

Statement Addressing Missionary Jae-Chang Byun's False Arrest and Charges.

Jae-Chang Byun, a Christian Missionary to Japan, was arrested by police on January 28th, 2010 as a result of false accusations by a former female member (herein to be named the plaintiff) of the International Gospel Community Christ Church. Over the course of the 21 day investigation (following the arrest) by police and district attorneys, it came to light that the day the supposed crime occurred as testified by the plaintiff, a married missionary couple was visiting from Korea and had stayed at the house (where the crime supposedly occurred) from that morning (of the day in question) until the morning of the next day.

From this fact, it is evident that the accusation brought about by the plaintiff has no basis and is an obviously twisted lie. Furthermore, it has become known that the plaintiff's collaborators have been continuing to give false testimony to the district attorneys to further strengthen her claims.

Despite this fact, the police and district attorneys would only consider the plaintiff's one-sided false testimonies and pressed ahead with the arrest and subsequent preparations for trial. As a result, Missionary Jae-Chang Byun's civil liberties have been violated and his family have had to endure tremendous emotional distress. In addition, the International Gospel Community Christ Church's members and connected organization's reputations and trust have been horribly maligned and have received tremendous mental and financial damage. Most importantly, as a result of these false accusations, Christ's Gospel and the very name of his Church have been smeared, and the Japanese Church as a whole has also received a huge blow.

We are very saddened by the fact that merely from the lies and false testimony of a single woman told about Missionary Jae-Chang Byun and the International Gospel Community Christ Church, an innocent person can be treated as an atrocious criminal. The district attorneys decided to press charges despite the existence of clear evidence and witnesses to his innocence. We hope and pray that in this country of Japan, there will never again be any victims like us and are doing our best to bring the truth to light.

Over the past few years in Japan, there have been a rather large number of falsely accused victims just like Missionary Jae-Chang Byun. We intend to work with these victims in order to eliminate any more from being made.

We strongly believe that God is just and fair. As the God who revealed the truth of Joseph, even through this matter we believe that God will be glorified and will pray continually.

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