

# UPDATE FROM KENYA - NOVEMBER 2010 ISAIAH AND ROSE OENDO REPENT

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How should the Christian community respond when a Christian has committed a sin, is found out, and later repents and asks for forgiveness? Our best example is found in the letters of the apostle Paul to the Corinthian church when a man had sexual intercourse with his father's wife:

"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (1 Corinthians 5:1-5)

The apostle Paul dealt publicly with this man and his sin was exposed. In time the man was convicted over his sin and he repented. Paul wrote a second time to the church and told the church that since the man had repented, he should be forgiven and loved again.

"For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your

sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:4-11)

The man was forgiven and restored into the fellowship of the church, but it is important to note that the man's sin record was not erased. This particular man's sin record is there as long as the Bible stands for anyone to see in conjunction with his repentance and forgiveness.

The Bible is a very unique in that it is God's book and He doesn't hide mistakes and sins that people have committed. The sins of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and King David were all recorded and the testimony of sin was never removed. Yes, these men were forgiven but their records are there for the people to see down through the ages.

### ISAIAH & ROSE OENDO REPENT

Isaiah and Rose Oendo have repented and for this we praise the Lord. We are publishing their repentance so that everyone can see that they are now forgiven, but just like in the Bible, we are not going to remove their sin record; it will stand until Jesus comes back. Here is the documentation of the events that led to repentance with the letter I received from Isaiah on August 8, 2010:

Dear Pastor John and Sister Aina,

I, my family and the Church salute you, your family and all those who gather with You in Spirit and Truth In The Mighty Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are all fine in Body and Soul.

Pastor John, it has been a long time since we last corresponded and that was due to evil works of the devil and by the Power of the Holy Spirit everything became sour thus it led to poor termination of what had been expected of us as children of God. It was last night that the Spirit of the Lord silently talked to me after our family worship and I am Obliged to write to you as a Sign of Obedience to the Great IAM and In Faith I trust you will Spare me enough of your



Time to read this and ponder over it and grant me FORGIVENESS! I, my wife and all those who at some point came to witness of my activities seek part of Forgiveness in your heart. Pastor John, to err is human to Forgive is Divine. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that Grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? (Romans 6:1-2).

We understand the much we spiritually offended you to such a point you decided to put us negatively on the web and this for sure has done much harm to our Spiritual wellbeing.

We in His Love who died and rose for us in order for to Attain the Eternal Glory in Heaven, we are indeed sorry for the pain we caused you, that we even made you sin upon hating us and our sinful activities, sorry Pastor John forgive us please and please ask your love wife to also pardon us and continue Praying for Us.

Pastor John, we amply seek you to bring us before the Throne of Grace and by the Blood of the Lamb of God, we Pray for a New and Spiritual Beginning. Upon Our Apologetic Message, we kindly and with all Humility ask You to Restore us to your Love of Christ's Church. You are Free to advise us what we deserve from your end and as the Holy Spirit will Direct You. Give us another chance Pastor John, don't dump us. We are in tears not because of any simpler reason but, Spiritual Account. You Nourished our Faith to Greater heights and it's like we have badly fallen and gone short of the Glory of God, kindly take out your Called and Anointed Hand, Stretch it Out for Our Spiritual Rejuvenation.

By the Mighty Will of Our Heavenly Father, we wholeheartedly Invite you to Kenya for a re-establishment of your Ministry for Christ Jesus. We still love you so much and your wife.

Lastly Pastor John, we got a call from a given Brother called Ng'eno here in Kenya from Rift-Valley Province who you directed to us, he hails from Letain which is about 130 Kilometers away and, it's about 1hr and 40 Minutes drive from Kisii. We wish to meet him and share Spiritual Gifts by the Will of God. We thank God for him. Thank you and God Bless you, we Prayerfully seek to hear from you soon. Thank you once again.

Yours Brother, Pastor Isaiah Oendo.

## JOHN TORELL'S RESPONSE

Greetings in the name of Jesus! It was good to read this letter and I want you to know that I and the people in the church have forgiven you, Rose and the people who worked with you but that doesn't mean that we are not going to hold you accountable for what you have done.

