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Dear Brothers,

The church in Madrid began more than five years ago as a church in the Lord's recovery enjoying the ministry of the age without the influence of the Brazilian work. Later, around 2005, a Brazilian brother, Fernando Aguera came to Madrid. The following activities involving Fernando took place since then in Madrid (*attachment 1, Aponte to Davis and Lewallen*).

1. Fernando Aguera distributed Dong Yu-lan's literature to the saints in the church in Madrid without prior fellowship from and without the knowledge of the leading brothers there. Fernando maintained a separate offering box for this work in his home. He distributed this literature after telling the brothers that he would not. This literature caused confusion among the saints in Madrid.
2. Fernando traveled to other cities in Spain with other Brazilian workers to distribute Dong Yu-lan's literature to those churches, again causing confusion among the saints. This activity was confirmed to the brothers in Madrid by phone calls from the churches and saints in Barcelona, Cordova, Huelva, Malaga, Valencia and Valladolid. In at least one of the churches, Fernando and those with him opposed the fellowship regarding the one publication work, criticized Living Stream Ministry and openly promoted the ministry of Dong Yu-lan (*attachment 1, Aponte to Davis and Lewallen*).
3. On February 14, 2007, when Hector Aponte, David Martinez and Cristaldo Ceveriano confronted Fernando about his activities, Fernando claimed that Joe Davis had fellowshiped with Solomon Ma about the Brazilian work, was aware of what Fernando and other Brazilian workers were doing in Europe and approved of it (*attachment 1, Aponte to Davis and Lewallen*).
4. Then Hector informed Fernando that he had a copy of an October 19, 2006 letter (*attachment 2, Davis to Ma and Antonelli*) from Joe Davis to Solomon Ma and Joao Antonelli after their meeting in London, the meeting during which Fernando claimed Joe Davis approved their work. Hector summarized the letter for Fernando. In the letter, rather than approval, Joe Davis expressed surprise and concern upon learning of the independent work of the Brazilians in Europe. Reluctantly, Fernando admitted that he was already familiar with that letter.
5. Fernando then made several accusations and assertions in the presence of the three brothers in Madrid including (*attachment 1, Aponte to Davis and Lewallen*):
  - a. That Living Stream Ministry and the coworkers were dishonest, changing the story of every fellowship with Brother Dong and his workers.
  - b. That when a minister dies, his ministry is over and another comes in to fulfill his own ministry, referring first to Witness Lee and then to Dong Yu-lan.
  - c. That "ministry" publications are not scriptural.
  - d. That Dong Yu-lan is now the minister of the age.

- e. That there are ten churches in Europe that do not trust LSM or the churches in Spain.
- f. That the brothers in Madrid did not know the real story of the recent turmoil caused by Titus Chu or the turmoil in the late 1980s. Fernando also justified John So and laid the blame for that turmoil, as well as the other two, on Witness Lee and the co-workers.

David, Hector and Cristaldo wrote to Fernando on March 5, 2007 (*attachment 3 and 4, Aponte, et al to Aguera*) to reiterate much of what was said during the fellowship of February 14, 2007. The letter offered Fernando the opportunity to correct any misstatements from that time. To date, Fernando has not corrected anything.

On June 21, 2007 Sherman Robertson, Paul Hon and Victor Molina arrived in Madrid. They stated that they had met with Fernando in Barcelona on June 18 and that Fernando related to them that Joe Davis was aware of and approved of what Fernando was doing in Spain. Then Hector told the three visiting brothers the incidents related to Fernando and mentioned that Fernando was well aware of the actual contents of Joe Davis' letter long before he moved to Barcelona, in fact, since before the February meeting.

In addition, it is evident that the work of Dong Yu-lan has been sending workers to Spain to carry out its own work, distribute its own literature, start a training center and establish churches and "Table" meetings separately from the existing churches in Spain and the co-workers in Europe (*attachments 5 and 6, Emails from 'Nelson' and Fabio Batista*). The referenced documents bear the flavor of Dong Yu-lan's independent work and demonstrate that its workers have no inclination to fellowship with or acknowledge the existing churches and co-workers.

There are many other details that could be added to this brief report.

Your brothers in Christ for the church in Madrid,

David Martinez, Hector Aponte and Cristaldo Ceveriano