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To: Tony Anthony
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Subject: [REDACTED]

My name is Bernadette [REDACTED], known more commonly as Bernie or nana Bernie, I am blessed with 7 beautiful grandchildren.

Firstly let me be clear

I endorse and support Tony Anthony as a man committed to follow God and encourage others to want to put their trust in God as well.

In 2006 on behalf of Why Ministry International, formed by Julian Batchelor and administered by a board, I was encouraged to organize a Nationwide tour for an Evangelist Julian, had met in the UK, Tony Anthony.

This tour consisted of visiting the majority of New Zealand's prisons throughout the North and South Islands as requested by Tony, giving the gospel, sharing Tony's testimony and giving away hundreds of Tony's books. We also were hosted by a church in every main centre and including many provincial towns, as well as Promise Keepers events, which resulted in a great many making a decision for Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

The tour covered 7 weeks and over 7,000 Km of driving and hundreds of speaking engagements. The purpose for me was to share the gospel hope of Jesus and, give God the glory. This was achieved Big Time.

I found Tony to be honest in all my dealings with him. I kept daily records of every inward and outward money transaction. Tony signed for any money I gave to him for expenses. Tony was kind and considerate. Even though I organised an enormous amount of speaking engagements, which was really exhausting for everyone and much much more for Tony, he showed grace and encouragement no matter how tired. Tony had spoken to very large numbers of people overseas and here in New Zealand a lot of venues people were crammed in, then at other times some of the meetings were last minute and consisted only a handful, but Tony was humble and proceeded to treat all those who came as important to God.

From my personal involvement with Tony Anthony for 7 weeks, by observation of fruitful outcomes, I am not concerned with any details about Tony's life. He got clearance to visit our prisons. The truth as I see it, is he was in prison and met with God he went on to share that experience and encourage other prisoners in and out of jail to want to know Jesus.

My personal favourite from the whole experience was first hand seeing the tears of joy and elation of a number of chaplains from various prisons, who shared with me, of the wonderful answer to prayers, as men they had worked with, some for years, repenting in tears turning their life over to God. Some of these chaplains were ancient seriously plodding on week after week after year faithfully praying, the sense of refreshing and hope was very tangible. I felt so enriched that our Sovereign Lord would bless so many that needed answers to their faithful prayers.

Many churches were very encouraged by Tony sharing his story, his passion for God, his walk with God. People would talk to me afterwards sharing how much they wanted to dance and celebrate God's goodness, One church in Palmerston North the young people got up the courage to invite not yet Christians and in tears watched these fellow school mates go up and commit, wow what rewards for being of good courage for these kids.

On tour Tony, began to incorporate some of the method of sharing the gospel [used by] Why Ministries, initially formed by Julian Batchelor over the years with help from an increasing number of supporters, but Tony shared the gospel in a new, fresh and biblical way that we had not seen before.

I enjoyed Tony's presentations, he wove his experiences into gospel tool.

Yours in Jesus

Bernie [REDACTED]

The following document is how I saw some aspects of my association with Julian Batchelor and Tony Anthony's Tour.

Unfortunately misunderstandings and tension arose from Julian believing, Tony was not giving him more recognition that the material was Julian's and not Tony's even though Tony had developed a lot of the illustrations himself. Julian always a driven man in regard to his work, his book, any thought of losing recognition was not acceptable to him and a few of the close friends that surrounded Julian were in agreement that he be protected from losing what seemed his life work.

The small Ministry board that surrounded Julian wanted to get more exposure for Julian. The way Tony wove his presentation and the gospel Why tool, caused Julian to see the tool [as] being taken over. I didn't agree because the gospel presentation is God's and trying to show people how it relates to us personally is not a bad thing and Tony only ever shared the gospel. Julian also did not believe Tony's book could be used to share the gospel. Even if it was not all the components of his tool, Julian in the past told people he believed God could save people with a flower, or a sunset if He wanted to so, Julian's words started to bring confusion and contradiction, But I was clear in my heart anything inspired by God belongs to God to be taken up and used for HIS glory and not self promotion. The main speaker for this mission was Tony, and Tony never promoted himself, but Julian was only interested in promoting himself. If we humble ourselves God will promote us if we promote ourselves (self glory) He will humble us.

Julian has done damage to his own credibility in my eyes and the eyes of a great many church leaders in New Zealand... [there was] a large personal fall from grace which resulted in the board dissolving the ministry and well known Christian leaders withdrawing their endorsement support for Julian's book where he misquoted them (Ray Comfort, George Verwer and Tony himself). The board ensured the books had these endorsements, removed from Julian's books and many many supporters were devastated by Julian's action. But to these, he rallied saying it was the boards fault, his wife's fault, the enemy .

The board handed over all the tools to Tony (as Tony had found a way to communicate the Gospel more clearly).

God Bless

Bernie