



# *Spiritual Research Network, International*

*Proclaiming the Biblical Gospel and Encouraging Spiritual Discernment*

## MINISTRY UPDATE

**SRN Ministry Update**

July 9, 2008

### Greetings!

It is one of our goals to be above reproach in every area of our ministry, including financial matters. The following is a brief update [primarily for our financial supporters] regarding our progress as a new nonprofit seeking to gain "tax-exempt" status in the State of California.

## SRN FINANCIAL UPDATE & TRANSPARENCY

### SRN Awaiting Approval of Tax-Exempt Status

In the process of gaining tax-exempt status for the *Spiritual Research Network* ministry, we have overcome some giant hurdles the last few months.

Sadly, the company we hired to prepare our 501(c)(3) application - back in October 2007, virtually sabotaged it. For months it was unclear to us what was really going on with our documentation and every single phone call to them led down a new rabbit trail. We no longer do business with that company. Since October 2007, we have lost much time and financial support as a result of this. Nonetheless, we are pressing on and moving forward.

Our attorney reviewed, CPA reviewed [projected budget], SRN Board reviewed, re-written 501(c)(3) application finally made it to the IRS as did our California Franchise Tax Board application.

We now await a reply from the IRS and Franchise tax Board as to whether we will be recognized as a "tax-exempt" organization. Unless more major setbacks happen in the tax-exemption process, we have every reason to believe that SRN will be a tax-exempt ministry in the near future.

### SRN Financial Integrity

SRN is fully committed to financial transparency and integrity. Along with our firm stand on biblical theology, we believe that our donors have every



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Dear friends of SRN.

right to know how much revenue SRN receives and where the funds go.

We recently filed a 990-EZ with the IRS for the year of 2007. We did not have any revenue for the year of 2007. However, we did spend \$1,494.00 in ministry expenses for which I was reimbursed for in early 2008. Thank you donors for your kind support of our ministry.

Since we began SRN in 2004, our administrative costs have been paid for through my own missions salary and my own personal savings. Every things has been documented on paper and every receipt is on file. Also, small handful of very kind people have helped sponsor us with web design and hosting for which we are very grateful.

For those who are interested in SRN's financial status or the specifics on where funds are spent, please free to contact us. Every single penny spent in our ministry is being accounted for and we have no problem with sharing where and how funds are being used.

I very strongly believe that financial accountability, honesty and transparency should be hallmarks of a Christian ministry - ours included! In the future, we will be initiating yearly financial reviews [or audits]. To note, we have six men on our SRN Board of Directors, including a Treasurer *and* Assistant Treasurer.

### **Current Ministry Support Status**

I, Chris Lawson, am not salaried at all through SRN. My present office location is in a garage and I am very limited in what I can do because of time constraints. The Board of SRN hopes to see me salaried as a missionary through SRN when funds allow.

All of the current donations given to SRN cover administrative costs: internet hosting, telephone, newsletter, paper, toner, mailing costs, etc.

### **Reminder of Recent Prayer Requests**

- Monthly Missions Support Donors
- Speaking Engagements in California
- Completion of our 501(c)(3) tax-exemption process
- Protection for our family, ministry and home
- Time to concentrate on SRN activities
- Healing of a back injury

### **Trusting In The Promises of God**

In our Laodicean church age, spiritual deceit runs rampant across the globe. False prophets rake in millions of dollars for prophesying lies and the current global slide into apostasy is shipwrecking the faith of many. Reminded of Peter's exhortation to those whom he wrote, we press on in the joy of Christ's love, truth and strength:

We and many other ministries continue to receive many emails from people who are expressing grave concern about the unbiblical and violent spirituality that [Todd Bentley \[Lakeland Florida Revival\] has displayed.](#)

I have written a public warning statement [here](#) and have created a new web page [here](#) and at the links below.

I make no apology for my biblical stand and for my public warning regarding Todd Bentley's so-called revival.

Warning people about heretics is not a sin, in fact it is a Christian kindness.

Sadly, far too many pastors are refusing to warn people about this.

And those that do, are called "unloving"! This ought not to be!

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*Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. (1 Peter 1:13-16)*

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*Lastly, as mentioned in my previous update, I am continuing to slowly work through a large amount of correspondence. I apologize again to those of you who have written but have not heard back from me yet.*

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Philippians 1:8-9

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