

October 28, 2007

Dear brothers:

The following is a brief statement of facts concerning problems caused by the work of Dong Yu Lan in the churches in Paraguay in the last few years:

1. The churches in Paraguay were raised up through Brother Lee's ministry starting in the 1980s. In response to a petition by saints in Asunción, Brother Lee-Daw Jieung was sent by Brother Lee as a co-worker to labor in Paraguay for the Lord's recovery. Brother Lee-Daw Jieung has labored faithfully here for many years. The work here has never been under the hand of Dong Yu Lan.
2. On August 1, 2004, there was a fire in a supermarket in Asunción, the capital city of Paraguay and the center of the work in this country. The churches in Paraguay responded by providing material comfort to the victims and their families and by intensifying their preaching of the gospel.
3. In a meeting on August 4, 2004, in Foz do Iguacu, a city in Brazil on the border of Paraguay, Dong Yu Lan blamed the church in Asunción for the disaster, saying it happened because the church here was not "normal." He sent a large number of saints here to raise up a new church by preaching the gospel in Asunción and then taking the converts to Luque, a suburb immediately adjacent to Asunción, to break bread there. He said this was necessary "until we are totally free to break bread in Asunción." All of this was done without any fellowship with the church in Asunción or the brothers in the work here.
4. On September 5, 2004, we wrote a letter to Dong Yu Lan asking him to explain what he meant by calling the church "abnormal". We reminded him that when there was the earthquake in Taiwan in 1999 and the tragedy of the World Trade Center in New York in 2001, the workers did not condemn the local saints, but co-labored with them to care for the devastated and to preach the gospel. We also asked him to clarify what he meant by "until we are totally free to break bread in Asunción"?
5. We did not receive any response from Dong Yu Lan. We did receive a response from Ildeu Rodrigues dos Santos, a co-worker of Brother Dong, dated October 17, 2004. This letter affirmed Brother Dong's fellowship, but it did not answer the concerns we had raised in our letter to Dong Yu Lan. For example, concerning our request for clarification concerning Brother Dong's word that the church in Asunción is abnormal, his co-worker only responded: "This was an instant leading of the Spirit spoken through Brother Dong and an instant utterance without the intention of being an offending word. Beloved brothers, is it not better to recognize the condition of the weakness of the church, which causes us to depend on the Lord, than to think that all is well and to run the risk of falling into the condition of the church in Laodicea. Does it not seem so, brothers?" Our request for clarification concerning Brother Dong's meaning when he said "until we are totally free to break bread in Asunción" was not answered at all.
6. Since 2004 the workers under Dong Yu Lan's direction have continued to act independently and without restriction, trying to establish churches in cities in which there are already churches standing properly on the ground of locality. These cities include

Asunción, Villarrica, Encarnación, Campo nueve, Minga Guazú, presidente Franco, Ñemby, and Lambare.

7. As the attached documents demonstrate, the preceding six points are a true and accurate recounting of the events that occurred in Asunción. We believe that the actions that were taken by brother Dong and his co-workers have not only caused us pain, but have also grieved the Holy Spirit. Our desire is to simply continue to pursue the Lord with all the churches throughout the earth in one accord for the building up of the Body of Christ. May the Lord be your wisdom in dealing with these matters.

The Lord be with your spirit.

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