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**Special mail out to the 1,300 list please**

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**Brendon Wung** <brendon.wung@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 3:14 PM

To: Jeffrey Bush &lt;jeffmindybush@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Travis Snode &lt;tsnode@gmail.com&gt;, Trent Cornwell &lt;trentcornwell@gmail.com&gt;, Robert Canfield &lt;robertcanfield@gmail.com&gt;

I have also spoken with Pastor Trent and Travis Snode on the phone separately.

I believe I understand the position and preferences of the Executive Directors regarding VBM's official position as an organization.

Travis and I spoke earlier today about some of these questions:

"In respect to the level of importance, do the executive directors believe this is a big or small issue? Does it merit being addressed?"

"Is it my responsibility to communicate this information to our supporters or not?"

"Am I being (and other missionaries) encouraged or discouraged from having transparent and accountable communication with my supporters?"

"If we are being encouraged to be honest and transparent, then what kind of overall instructions are ALL VBM missionaries being given of HOW we are supposed to be communicating regarding Bro Gardner and how we are moving forward (whether in written form or verbally)?"

"What about my letter or reasoning listed below is bad? Am I misrepresenting or misinterpreting facts and actual events?"

"How can my letter hurt transparency?"

"If my letter is simply saying what positive and good right steps VBM has taken, why would me sending this letter be a bad thing?"

"Why are we afraid of people looking into things or are we afraid of negative kickback from internal or other parties? What reasons do the executive directors have for not wanting me to communicate clearly with my supporters who have heard nothing from either VBM or myself up until now?"

"Am I being silenced from communicating with our supporters? Are the executive directors officially telling me not to send this letter or is it just their suggestion, opinion, and preference?"

After we discussed these and other questions, respectfully, I still plan to move forward with mailing this letter which was dated December 16, 2021.

I am not sending this letter on behalf of VBM. I am clearly sending this letter on behalf of myself to my own ministry supporters on my personal mailing list and those who regularly follow and pray for our ministry. No VBM logo or letterhead is being used.

I am committed to VBM, VBM's vision to evangelize the world, and I am committed to the progress, growth, development, and improvement of our mission organization.

If any of the Executive Directors are interested, please feel free to forward them this entire email thread or to contact me directly at +1(808)640-4232 or [brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)

Your friend respectfully,  
Brendon

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On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 4:21 PM Brendon Wung <brendon.wung@gmail.com> wrote:

Jeff,

Thanks for your personal response and explanation.

I am waiting for Pastor Trent to finish up his meeting before getting his thoughts on it as well.

Here are some of the reasons why I believe I should personally send a hardcopy letter to our financial supporters and those that partner with us or who have been following our ministry over the years:

- 1) None of our supporters have received any hardcopy communication from me personally since things started in August. I was waiting for things to conclude before communicating the final results. Emails are easier to miss than a letter.
- 2) Not all those who got a letter from VBM are also all those who are on our personal mailing list, so they never heard anything from VBM or from me.
- 3) Many have heard or could have heard only one negative side of the story from second or third hand information whether it be social media, online, gossip, etc. but have not heard any other side of the story.
- 4) For every 1 person that calls in to VBM, there may be 10+ others who have heard about the situation but do not call in.
- 5) Personally speaking, I believe that my taking the initiative to communicate with my supporters is proactive communication; me waiting for them to call me is reactive.
- 6) Taking the initiative to clearly communicate the results of the investigation can add confidence and build trust with our supporters and those who follow our ministry. This can allow, build, strengthen, and open the doors for me to get into more churches and have more influence to impact their church people
- 7) This helps lay the groundwork for when I call them for a meeting or to come speak at their church, helps to build confidence in my personal character and moral ethics.
- 8) It shows more evidence and proof of my personal desire to be accountable, transparent, and honest when I take the initiative to clearly communicate and be proactive.
- 9) People may not call in to VBM but when I see them, meet them, or contact them, I find that they have unanswered questions, doubts, etc. that they have but did not voice. This leads me to believe there are many more people who have concerns or doubts but do not call and have not received clear communication regarding the results.
- 10) The last hardcopy letter from VBM sent out in October does not mention that the results from the VBC committee are now currently available, only that they would be posted when they were available. Based upon that last letter alone, there are still those who do not know that all the results are in and available now. They also do not know who the new president and general director of VBM are without going online since no announcement has been made.
- 11) I believe a 1-page letter like the one I had drafted makes it easier on our supporters so that they do not have to do all the time-consuming work of digging and sifting through pages, links, and reports.
- 12) I believe that the accusations (against our founder, current leadership, and organizational integrity) and the results from the investigations are of a serious enough nature that merits a serious response and merits communication from me, their ministry partner.
- 13) Unless a person uses the specific web address (<https://visionmissions.org/accusations-against-our-founder/>), they cannot find that page on the homepage of VBM anymore. There is no link, button, or way of any kind that I can discern for them to find that information regarding the results of the investigations.
- 14) One of the first online search results for "vision baptist missions" is Philip B's account and timeline. I have heard from several people who have read his account. His version of the story is more easily available in search engines than VBM's version.
- 15) More than the average missionary that raises support and goes to the field, my ministry is on-going with stateside churches, church-groups, etc. and I have more interaction with local churches and pastors who I must strengthen the relationship and nurture trust so that they might allow me to influence their people for the cause of world evangelism.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my perspective

Your friend,  
Brendon



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On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 3:20 PM Jeffrey Bush <[jeffmindybush@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmindybush@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Brendon,

I'm grateful we were able to talk Sunday, thanks for making the time.

