

A White Paper: When All Else Fails

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"This White Paper is not meant to shine a negative light on any organization. I am simply stating facts. Please take them into context with who I am, what I have gone through, and continue to fight for. Thank you."

After publishing in 2009 and 2011, I knew that the books, articles, speaking events, and all other advocacy related activity I was involved with at the time was simply not enough. It always came down to the fact 'those in a position of power did not care.' With the World Health Organization (WHO) diligently printing the annual child abuse statistics, which have {sky-rocketed} since I began to follow them closely between 2009 – 2013, this ugly fact was proven time and again. In addition, as I continue to speak for free and literally give my books away; including the Completing the Circle Program <a href="http://www.godmustbesleeping.com/TheAuthor/CompletingtheCircleProgram.aspx">http://www.godmustbesleeping.com/TheAuthor/CompletingtheCircleProgram.aspx</a>, I introduced in 2010, has unfortunately garnered no interest whatsoever. Furthermore, if and when I am asked to speak at an event the conversation with the tireless coordinator always leads to 'budget cuts.' The average over the past four-years has been between 50-60%. Shelters are closed. Victims are sent away. This leads to higher crime rates, more social issues, and oddly enough, it is more expensive. For example, those in need of help now must go through a hospital emergency room, costing much more than being treated by a stable social welfare system with trained professionals (e.g., CAC or Child Advocacy Center). And, the criminal justice system is clogged.

Here is a recent and poignant instance of what is all-too-common:

"LOS ANGELES (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who authorities say died after being beaten had remained in the house where the alleged abuse occurred despite six investigations by social workers during the past decade, a newspaper said."

"Social workers appeared to miss numerous warnings signs at the home, the Los Angeles Times (http://lat.ms/1797rKH) reported Thursday, citing county documents. The boy had written a note saying he was thinking about suicide and his teacher told authorities he often appeared bruised and battered." (Source: http://news.yahoo.com/report-boy-dies-signs-abuse-were-missed-164950550.html).

This is me. This is me between the age of 0-11. Whenever I want to stop and take a break ... walk away from all of the heartache associated with abuse, I think of these many occurrences. Those that actually make in the media. More do not. They are overlooked because they are not sensational enough or 'mainstream.' If the media reported all of these instances, it would make up 100% of the news stories in my opinion. But who cares, right? I care; therefore, in desperation I began scouring the internet looking for Abuse Prevention Organizations and found a myriad. One in particular caught my attention, a form of abuse I had not been aware regardless of my personal and professional experience - Child Sexual Pornography. It is then I stumbled upon this particular organization http://www.causes.com/causes/29595-stop-child-pornography and began to read all I could. You can find out more about this organization through website under Related Links http://godmustbesleeping.com/News/RelatedLinks.aspx.

Before long I was learning all about "Peer-to-Peer Networks." Having no idea what that was, I began searching the internet (typed in Peer to Peer in Google and the following software applications appeared; AERS, Mazola, FrostWire, Gorilla, and

several others). The Stop Child Pornography website led me to other sources via the internet which stated that America had BLOCKED these sites and you could no longer download child pornography. In addition, claims that Bulletin Boards were used to collect and distribute child pornography. I had no idea what a Bulletin Board was or (BBS), so I researched that as well and found they were places that contained hundreds of links to other BBS', websites, advertisements, etc., soliciting children as - of all descriptors - Young Models. However, the good news is that America had BLOCKED these as well over a decade ago under a joint-task force between the U.S. and U.K. called Project Orion. Before you breathe a sigh of relief - don't. These software applications, BBS, websites, and advertisements are NOT BLOCKED. Making matters worse ... they are FREE. I downloaded AERS for example and typed in a lexicon "child, children, (due to my advocacy work in S.E. Asia 'thai children,' models, preteens). My screen was filled with strangely named videos and images and the download began immediately. The application proved to be very slow, so I let it run. Soon, I had several pornographic videos and images now sitting on my PC hard drive. I accessed the BBS' and found I could join these sites with a credit card. Of course, I did no such thing. Angry, hurt, dismayed and wondering how my own country could state these applications were BLOCKED, but were not. It only took a couple videos and images and I was sickened. I found organizational "Contact Us" links and began to send my concerns (e.g., Michigan Local State Government, Federal Government, Senators, D.A., and FBI). The only response I received was an auto-response stating that "...the [senator] receives several emails a day and would respond as soon as possible." All I could imagine were two reasons: 1) Lack of Compassion, 2) Budget Cuts due to ... Lack of Compassion. I shared my findings with the people close to me who physically saw the videos because I knew it was illegal to email them and I would never take the chance any way. They too were disheartened. I went so far as to Skype with my Thai counterpart in Thailand, spun my PC around and showed her what we are up against. Her name is Pimpat and Pim was and still is desperately trying to get me a 'sit-down' with Ms. Pavena Hongsakula of Thailand http://www.pavenafoundation.or.th/index.php?lang=en. However, even though I had a previous agreement to meet with Pavena while I was still in the U.S., once I came to Thailand, she has avoided me at all costs. Two Thai (Khun Pimpat Thanaseelungkool and Khun Ae Wandee) along with an American (me) has contacted Ms. Hongsakula by means of countless phone calls to the several direct phone numbers and her personal cell phone, faxes, letters, emails to her direct email address, from the Contact Us email option on the website, and hand-delivered messages; including an autographed book. I have also reached out to Human Rights Watch <a href="http://www.hrw.org/">http://www.hrw.org/</a>. To no avail. The silence is deafening.

In a fit of anger and frustration I nearly downloaded all of the disgusting child pornography and sent it to Pavena, the FBI, and my State Senator; however, a clearer head prevailed. Before leaving for Thailand in April I destroyed my hard drive and replaced it with a new one in my PC. There was no way I was walking through customs or immigration with child pornography on my laptop even though I deleted it. Better to be safe than sorry.

My point is this, other than a lexicon that performs a key-word search on routers, why are we not BLOCKING THESE APPLICATIONS AND SITES?

This question is directed at the governments from all around the world.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank the men and women of law enforcement and also any and all abuse prevention and treatment organizations who are doing their best to put an end to abuse of [any kind]. I fully understand their budgets are cut annually as well and they are strapped for resources.

With this said, please tell me what I can do to help? A conversation I look forward to having when I return to the U.S.

One more thing, "I'm sorry Gabriel."

Footnote: This new information ties in very well with the story of Gabriel mentioned above...Before completing this White Paper, it was just recently brought to my attention via a phone call by Pimpat that another close Thai Police Officer friend has recently rescued a six-year old girl from being sexual abused by a neighbor. The child {told her parents} but they did not believe her due to the fact the sexual predator in question is a family friend. A neighbor. It was not until the six-year old girl was physically injured sexually and needed to be taken to hospital; an astute physician reported the incident to the proper authorities. Please see dated 04-17-2013 "A White Paper: Child Abuse – Unfortunately, it is about ... Who You Know." <a href="http://www.godmustbesleeping.com/TheAuthor/WhitePapers.aspx">http://www.godmustbesleeping.com/TheAuthor/WhitePapers.aspx</a>.

The issue of abuse is pervasive and getting worse. Even when a child does tell the awful secrets, they are not believed. I cannot do this without you.

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In his words, "Please remember, the reason we are here is to save one another - Break the cycle." More information can be found at godmustbesleeping.com/.