm to visit their daughter, at which time they went away for some days as a family, we could see that there was something "edgy" with the parents and that they had come under the "spell" of the accuser as we were well aware that he had been extremely busy contacting people and friends of the work to spread his lies. Therefore we decided on the basis of the attitude displayed by the parents, who unfortunately would not even talk to leadership at Alon about anything that may have been troubling them, that it would be better for her to leave and go back with her parents rather than for her to have conflict. This was very much against her will but it was a decision we knew that we were forced to make. We told her that at any time she was welcome to return if she had the blessing and support of her parents. However soon afterward we heard reports from our friends that her parents were spreading lies that they had "rescued" her from the farm.

For the reader to understand, in the interim period she had fallen in love with a young man and at first we felt there was something of healing in it so we, as leadership, just observed from a distance. For the young man involved it was definitely an important phase as he was also being restored from broken and unhealthy relationships in his past which had left him with considerable hurts. It was all very innocent and pure and for the young man especially it was just a "testing of the waters". On one occasion when her parents came to visit her at the farm she introduced the young man to them but the mother said he was intellectually inferior and that they were not suitable for marriage. The young girl was offended by this as she knew the young man to be highly talented, gifted and intelligent. The fact that he was Swiss, very qualified and able to speak English, German and French was overlooked by the mother's problematic manner of seeing a godly young man as she judged him without knowing him.

However the young man had privately confessed to leadership that it was, in no way, sure that it was a relationship from God, nor was he sure that it would lead to anything more serious such as marriage, as he himself was not "in love" the way he thought he should have been if it had been a definite in his own heart. When, eventually, she left he said he felt immense relief as he was actually free of the expectation and pressure which the relationship was starting to bear upon him.

In an attempt to clarify things and for the sake of openness and transparency, the leadership contacted the parents telephonically to let them know that as much as we were open to help their daughter further, we held no negativity if they felt not to send their daughter back. However, if they felt it to be a positive thing and if it carried their blessing, their daughter would be welcome at any time to return to Alon. We said, either way, there were "no strings attached" and we hoped to stay on good terms with them as we had known them for 25 years. Sadly, we were told that excerpts from that telephone conversation were taped by her parents (without our knowledge or permission!) and sent to the young man's parents (who were strangers to them) and what was conveyed to them was distorted to make them to believe that for no reason we had kicked the girl off the farm and had forced their relationship to come to an end. How wicked to twist our words and to do such damage to a friendship with people who lived a long distance overseas from us and who immediately believed the lies and presumed the worst! After this we sent a letter to the parents of the girl to address this

difficult situation in a godly way with reconciliation. Unfortunately they were not open for this and did not reply but instead started to publicly slander us.

Sadly, this very same girl, so sweet and sincere, has now turned into a vicious voice of accusation against the work. She never had any conflict with anyone on the farm and yet now has personally slandered those who deeply cared about her and stood with her for her own well-being. The well known saying "hell hath no fury as a woman scorned" unfortunately must be applicable even in this young girl's case and all we can do is pray that she finds healing and can move beyond her broken heart. It is absolutely unacceptable that she take out her frustration against us as we were not the one's to break her relationship with the man she loved – she must consider this soberly and in the fear of God, as we are all judged by our own words by the One who sees all.

OUR HAND OF RECONCILIATION

In spite of the hand of reconciliation shown by the leadership of Alon the accuser has never responded and has shown no interest to work things out or to come to an end of this obsessive crusade. After community members and leadership received a most destructive, condemning and vicious letter from the accuser, containing lies and extremely twisted stories, painting the leadership as most evil, the following response was sent to the accuser and his wife by the leadership on 22 July 2008:

"Dear (names omitted)

We have heard about your letters etc and have also just opened our e-mail 5 minutes ago on our computer here on the Middle East.

Just a very short response from us before a LIVING GOD that knows every detail in all of our lives, works, motives etc etc and all that happens in public and behind close doors at ALON with us, leadership and every other detail.

Your letter has severely saddened us with a deep cry within. We have really felt caring and love towards you during your season at Alon and always had a desire for your wellbeing as a family in GOD'S WAYS AND ETERNAL PURPOSES. For sure we have made mistakes along the way as we are not perfect. Please know that we can now ask you for forgiveness where you believe you have been hurt, abused and controlled in any ungodly manner. PLEASE FORGIVE US IN JESUS!!"

We ask THE LORD to give us HIS GODLY FOCUS OR VIEWPOINT through your letters AS GOD would want us to see what is needed in making us to HONOUR GOD in all we do to serve HIM and others.

May JESUS BLESS YOU in every way as you continue in following HIM.

We will always be open if ever you wanted to see us or visit with us.