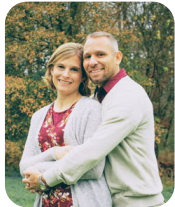
I do not know that I have the best answer, so I will leave room for any of these other men to respond (although might be best to talk to them face-to-face or on phone because emails do not always do justice to a subject).

I have also spoken to some pastors on the phone throughout this time, and most are fine with me pointing them to the website findings or walking them through it over the phone. I've only had one pastor upset about not having a paper letter, but that was in the first few weeks of this storm. Most have been understanding by calling, watching FB, or going on our website to read it. I say that to say that I personally am convinced that most know or can know without sending out more info. We do not need to feel responsible for spoon-feeding anyone lest we choke some while attempting to do good.

I know it's not easy to take all that happened personally, but in one way you have to stand back and let the chips fall as they may. We are all by nature controlling and want to answer every doubt and speak our opinion loudly, but there are some issues that only God can clear up. I say that to say I think you should answer anyone who has a doubt (whether they call you or whether you call them for a meeting), but I personally don't believe you need to continue announcing what happened. I am not trying to argue in the least, but that is my honest assessment at this point in the game. I have no ill-will in saying this, I love you as a brother, but I think you should start telling yourself this storm is over and make the questioning pastors the exception instead of the rule. We are on the outside edge of this thing, so don't let anyone try to drag you back into it. When someone calls, you can tell them, "Yes sir preacher, it was a horrible time, but God has been good and we are thankful it is over. You can find the details of the findings on our website, and I will be glad to answer anything specific you have, but God has taught us great lessons, and we are glad to be on the other side now."

Love you bro.

Here to serve,



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On Jan 11, 2022, at 2:52 PM, Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Jeff,

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me face-to-face this past Sunday night. It really meant a lot to me and I appreciated the opportunity to speak together.

I hope that the tone of my email comes across as I intend with peace, calm, and well-intentioned.

Since the busy-ness of the holiday season has passed, I thought I'd follow-up and check with you about, "How can I clearly communicate VBM's published findings of the investigations with my financial supporters that I am personally responsible to communicate with?"

Not only is this affecting my ministry support, but it has been and continues to affect my meetings, prospective meetings, and impacts the effectiveness of my ability to mobilize more missionaries (individually, with churches, with colleges, etc.).

I was just contacted today by another pastor (he supports us and he has not seen communication from me at all regarding the attached letter since he did not read the email and got nothing from me in the mail) asking for me to meet him and talk with him. He has been following the investigations on his own and has questions for me that he would like to discuss face-to-face. I plan to drive several hours this coming Monday to meet with him.

He is one of a growing number of instances (individuals and churches) that I have been encountering over the past months.

I would appreciate any help you could offer regarding how I can clearly communicate the published findings of the investigations with my financial supporters that I am personally responsible to communicate with.

With respect and appreciation,  
Your friend,

Brendon



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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 1:34 PM Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Thank you for your quick response

I'm sorry for causing extra stress. I look forward to speaking with you when we get the chance.



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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 1:20 PM Jeffrey Bush <[jeffmindybush@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmindybush@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'll be glad to discuss it, but I feel you are trying to spoonfeed people by printing out what they can very easily find on our Facebook page and website. We have set out the official letter from VBM on the findings, and it is still available online, so I believe we have made things very available for anyone who wants to know.

Here to Serve,

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On Dec 20, 2021, at 1:04 PM, Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jeff,

Thank you for reaching out.

My intention in sending that email was to have clear communication with my supporters regarding the clear results of the investigation that VBM has published.

Obviously, if VBM is getting some kickback, I'm willing to pause the mailout because of the timing issues of the holidays and Christmas.

Would you and I be able to sit down and talk about how I can clearly communicate the published findings of the VBM investigations to my financial supporters that I am personally responsible to communicate with?



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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:19 PM Jeffrey Bush <[jeffmindybush@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmindybush@gmail.com)> wrote:

If this letter is the same as the email you just sent out, I plead with you, Brendon, to not send it out. You have caused quite the uproar this morning by your letter, and it is not in representation of VBM. As part of the home staff, people believe you're speaking on behalf of all of us, and I don't know anyone that thinks this letter is helpful or healthy.

Here to Serve,

Jeff Bush

On Dec 20, 2021, at 9:50 AM, Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

No problem, I understand.

Thank you for all your hard work and all you do in the office to help us and VBM staff and missionaries!



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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 9:48 AM Valeria Seifu <[admin@visionmissions.com](mailto:admin@visionmissions.com)> wrote:

I am going to need to send this by January. It is too late right now... and we are trying to get it all done for closing. And we are running behind... as is... this is why I ask letters and prayer letters before the 10th of each month. I am really sorry. We are quite behind.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 9:41 AM Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

Val,

This is the updated version attached below to send to the 1,300 list please

(please have the envelope printed with "Special Letter for Pastor or Ministry Partner" and NOT say "Wung Family Prayer Letter" so they realize it's a special mailout)

It should be the version with no header or footer, just my phone number and email on bottom

Since not everyone on VBM's mailing/email lists is on our mailing/email lists, I will also be attaching it as a PDF to those who follow our emails as well

Thank you



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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 7:24 AM Valeria Seifu <[admin@visionmissions.com](mailto:admin@visionmissions.com)> wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2021, at 11:54 PM, Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

Val,

Please do not print/send the letters yet

I need to change something first

Thank you

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Sent from my mobile device. Please forgive brevity and any typos

On Dec 16, 2021, at 4:58 PM, Brendon Wung <[brendon.wung@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.wung@gmail.com)> wrote:

Attached below

It is not a prayer letter

Val, could you please have the envelope printed with "Special Letter for Pastor or Ministry Partner" and not say "Wung Family Prayer Letter"

Thank you




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