

Official Statement: Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai People Foundation

In consequence of the explanation, put out on October 21st 2008, regarding the official position of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples foundation in correcting the problem of what has been wrong and not righteous that has happened in the church. The important point is that some of the top leaders of the church used their authority to order support of A. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak in garnering votes in unrighteous ways. Such as:

- 1) Making a certain number of Christian leaders be representatives for A. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak to take wreathes in his name around to (funerals at) various temples in all 50 areas of Bangkok, even though he did not know the people; and had them light incense and bow to the priests participating in the religious ceremonies of the funerals as well, in order that the people would not know they were Christians. This was in order to seek popularity points for A. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak. This made the Christians sin before God.
- 2) Had staff of the Hope Foundation secretly withdraw funds that had been given (offering) for building places of worship, to use in funding A. Kriangsak's campaign to seek votes.
- 3) Tried to pressure the president of Hope Foundation to break the law, such as money laundering, and using money for purposes other than intended. This would be reason to close down the Foundation.
- 4) Imposed a goal for portions of the leadership to milk funds from members whether rich or poor with various methods; such as selling tickets for Chinese feast tables (Dinner Talk) in order to seek votes politically for one thing.
- 5) Imposed a goal that members, the majority of whom are girls, university students or villagers, were required to make time to canvass the localities-- in every lane, alleyway and corner throughout the entire 50 areas of Bangkok--carrying leaflets 1,000 each (2 reams) per day, and walk to give them out in order to lay the carpet of public relations for A. Kriangsak.
- 6) Used the authority of high leadership positions of the church to remove other leaders from their positions and milked church funds from church leaders in the provinces; or had those leaders go ask for funds from their members in order to use in campaigning (collect votes).
- 7) Used their authority to order that members living in other provinces move their house registration into the voting precincts of Bangkok.

With these points, it has made members to doubt the vision or view and doctrines of the church; has caused lack of faith in some of the church leaders; diminished truth and no desire to endure the behaviors of these leaders. A number of members have left the church, some portions don't know what to do, and it has caused a serious division in Hope of Bangkok church such as has never appeared before. Other churches wonder if Hope of Bangkok Church still holds to the basic teachings of the Bible or not, and it raises the question "What is the reason that high leaders of the church are not pure and do not live lives by the basics of the Bible?"

When Hope Foundation released a statement outlining these things on October 21st 2008, the members of Hope of Bangkok Church investigated and asked that the president of the Hope Foundation explain and answer questions at the large meeting room of Hope Place building on October 22nd. On that day members of the church wanted representatives of Dr. Kriangsak who were implicated to have an opportunity to explain, especially regarding the money. Therefore, A. Somtop went up on stage to explain. The members at the meeting asked A. Somtop, who is responsible for seek for financial resources for Dr. Kriangsak, about there being some offering money used in seeking vote campaign of Dr. Kriangsak or not, even if only one baht or .50 satang. A. Somtop did admit in front of the meeting of about 1,200 people that truthfully money was used. This caused a large number of members in the meeting to be displeased. This meeting established that the implications in the statement of what had been done wrong (of Oct 21st) that had arisen in the church, as the president of Hope Foundation had disclosed, had substance.

This personnel committee, as stated, which had covered up these activities and had an illegal objective in their activities; had secretly come and carried their illegal activities on in Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation. Clear evidence revealed these goings on and they were stopped, not allowing any more ways to pilfer offering money of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation to be used. In spite of this there were still efforts to continue. Seen in that the president of the Foundation became concerned about the reserve money on hand that was being taken out and used in unrighteous ways in seeking votes politically for Dr. Kriangsak. Instead of Dr. Kriangsak and the committee being responsible and quickly returning the money already used back to the Foundation; the personnel committee as stated, still

had the desire to continue to use the church as a tool in getting money to use. But not able to withdraw funds from the Foundation, they created teaching to separate Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in other provinces out of the Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation, which is the legal entity responsible for funds, staff and administration of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation.

The personnel committee mentioned, had the following pastors of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation, A. Suthanee Binthasan, A. PitsanunahtA. Gowit Thanathanagul, A. khamman Soiree, A. Pichit Srisantisuk, open a new place of worship, the latest in the family of Hope, at the conference room in the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday Nov 2nd, 2008. The meeting was held from 9am –12 noon, and they opened an account at the Thai Commercial Bank, Car Four branch, account #401-2-91955-8; also at Thai Farmer's Bank, Car Four branch, account #990-2-05756-9, account names, Sutit, Jaruwan, Chinawat. They announced that the Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation members who attended that worship meeting, were to deposit their offering money in the bank accounts as stated instead of depositing their offering money into the various accounts of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation as originally. In doing this A. Pitsanunaht avoided attending this meeting himself, but made a video appearance instead, announcing a welcome to the members and maintaining that they were still in the family of Hope which had many worship locations.