A number of ministries over the years in the United States and England have contacted us and told about their experience with you and others in your area. We came to the conclusion that you and Rose are not the only ones involved in fleecing American and British Christians, but there are many of you using different names, different places, and even sometimes using the same pictures from orphanages. You and your group in Kenya are now considered as bad as the scam artists from Nigeria who for years have been scammed people in the West. To come clean you have to do the following:

- 1. Write an e-mail to us with the names of the churches you fleeced and what you asked them to do for you.
- 2. Give the years for each ministry you fleeced.
- Provide a list of all the scammers in your area, names, addresses and their "church names." Some of the men have called themselves for "bishops" others have used titles like "pastors" or keepers of orphanages.

- 4. Write in detail when the scamming began, who initiated it and why you dared to do it in the name of Jesus, using his precious name to lie to people. There needs to be a full confession.
- 5. Contact every ministry you have scammed and ask them to forgive you, and include all the information I asked about here.
- 6. This is the only way you and Rose can redeem yourselves by confessing it all and ask God for forgiveness and for the people you scammed to forgive you.
- 7. I will post this on our website and state that you and Rose have repented and confessed to your evil deeds. Most likely very few ministries will ever send you money, but at least you can come before God with a clean heart and worship him.

I will take no action until we hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor John S. Torell

## SECOND RESPONSE FROM ISAIAH

This is the response that I received from Isaiah but he only partially complied with my request by listing some of the ministries with whom he had been dishonest.

May grace and peace be multiplied to your pastor John and Sister Aina,

I am so sorry for the long delay to reply to you mail of 12/8/10, this is because myself and my youngest boy have been unwell for the past two months.

Concerning your inquiry.

These are the ministries I have worked with.

- 1. Cornerstone family church. They provided with children food, cloths, beddings and pastor's allowance of GBP30 every after two month for three years
- 2. Sister Karen (diseased) she gave the children backpack, a digital camera and some writing material. Cannot remember, but was about 2006 to 2007
- 3. Brother Demetrius (Truth for the final generation) provided Literatures. Can not remember the exact number of years
- 4. Brother Mario (True light ministries) provided monthly newsletter. 1 years

Regarding who is a scammer I do not know of any as the entire pastor and bishops I know are well with their ministries.

In my side it started in 2006 when we were overwhelmed with the needs of orphaned children and widows in the church and we started to seek assistance from different people and ministries, some responded very well to assist, but quickly dropped the assistance as words spread far and wide that we were nothing, but scammers, something we highly regret to date.

Hunger in the homes of orphans and even the older widows challenged us to do it in the name of Jesus not knowing that it was the biggest mistake we had made in our Christian life.

Since the dropping of the assistance several needy orphans and even widows have died and some are daily scavenging for food and water at the expense of their education and good health.

We humbly ask to be forgiven from Heaven and all the people and ministries we scammed.

Yes I contact every ministry and persons involved in this scams and asked for forgiveness, but hardly do I hear from them and will send them copies of this mail.

Thanks a lot for forgiving us and we know God has forgiven us too, we feel free in Christ Jesus.

And now on behalf of the church and my entire family we request that you delete the entire article from the web-site as that will be good for the church and my family. We are not intending to get money from abroad any more, as this as caused us much misery and bad name, "a good name is much more than fine gold", please we request that you remove the article at your early convenience, for the good of the church and my family, especially my boys who get abuses from school mate that "your father if just a scammer" and to my knowledge it is really troubling the boys.

I have much more to share, but let's leave it to God who is final in everything!!! Blessings and peace

Pr.Isaiah

### **SUMMARY**

Isaiah has given a partial accounting for his scamming and not come totally clean, I have no way of verifying what is happening in Kenya since I am not able to visit and do an inspection, but when someone repents of their sins and asks to be forgiven, we are obligated to forgive. I hereby acknowledge that I believe Isaiah and Rose Oendo are somewhat sincere in their repentance, and as the pastor of Resurrection Life of Jesus Church in Sacramento, California, I accept their request for forgiveness and forgive them in the name of Jesus.

When requests for money or material come from Kenya, it is the duty of Christians to confirm that the requests are genuine. I will not be verifying future requests for help from Christians in Kenya, I am only stating that we have forgiven the people in Kenya who deceived us.