

Note: The following email message is a report of the confusions and chaos among the churches in Brazil caused by the promotion of one publication by some co-workers.

Concerned Brothers

Subject: About the "one publication"

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Dear Saints,

I and my wife are small saints living the church life in the city of XXX, Brazil.

After reading and being consoled by the text written by this brother called Nigel Tomes, concerning the question of "one publication", I decided to write you some very simple words (please forgive the misspellings, the wrong use of prepositions and the many other linguistic mistakes).

Yesterday I heard about a brother from my region, who is studying in HXX. It seems that the elder saints in that locality have forbidden him to meet with the other saints, since he is not according with this question of "one publication". Well, I don't know details of this situation, but it's not so difficult, to me, to believe in it.

In South America, we've been following the Lord and living absolutely for His eternal plan and Recovery for the last decades, but since brother Lee went to be with the Lord, this question of "one publication" has been used by some saints to "cut us off" from the Body. Yes, when I access [web-] pages like www.localchurches.org I feel like that. We are more than a thousand churches in my country, but there is none in the map provided in that site. Is this happening just because we don't follow the "one publication"? I sincerely can't see any other reason for that, and I sincerely don't think that this is enough to cut the Body of Christ. This has been a great mistake, as brother Nigel Tomes said in his article. He also said that the "one publication" may become a factor of division both within local churches and among them. I would say: it may not, it has been.

If you don't know, in my continent, in some countries (but not in Brazil), there were places where some saints suffered expulsion and the remained ones proclaimed themselves as the real church, the church under the real ministry, and very quickly promoted the first international conference under the real ministry in South America. This occurred after the publication of the LSM booklet. In other situations, books not "authorized" by LSM were publicly destroyed. This is the fruit of this new policy, a fruit of division in the Lord's body and Recovery.

Oh! Saints, almost every day I think in this situation. Today I made a search on google and I found brother Nigel's article. I became happy with it. Please forgive me for writing you such email, but I just had to share something with you.

All this situation has been imparting much suffering to the saints in our continent. Particularly, I become very sad when I hear of all this things happening. Sometimes I access the page of LSM and enjoy the radio programs, other times I access the FTTA's page and enjoy very much to see those beloved saints enjoying the Lord, but I feel sad

that they do not consider us to be "like them".

The more I think this situation, the more it sounds absurd for me. I stay for hours considering how could matured saints in the Lord's Recovery be so blind to the point that even a small saint like me (this is not an language figure) could so easily see their childish[ness] in this question. For those saints, I would say: "This booklet you've published is the most clear *uncertain* sound[ing] of [the] trumpet in the Lord's Recovery, putting the saints all over the world confused and discouraged for the battle".

But don't think, saints, we are being weakened by this situation. On contrary, we've been increasingly strengthened by it. We know in Whom we are (and so do you). We know that there must be much persecution even from within the church, and we know that the Lord is with us in this question. We are propagating the Lord's Recovery in our continent (and in others, like Africa and Europe) very fast, and we feel like Joseph in Gen 49: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob".

We will continue to love and to be one with the saints, even the LSM saints. We will continue to love them until they decide to definitely expell us. If this doesn't happen, we will still be one with them even if they are not one with us. This is the feeling the Lord gave us. But we won't stop being faithful to the vision the Lord has given us (to spread the gospel of the kingdom all over the Earth). We need to be obedient to God, not to men in this situation.

signed: XXX

Obs: please, consider this a particular testimony of a small saint, ok? This should not be taken as the position or opinion of the saints from my city or country.