Furthermore, in carrying out Christian religious activities at the conference room of the Ambassador Hotel, as stated, there was an offering taken—that is, the normal tithe and a monument of blessing offering--as usual. But, this portion of money we are speaking of, A. Pichit--who has the task of being responsible to take all types of offering moneys and deposit them in the accounts of Hope Foundation--did not bring this money to deposit in any account of for the Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation. And A. Yongyut did not take responsibility to check or oversee any of this, as if he was involved in the knowledge of these wrong activities we speak of as well. And Mr. Sutit, the official of the Foundation who opened the bank accounts spoken of together with group4 and another 2 people, is also a person involved with this illegal activity as well. The activities of these Foundation officials as mentioned, is a very serious offense. It is illegal activity

and therefore causes great harm to the Foundation. The Foundation therefore has penalized the two officials who were straightforwardly involved by firing them already.

Furthermore, when there is witness and evidence that A. Sunee (Jarernwonsak) Sritawong--younger sister of Dr. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak, who was an official of the Foundation and secretary to Pastor of Management--with intention to use authority in an unrighteous way, ordered Hope Church leaders in the provinces (which were under her authority) to deposit offering money of their members into her personal account in order to use for her brother in politics. This is deliberately against the orders of the Foundation, intentionally meant harm to the Foundation, and is activity against the laws of the land. The Hope Foundation committee thus resolved it proper to penalize by firing her.

The personnel committee mentioned, had A. Pitsanunaht call meetings of leaders of various worship locations, and parts of Hope of Bangkok Church 3-4 weeks in a row, without using Hope Place building meeting room as normal, but evading that and using the meeting room at Hope of Bangkok Bangna, at Sajapon building. This was an effort to persuade other Hope worship centers to separate from the Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation, follow A. Pitsanunaht, in order to be a financial base. Though this personnel committee even had A. Suthanee, A. Somtop, A. Rangsana, A. Gowit, and A. Nyapong Khathaaponsiri bring their team to help motivate and persuade. But in the end they did not receive as much cooperation as they wanted. The leaders of various area worship centers did not want to see a division of the greater Hope Church like this.

The personnel committee mentioned therefore made a plan to overtake 18 Hope churches at the country section level instead (LakEk province) to be their group to use as a financial base. They asked for A. Chuchaht Chaiyasombaht, pastor of Hope of Chiangmai Church, to write his resignation and then ask to give Hope of ChiangMai Church over to A. Pitsanunaht and the church country section leadership committee (LakEk province). The news was received that the leaders of many country sections for example Chonburi, Songkhlaa, Nakonrachaseemaa, etc., were milked for money to be used in politics. They heard that the president of the Foundation was trying to correct the problem that has arisen in the church of what not right and unrighteous, so they came to meet

together waiting and hear from both sides at the conference room at King's Park Avenue Hotel, Srinakarin Rd, Soi 60, on Nov 3rd, 2008. The personnel committee mentioned, sent A. Pitsanunahk and A. Rangsan as representatives to explain. As for the Foundation, the president herself A. Rubinaa, went to explain. At this meeting of the country section leaders (LakEk province), there were resolutions made to:

- 1) Maintain in vision together with Hope of Bangkok Church, under the Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation, according to the original structure at every point.
- 2) Maintain a middle stance by not getting involved with the things that have occurred in Hope of Bangkok Church.
- 3) Maintain they will continue as churches as normal, and not be involved with the structures or any work of Hope of Bangkok Church until that church can resolve things in a peaceful within their own church, and explain to understand by both A. Pitsanunaht and A. Rubinaa at the meeting.

When the meeting of Country Section Leaders (LakEk province) made these above resolutions, the stated committee saw that it was not the kind of cooperation from the section leaders that they wanted. Therefore they had A. Pitsanunaht order dismissal of the section leaders, of all 18 locations, reducing their local leadership role to only the same as province level leaders.