Much love and warmth which we mean,

Davit, Sara and on behalf of ALON. "

After receiving this e-mail the accuser's attacks intensified and he seemed to go crazy, raging even more against us! We, as a community, however, have felt never to publicly expose any of the details, or the name of the accuser as we believe it is not for us to fight back, nor to explain or defend ourselves but we know that this condemnation originates from one source only, the accuser of the brethren, Satan and is demonically inspired to completely destroy this work and the gospel by which we live. Despite his attacks we have continued to hold out a hand of friendship to him and have refrained from retaliation and continued rather to pray for him. Nonetheless, he refuses to respond and in none of his emails or other writings does he acknowledge the possibility of an ounce of fault on his part. He does not respond as his purpose is not one of reconciliation, but is an attempt to destroy a work of God, part of the Christian Church.

However, we see and experience God's absolute blessing in spite of all the above. For sure this couple will be pitied by those whom they have persuaded and tricked in some cases even to the point of people emptying their pockets to support him and his cunningly schemed self-appointed ministry. We pray for him in the forgiveness which we have so richly received in YESHUA (CHRIST JESUS OUR MESSIAH) even as God has really blessed us at Alon and we continue to see his hand bestowing HIS favour and blessing upon us.

THE WAY FORWARD

This letter does not blame or judge anyone but it is, we believe, real and instructive in delivering the message that GOD'S word is so clear on what we as believers should not do and how we should act in HIS spirit of love!!! We all make mistakes along our journey with the LIVING GOD and we at Alon have for sure made many mistakes as we are not perfect. The Alon Farm Trust was established more than 20 years ago with non-members also being included for the sake of accountability. We have never asked anyone for financial donations or support; we have not tried to manipulate the obtaining of finances by way of newsletters or e-mails etc, not in a personal way nor by the Alon Community – not a penny!!! We have rather chosen to be accountable to God, our mighty provider. We don't use a ministry for " fame and claim" or promoting our own name, for financial gain or to follow a lifestyle seeking our own interest, BUT BY FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD WE SEEK TO FOLLOW HIS CALL. Not all believers are called to the same ministry, lifestyle plan or calling BUT THE WAYS OF GOD SHOULD BE THE SAME AS HE IS A JEALOUS GOD WANTING HIMSELF TO BE ELEVATED AND NOT OURSELVES.

There are surely many lessons for us all to learn from the circumstances of the attack referred to in this letter including the real reminder that according to scripture all believers following HIM will face persecution in this life.

"IN FACT, EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS WILL BE PERSECUTED, WHILE EVIL MEN AND IMPOSTORS WILL GO FROM BAD TO WORSE, DECEIVING AND BEING DECEIVED". (2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

It says in scripture that **“the wisdom of man I will frustrate”** and elsewhere that **“the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”** We dare not, in this age of humanism and man’s wisdom, rely on the wisdom of this world (which has clearly failed if we look at the earth-shaking events unfolding be they geographical, economical or political) but to first and foremost SEEK THE LORD FOR HIS WISDOM. We should be on guard to discern any false gospel which panders to the selfish comfort of man in this age of instant gratification or which 'psychologises' the problems of man rather than applying the timeless message of the gospel of THE CROSS – the message that proclaims that the problem is simply our own sin against God which we must repent of and TURN TO HIM FOR SALVATION, HEALING, DELIVERANCE and all that we need.

We are called to a walk of humility, not to accuse and condemn others from a platform of judgment but instead to deal firstly with our own hearts before God and man so that He can raise us up. We should walk the road always seeking the bond of peace and the true unity in the Body of MESSIAH. As Christian said in the Pilgrims Progress: **‘I come from the city of destruction but I am on my way to Zion.’** The way to Zion is the straight and narrow one, not always easy. We are called to walk it together in love, truth, joy and peace and in deep dependence on Him according to the ancient and eternal ways of God as revealed in His Word.

We are forever learning especially in our challenge at Alon of believers living and working together in community for 22 years in HIS call and vision given to us to fulfill according to HIS PURPOSE that’s beyond our own plans and will. We have to stand before HIS judgment in all we do and rectify our wrongs as we bow down under HIS Lordship. May we all together in the BODY OF MESSIAH aspire to obey HIS word and cleave to HIM as best we can in DYING TO SELF in order for GOD to be exalted and may we remain faithful to do HIS will rather than pursue our own desires and will. We have everything to thank HIM for and, in truth, love and life together with the Body in all the earth so much to look forward to as **“The glory of the lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea”!**

With peace in Him and love and prayer for you, that we might become one in Him who is coming back and whose name is Faithful and True

Your servants in YESHUA (JESUS) our MESSIAH,
ALON LEADERSHIP

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