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Attention;
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Dear Brother/s,

I would like to apologize for not taking this up with the circuit overseer when he was here, but I just did not know which way to go.

I was disfellowshipped 26 months ago by the Mareeba congregation, Far North Queensland. In this situation the severe discipline of being in the process of being disfellowshipped, snocked me to my senses and instilled in me a fear of the true God and severe remorse at having disappointed Jehovah. I immediately stopped the wrongdoing.

Also, I was living with my son at the time in Mackay and I sent him back to Mareeba to finish his baptism preparations which up until the time I was disfellowshipped, I was helping him with. This was in obedience to the instruction from the Society that you should not discuss spiritual things with a disfellowshipped person. He was very upset at having to go, but he could see that was the right thing to do. That is the way I had taught him.

For 7 months I attended the Mackay congregation and never missed a meeting and lived a clean life by myself, read all the magazines and the Bible and tried to find work. Deeply desiring to be back in Jehovah's organisation, I also sat in the car outside the Kingdom hall construction site every saturday in support of the brothers working hard out in the hot sun. No elders ever visited me or gave any hope or any direction as to what else I could do to be reinstated.

Of course none of my children wrote to me or tried to contact me. (In line with the society's direction and what I myself had taught the children.) Nevertheless I was interested in their welfare and inquired often from their mother about them, and sent the family money, paid many family bills, and wrote them letters and spoke often to the younger, unbaptized ones on the telephone to encourage them. I have done this up until today. I submitted a plea for reinstatement and was told eventually that it was too early, by Bro. Bethel from Mackay.

Because I divorced the childrens mother, for her adultery, she was very bitter towards me and stopped the letters I wrote to the younger children and has told the elders in Mareeba that I have not been bothered with the family, and generally did her best to put me in a bad light. I sent certified mail, hoping that the kids would now feel better, knowing that I care about them, but the signature cards came back with HER signatures on them.

I had forgiven her for one act of adultery already. It took me ten years to

get over that. I did not have the capacity to forgive any more adulteries. The brothers thought I had left her for another woman, because she lied, and would not admit to them what she said to me - that she "did it no more than what you can count on the fingers of one hand". The brothers felt that I should have forgiven her because it happened a long time ago, before she was baptised. I had been faithful to her, always.

It's true I have sinned, (I was not disfellowshipped for nothing) and I am truly sorry for what I have done wrong and I do repent and have repented in "dust and ashes" and with many tears and supplications I have petitioned Jehovah for forgiveness and mercy.

I realize we must wait on Jehovah's patience, but I have been faithfully attending meetings at Beenleigh East congregation for 19 months now, (I moved here because my mother was dying of heart trouble and my dad could not look after her because his back was injured.) + plus 7 months in Mackay, and I am at my wits end, as to what else I can do. I am trying to get back into Jehovah's organization, because I know it is the only place to be. It is my deepest wish. Please tell me what else do I need to do?

I submitted another plea begging for reinstatement at the beginning of September last year, 11 months ago, to this congregation, but I have had no answer. Maybe the brothers will tell me, if they decide to visit me one day. I realize the brothers have been very busy building Kingdom Halls and the new Brisbane assembly hall, but I would have thought 11 months was ample time to visit me and give an answer.

Please understand this is in no way criticism of the brothers, but a genuine zeal to be back in Jehovah's organization, and very great sadness. In support of my further pleas for reinstatement

I have been faithfully attending meetings for the last 26 months, read the Bible regularly and the magazines. I am ahead in the Bible reading for the theocratic school, by two books, up to the middle of Leviticus. I study and meditate on the day's text. I pray to Jehovah many times daily for strength, mercy and thankfulness for the unmistakable support he has given me to endure this - very, very sad time.

Also I witness informally and lead a clean life. I don't drink, gamble, smoke or fornicate. I spend a lot of time writing job applications and looking for work. I would really like to know what else I can do to be reinstated.

Is there something about my life course now, that you know, that I don't know? If there is something that you know that you may have not expressed to me, that I can work on, please tell me what it is so that I can work on it. Maybe stories got back to Marceon that are not true. Please tell me where I stand.

I have done every thing in my power, in my circumstances to be reinstated.

Please tell me, what else can I do ?Service Desk Please answer this letter

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