From there the personnel committee mentioned, put in place a plan to overtake Hope Churches at the provincial level next. And they had A. Pitsanunaht put out an order for the provincial leaders to meet at Royal View Hotel, Sukhumwit Rd., Soi 20 on Nov 11th, 2008; and ordered that all 76 provincial leaders, as well as original leaders of LakEk, Ampur leaders; and leaders at all levels of gathering members were to report directly to A. Pitsanunaht, and wait to hear direction from him and/or whoever he designates. In the meeting referred to, statements were only given from one side, by having A. Saman Khongsupon and A. Sujit Phongpriichaa block off and not allow A. Rubinaa enter the room to listen or to point out any of the evidence at all. They asserted that this meeting was called by the provincial leaders because A. Pitsanunaht had not had the opportunity to make a statement anywhere, therefore wanted to open an opportunity for only A. Pitsanunaht and the personnel committee to explain.

Furthermore, A. Pitsanunaht ordered that A. Pot Litapokon and A. Janfong Nimitphong, the foundation official who had called the meeting of all level leaders and members of Hope of Bangkok Church, to go and meet at Windsor Hotel, Sukhumwit Rd., Soi 20, the evening of Nov 11th 2008. The conference room spoken of could seat about 1,200 people, but the people who came to listen overflowed the room. A. Rubinaa received permission to enter and listen, but was blocked off and forbidden to go up and show any evidence at hand. This personnel committee group had put in place 4 key people in order to persuade the members to believe there had not been any offering money of the church being used for political purposes. But even if they did there was the right to because the personnel committee was in authority above church leaders and had highest authority according to doctrines of the Bible. They encouraged the members to refuse any authority of the Foundation and to follow A. Pitsanunaht, which the personnel committee had authority over because they had ordained him. A. Rangsan Suganhaa, who had resigned from being full time pastor of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation already, with intention and strong faith to work together in politics with Dr. Kriangsak. He is the one with pictures on the posters advertising and seeking votes for Bangkok Governor with Dr. Kriangsak. He was the one put in place to teach things claiming this was biblical on the point that the "Church" must have the highest authority, it must not be under a foundation, and communicated to know that there is a personnel committee above the church. This personnel committee has the highest authority in decision making and must be above the authority of the Foundation committee, and cannot be touched. Any activity that the personnel committee does must not be limited by a Foundation. Claiming what is right by the laws of the land, cannot limit what has been resolved.

Regarding bowing down to and worshiping idols: A. Rangsan and top level leaders of the Church, such as A. Pitsanunaht, A. Somtop, A. Sunee all the way to leaders of local worship places and various parts know very well that Dr. Kriangsak had A. Suthanee Binthasan be the one to come and teach a certain number of leaders and members of the church who wanted to go out into the areas to seek for votes that it was something that was not against the scriptures. And there was an order to bow down to the idols in funerals around the temples in order to seek votes for A. Kriangsak. As for A. Kriangsak, he himself was the one who supported this teaching and brought the section

leaders to do this thing for them to see as an example. Which is against the teaching of the Bible. But A. Rangsan instead told the meeting that there was no teaching about this in the church even though this had been a very important point of conflict that has arisen in the church for many months. A large number of leaders did not agree, and some portions of members left the church because they could not see any way to remove the dark influence of this personnel committee that was over the church.

A. Somtop was given the responsibility from the personnel committee mentioned to come and argue in their place at the meeting about the money. Because he the head of fund raising for Dr. Kriangsak's political campaign, A. Somtop maintained that the personnel committee had summarized resolutions, and the Foundation committee must follow those resolutions regarding making of documents or doing everything according to the requirements appropriately so that those actions could be carried out properly. "Therefore, it's what we all know that the Foundation committee must be under the authority of the leaders. I maintain that is the base that we use." The group of leaders that A. Somtop was referring to there we all know very well meant the personnel committee which has Dr. Kriangsak and the head. And the conflict this committee had with the Foundation had only just clearly arisen when the president of the Foundation found evidence that there had been orders given to do things that were not right before the law and the Bible. There was embezzlement of church offering money to use in the political campaign of Dr. Kriangsak, which was against the law [the law restrictions under which the Foundation is registered]. But the personnel committee mentioned saw it as right and within the authority of the personnel committee mentioned to order to be carried out.

Regarding the church offering money; A. Somtop changed his words from what he originally said in the meeting at Hope Place on Oct 22, 2008, by declaring that what was said to be church funds taken to support seeking votes for A. Kriangsak was not true.

Regarding money and gold; the personnel committee mentioned should have owned the whole amount into accounts at the Foundation and brought evidence that the Foundation was the owner of

the gold OR returned the gold back to the Foundation instead of having A. Somtop take the gold and keep it personally.

