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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Polly Place-linda Shelton

Posted by: summertime Jun 2 2006, 08:26 AM

Dear Friend:

I believe in Linda Shelton's innocence of the allegations that have been hurled against her. My concern however is this, if she were guilty of what she is being accused of, who should reach out and help her, and reclaim her for the Lord? How should we as a church provide healing and safety for her? Where and to whom should she go for help? In His time God will reveal the truth of Linda's innocence and then there will be no doubt that He is in control. An individual, regardless of his/her influence, wealth, or education is not as powerful as God. Something is dreadfully wrong with us as Christians if we prefer to protect an institution rather than a person who is made in the image of God. Individuals who stand by and see injustice being done to another human being and refuse to take a stand against the injustice and those who purport the injustice will have to give an account to God. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. God will vindicate Linda in His time, and in His own way. When this happens His name will be glorified and it will be obvious that He is the One who orchestrated and ordained it. Polly's Place Network is seeking to glorify Him by helping to fulfill His mission as He declares in Luke 4:18.

In answer to your question, here are some ways in which your SDA church can help Polly's Place Network: distribute our literature, engage in fundraising activities for the Network, provide support for abused individuals who might be in your church, and sponsor events that will raise the awareness of abuse in our homes, schools, churches and communities. Linda and I will be happy to participate in a community awareness program that your church might sponsor. We are very passionate about helping our hurting members find healing so that they can break the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence and abuse in its many forms. (As I travel I am amazed at how many individuals dealing with domestic violence and abuse keep quiet because they are too ashamed to talk about it. Or are fearful that they will not be believed, or they might be ostracized from the church. But when someone addresses it from the pulpit, they feel that they have permission to get help.)

So we provide ongoing education for pastors and church leaders. We have a team of Christian professionals who put on these educational programs. If you have the opportunity to share our information with your local conference, we could conduct workshops for their pastors and church leaders. The problem of domestic violence, sexual abuse, religious abuse, etc. occurring in our homes, schools and churches is real. Jesus Christ is real, and our profession of true Godliness must also be real as we demonstrate practical help for the wounded.

Thank you very much for your donation. We appreciate your willingness to support this ministry. Most of all we solicit your prayers.

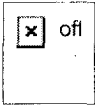
Polly's Place Network is a ministry that is governed by the Upper Columbia Conference Corporation, but financially supported by individuals like you who want to Help Empower Abused Lives. Our headquarters are located in the Upper Columbia Conference. I praise God for Max Torkelson and the other administrators who have welcomed this ministry with open arms.


You can contact me (509) 838-2761 if you have additional questions and/or comments. Blessings to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mable Dunbar, President
Polly's Place Network

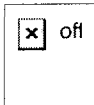
Posted by: simplysaved Jun 2 2006, 08:44 AM


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I sent my contribution to:
 Polly's Place Network
 C/O Mable Dunbar
 PO Box 19039
 Spokane, Washington 99219-9039

summertime

Posted by: princessdi Jun 2 2006, 10:42 AM

Is your comment to assume that people are not engaged in this ministry already? How could you know that?

Also, it is apparent since you have expressed your weariness of this 3ABN/Danny/Linda scenerion on a whole, that you have not kept up. While that is consistent, you might want to update your info before posting to this subject matter. Some are trying support her in her attempt to move forward with her life.

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Posted by: Hersheys99 Jun 2 2006, 08:13 PM

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Posted by: Johann Nov 21 2006, 01:41 AM

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Polly's Place is still alive and doing a great work for abused women. I have recently met a woman who was greatly helped by PP. Even if not all cases are brought to an immediate happy ending, PP keeps on helping women in great need. Thank God for women like Dr. Mable Dunbar who show stamina and courage in face of great obstacles. Although 3ABN banning support of Polly's Place seemed like a temporary setback, PP is succeeding. Pray that it will get more coverage and exposure in the future.

Posted by: Johann Nov 26 2006, 04:56 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Nov 21 2006, 09:41 AM)

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Posted by: summertime Nov 27 2006, 09:30 AM

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Upon my request for a way to distribute information concerning Polly's Place, they have sent to me an array of interesting information to use in a way that would inform those who have not heard of Polly's Place. Our pastor allowed all of the information to be placed on a table in the foyer of our church to make our church members more aware of the work that Dr. Dunbar and her group are doing. Much of it has been taken and read by those who can help them with prayers and anyway they find feasible. I am sure that they will provide the same info to anyone else who is willing to have it placed in their church distribution center. I continue to pray and work for Polly's Place--many people are interested if they only have someone tell them about it. As Christmas nears, there are many abused and helpless people who need to be in our prayers 'summertime'

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