

Statement about Donn Ketchem

Statement by MK Safety Net President, Dianne Coutts

MK Safety Net is greatly disappointed that Dr. Donn Ketcham will never stand trial. Some of his victims, who were MKs (missionary kids) in Bangladesh when he molested them, have once again been the ones to suffer. For over a year and a half the dread of having to testify against him in court has hung over their heads as the trial was postponed again and again. Yesterday the court ruled that, due to his Parkinson's disease and failing memory, Donn Ketcham was not competent to stand trial because he would not be able to defend himself.

MK Safety Net stands with his victims, four women and eighteen children, who were not only unable to defend themselves but whose abuse was covered up to protect Donn Ketcham and the reputation of his mission organization, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. ABWE.

The results of the investigation into the allegations against Donn Ketcham can be found here: <https://bangladeshmksspeak.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/2016-04-15-abwe-ketcham-final-report.pdf>

Sadly, issues of present and historic abuse abound in mission circles. MK Safety Net urges mission boards and their supporting churches to put victims of abuse in mission settings first so that justice will prevail in these cases. Far too often they suffer for a lifetime and their perpetrators walk free.