At the meeting, A. Somtop went on to maintain that he himself had been responsible for the finances of the church since the beginning on to the present. As a miser watching over the finances for more than 20 years, A. Somtop therefore had various methods to secretly pilfer offering monies of the Church out for the personnel committee mentioned to use for themselves, without the Foundation committee knowing. Such as having the wife of A. Somtop, A. Suphee Laoniyomthai, withdraw ฿500,000 from the Foundation per month to take to help the elderly. It turned out that there were 173 envelopes of money for the elderly, and in each envelope there should have been ฿2,732. However, when the president of the Foundation checked them, found that there was only ฿300 in each envelope, along with a note emphasizing that they did not need to tell anyone the amount of money they received. Altogether there was ฿54,900 sent to help seniors in the provinces. The portion left, ฿445,100, A. Suphee admitted to the president of the Foundation that she had taken it for the personnel committee to use. From that, they had A. Sujit PhongPreecha, who is a lawyer by occupation also, to explain for the meeting to hear that Hope of Bangkok Church did not need to be connected to Hope of Thai People Foundation, as well as accusing the president of the Foundation that it was a lie and had no evidence. The president of the Foundation, who was listening at the meeting, stood up holding up the file of evidence, but A. Sujit and the personnel committee mentioned blocked her and did not allow the president of the Foundation any opportunity to show any evidence at all. This was to keep the people at the meeting from knowing the truth from the president of the Foundation; even though the personnel committee mentioned had just had A. Rangsan Suganthaa teach at the beginning already that it was against Biblical doctrine and Christian ethics to not allow an accused person to explain the truth.

A. Pitsanunaht invited an elder from Hope Church International to the meeting in order to find a way to correct the problems that had arisen. At this meeting, the president of the Foundation had notified A. Pisanunaht that the president of the Foundation had not overstepped lines of authority of the elder as he had accused. But A. Pisanunaht had overstepped the boundaries of the Foundation by accepting ฿10 million baht of donations into the Foundation, and then ordered

withdrawal of those funds at the time of Dr. Kriangsak's campaign. A. Pisanunaht claimed that it was the resolution of the elder, but the president of the Foundation maintained that A. Pitsanunaht had already been notified that doing that would be against Thai law, which the other elder may not have known. The elder at the meeting, who knew about the sending the donations mentioned, said Hope Church International that had sent the money, did not know the money would be used in a way that was against Thai law. If they had known they would certainly not have sent the money.

At the meeting that day, A. Pisanunaht claimed that the members there were waiting for leaders to make a statement. Therefore in the meeting mentioned there was a summarization made that there would be a short official statement of only 2 points 1) A promise to return the finances 2) As for the way to go in the future, the leaders were discussing it. But then near the end of the meeting A. Yongyut Wiraponsawan got up and asked if A. Pitsanunaht would promise that he himself would be responsible to see that the finances were returned. A. Pitsanunaht said 'no', but A. Somtop would be responsible. So there was talk that it was not fair for A. Somtop be responsible if he was not the one who used the money mentioned. Therefore the situation should be taken back to discuss with Dr. Kriangsak, to make sure the money would be returned before an official statement be made. If not there was nothing to state, and a large number of members would not accept a statement that was off the point, only about fellowship or harmony, not touching the use of authority and other things without answering the issue of returning the finances and gold. That was the reason that no official statement was able to be made from A. Pitsanunaht and the president of the Foundation.

A. Pitsanunaht--whose wife had done wrong by forcing money that had been given to build worship places of Hope Churches in the provinces to be used in the political campaign of Dr. Kriangsak--when A. Pitsanunaht knew this, instead of ordering his wife to quickly get the money back and return it to the Foundation, he told the meeting on the 11th of Nov 2008 that the Foundation would not able to claim the law in order to fire his wife, Mrs. Sunee, the pastor of Management.

Furthermore, on Saturday the 8th of Nov. 2008 at about 7:40am A. Pitsanunaht told about 400 members that attended the prayer meeting at the Bangna worship place that 'I will go in to resign

on this Tuesday (Nov 11th) because this house is not nice to live in now.'

From then, on Tuesday Nov 11th, 2008 in the meeting at Windsor Hotel, A. Pitsanunahat announced for the meeting to know that A. Rangsan Sukanthaa had now been appointed pastor of management for Hope of God Church. As for A. Pitsanunahat himself, from now on he would be pastor of Hope of God Church.

