

Church Statement Concerning Jeriah Mast

June 12, 2019

The horrible deeds that Jeriah Mast has done and confessed are sins before God and against young boys. Following is a statement of what has taken place since Jeriah has returned from Haiti.

Within 24 hrs. after arriving in the USA, Jeriah began voluntarily confessing hidden sins. Jeriah went through a couple days of deep repentance. He confessed multiple instances of immoral sexual relationships with boys, which began in his youth. He acknowledged to living a life of deception and hypocrisy. He also confessed that he lied to cover up his sins. Jeriah spent hours on his face weeping and wailing over his sins and feeling such remorse over the hurt he caused so many people. With time, he was able to reach out in faith and believe that Jesus shed His blood for his sins, and that God can forgive him. Following his repentance, Jeriah requested discipleship and accountability from the church to help build him up spiritually and to free him from this addiction.

Because of the sins that were committed and the victims that were abused, an appointment was made to report this to our local Sheriff Department. Jeriah voluntarily went in person for an interview and confessed to a local detective and an FBI agent (including giving names of victims).

We, as a ministry team, prepared a Restoration Plan with strict parameters to hold Jeriah accountable, ensuring that *all abuse stops*. A support team has been put in place to implement this plan. Jeriah is being accounted for at all times by the support team. He is not permitted to be alone with minor boys. Jeriah is going to a licensed counselor for further treatment. We are fully cooperating with law enforcement.

To the victims in Haiti: we are very sorry for the hurt that Jeriah has brought into your life. Jeriah has repeatedly expressed remorse for all the pain and hurt he has caused you. We are praying that God would bring healing and restoration to you.

Effort is being made to bring healing and restoration to the victims.

We urge all of you to pray fervently for the victims. And pray for us as we work through this situation.

The Ministry Team at Shining Light Christian Fellowship