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Beloved brothers,

Following is a brief review of facts related to damage caused to the churches in Ecuador by Brother Dong Yu Lan and his co-workers. We pray that the Lord would heal the churches in Ecuador from the effects of this damage and preserve us in the unique fellowship of the universal Body of Christ.

A division was caused directly by Brother Dong in Ambato. When the church in Ambato made the decision to follow the ministry of the age, Brother Dong came to this city and did not seek fellowship with the responsible brothers. Instead, he held a conference in a denomination called "El Pan de Vida" ("The Bread of Life"). Ten saints from the church in Ambato attended the conference. Brother Dong told them that the church in Ambato had become a sect because they had left the apostle's orientation and, therefore, they (the ten saints from Ambato who attended his conference) were then the church and could meet to break bread. Now there is a group of brothers in Ambato who follow Brother Dong's orientation.

In 2003 responsible brothers were designated for the churches in Ecuador. Brothers who had not been meeting in the church in Ambato, including one brother who had been out of the country for five years, were designated as responsible brothers because they were "one with the apostle." The same thing happened in other localities.

In two churches, saints were excommunicated because they did not follow Brother Dong's "orientation." In 2004 a group of eighty brothers from the church in Milagro were excommunicated because they came to the conference in Ambato, in which Sterling Byassee and Eric Romero shared. In that same year, the saints of the church in Guayaquil were told that all those who are not one with the apostle's orientation have to leave the meeting hall.

Brother Dong's followers taught in the churches in Ecuador that leaving the apostle's orientation equals losing the ground of the church and, therefore, becoming a sect.

In 2003 Brothers Valdemar Quintero and Rodrigo López were removed from the work and prohibited from visiting the churches because they expressed their desire for Brother Benson Phillips to come to share in a conference in Ecuador. We were also told that we were not capable of receiving the word of the ministry because we were children. Brothers Valdemar and Rodrigo were accused of being rebellious, ambitious, and divisive.

In 2003, in a conference in Bogotá, Colombia, Brother Dong said that the co-workers from the United States have become like an old hen that sits on her eggs, but the eggs don't produce chicks, and now the Spirit's flow is in South America. He also said that those who follow his orientation are Philadelphia, but the churches in the United States have become Laodicea—with just the knowledge but not the practice.

In that same conference, Valdemar Quintero and Rodrigo López had fellowship with Brother Dong, in which he said that if it wasn't for Jorge Navas (Brother Dong's co-worker in Ecuador), we would want to do what Argentina and Bolivia do—receive the brothers from the United States.

Brother Jorge Navas also said that Andrew Yu had cancer because he didn't want to sign a letter recognizing Brother Dong as the apostle assigned by Brother Lee for South America.

We regret that so many negative events have transpired in Ecuador, but we believe that, despite all of these things, the Lord is advancing in His recovery through the ministry of the age. We desire to closely follow this ministry for the building up of the unique Body of Christ.

Signed by

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