On the 13th of November, 2008, A. Pisanunahat circulated a document appointing A. Rangsan Sukanthaa to be leader of Hope of God Church. It was a written document for all to know. (as attached here)

This personnel committee which has covered up their actions, and with illegal intentions, at this time was imbedded over the Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation. And they have not diminished their efforts to use the members and resources of the Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation for their own advantage as well as support Dr. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak politically. By working in a process, there was claiming of Scriptures by twisting it to their advantage with no sense of shame; there were lies and deception of church members at meetings to get them involved in the wrongdoing; also there were barriers and cover-ups to not allow members who came to meetings to know the truth about the explanation of the resolutions (มาตรการ) of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation in correcting the situation that has arisen in the Church from the president of the Foundation; as well as announcing to not accept the authority of the law from the Foundation for the goal of placing their own people in various positions in the Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai People Foundation in order to support their efforts to use them further in unrighteous ways.

The behaviors of this personnel committee group, including A. Pitsanunahat Srithawong, served to conspire together to secretly take offering monies of the Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the provinces Hope of Thai People Foundation to use in support of the political intentions of Dr. Kriangsak. When the Foundation sought answers, they evaded and did not take responsibility, but rather invited leaders of all levels and a large number of members to separate off

from the church by setting up Hope of God Church, and had A. Pitsanunaht announce placing A. Rangsan Sugantha as pastor of management and A. Pitsanunaht as (main) pastor of Hope of God Church. This amounts to A. Pitsanunaht resigning from being pastor of Hope of Bangkok Church, setting up a new church by calling a meeting at the Mandarin Hotel, SaamYaan, beginning from Nov 16th 2008, yet still surreptitiously using the Hope of Bangkok Church name and logo of the Hope Society of Churches, and announcing widely for all to misunderstand that he was still the pastor of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai People Foundation. This behavior caused confusion and division to arise in the Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the provinces, being a very serious offence causing deliberate damage. The Foundation committee therefore resolves that A. Pitsanunaht is no longer the official in the position of leader of Hope of Bangkok Church / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation from the day of this official statement and thereafter.

Furthermore, the Foundation informs for A. Pitsanunaht, A. Rangsan, and the personnel committee that has established Hope of God Church that they are expressly forbidden to have anything to do with worship places, staff, people and /or any resources of Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the provinces or Hope of Thai People Foundation network at all, from the day of this official statement and thereafter.

The Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation announces to all Hope members and those who are involved, let it be known by all that Hope of God Church is NOT Hope of Bangkok and the Hope churches in the different provinces that are in the responsibility of Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation. And it is announced to all Hope Churches in the provinces to know that Hope churches in the different provinces are together in the same vision with Hope of Bangkok / Hope of Thai People Foundation. It is a corporate vision to serve God following Jesus together according to the principles of the Bible with no other hidden ulterior purposes.

If the leaders of any church within this vision desire to follow A. Pitsanunaht, it is your free personal right to resign and follow A. Pitsanunaht. However, you may not take any possessions of Hope Church with you, and you are not authorized to use the name of Hope Church in front of the name

of your province, ampur, or place of worship. It would be secretly asserting the name to build confusion amongst citizens. You must only use the name Hope of God Church, as A. Pitsanunaht has announced.

Those officials of Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the different provinces / Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation who desire to follow and serve Dr. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak, A. Suthanee Binthsan, A. Nalinee Taweessin, A. Pitsanunaht Srithawong, A. Sunee Srithawong, A. Somtop Laoniyomthai, A. Suphee Laoniyomthat, A. Rangsan Suganthaa and the Hope of God Church, whether straightforwardly or in roundabout ways, you must resign completely from all official positions or committees of Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the provinces / Hope of Thai People Foundation and all the foundations in the network.

A. Pitsanunaht and A. Rangsan are no longer leaders of Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the different provinces. They therefore have no right to administrate and no authority to give orders of any kind within the Hope of Bangkok Church and Hope Churches in the different provinces or the network of Hope of Thai Peoples Foundation.

Officials of Hope of Bangkok Churches / Hope of Thai People Foundation are forbidden to work in support of Dr. Kriangsak Jarernwongsak, A. Pitsanunaht Srithawong, A. Rangsan Suganthaa and their group. Violators will have the penalty of being removed.

In order that church work for Hope of Bangkok and Hope Churches in the provinces may continue on, we therefore place A. Nimitr Phanit in the position of interim pastor, to do the tasks of pastoring temporarily. Until the Foundation notifies otherwise, country section leaders please continue in your original positions, with the exception of those who desire to resign who should notify the Foundation.

Mrs. Rubinaa Suwannapong

President, Hope of Thai People Foundation

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