

We at the Beracha Foundation are experiencing a dispute with one of our former ministry partners. Disputes happen occasionally, but thankfully scripture provides us with a means of resolution. We, along with virtually all our brothers in the Lord, have relied upon the authority of the scripture and a commitment to abide by the scriptures to settle disputes. We believe the process for handling a dispute is found in Matthew 18:15-18 NIV

- "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.
- But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- 'If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;
- and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
- "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Beracha Foundation and one of our ministry partners had enjoyed a long term ministry partnership which was beneficial to their mission and missionaries since 2005. This contractual relationship was entered into by both Beracha and the ministry partner. Unfortunately, they breached the contract on January 10, 2011, still owing Beracha many thousands of dollars. Despite this unresolved debt, Beracha continued to maintain websites for this ministry partner and their missionaries, allowing them to continue to conduct business. In no way were missionaries placed at risk, and in no way has Beracha interfered with their organization and their missionaries' ability to collect and access their funds through Beracha maintained websites and IT infrastructure.

Unfortunately, without exhausting what we believe to be our scriptural mandates for handling disputes, our brothers filed suit against us in the courts. We are deeply saddened by this matter. We pleaded with our brothers not to reject the authority of the scriptures in favor of the courts fully believing we could readily work through our differences. Unbeknownst to us, we were surprised to find that while we were engaged in seeking a resolution with them, they were already in process of launching legal action.

Beracha's services to this ministry partner had been thorough and expansive. Beracha was asked in 2005 to provide 100% of their IT, IT infrastructure, and data center needs. We had provided them with 100% of their IT workers, management and support. Additionally, we had provided systems which enabled them to utilize up to 1,000 web sites to be used by them, their missionaries and mission church plants throughout the world. This included custom web designs, e-Newsletters, network, donor management, e-commerce, accounting, and secure portals, as well as, marketing and communications services.

Beracha had also served this ministry partner by providing, at their request, their Chief Financial Officer (CFO), their Chief Information Officer (CIO), their Chief Security Officer (CSO), and other accounting professionals through our Forte Group, which provides senior level consulting programs at highly reduced prices through our subsidies.

In addition to providing all their IT requests, Beracha also provided opportunities by which our ministry partner could benefit from several new revenue streams designed to provide funding for all of their stated Information Technology, communications and marketing needs.

Our team of professionals, when asked to help them through a crisis, provided our ministry partner with wise business and spiritual counsel. They rejected our counsel. We were asked to provide them with plans to come to their aid. They rejected all our plans even though we met their stated objectives. We were asked to provide increased subsidies and funding. They rejected our increased subsidies, donations and additional funding. We were asked to help them gain more corporate sponsors to fund their needs. They rejected our corporate sponsorships.

Beracha has worked tirelessly to resolve this matter without court intervention. We sought mediation by having one of their board members – a man I believe to be godly and wise – to facilitate a joint resolution agreement, which was signed by them and Beracha in September, 2010. Beracha reached written agreements as late as October 31, 2010, to come to a peaceful resolution of the financial issues facing our ministry partner. Beracha recognized their financial issues as early as May, 2010. Since then, Beracha has worked tirelessly to resolve the financial issues facing their ministry. Unfortunately, they refused to follow through upon which was agreed. We are saddened by their rush to litigation, and with their false allegations. We stand by the contracts we had in place with them, and now we are faced with having to defend ourselves in this suit.

Beracha helps many non-profit organizations by providing services at substantially reduced costs. Beracha's mission and passion is serving those who serve. While this matter is sad, Beracha will continue to provide strong leadership and services to all our existing ministry partners and new ministry partners who continue to join with us. We remain in a growth mode and our viability is without question. We thank many who have called to share encouragement, prayer, a declaration of their faith in our integrity and an ongoing appreciation for our ministry.

Will you also partner with us in prayer that this will come to a scriptural and Spirit-led resolution, and that we may have God's wisdom?

Sincerely,
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