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Below is a copy of a statement I had read to the members of the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ on Sunday January 25, 2004. My family and I received strong concern and support afterwards. I am enclosing this to you. I have not sent these to everyone and would be happy if you could share this with those that may not have received this statement. My family and I really miss being a part of Lost River.

STATEMENT:

I feel as a member of this congregation that there is a need to relate to you a situation that has been unfolding over the past year. I was diagnosed with clinical depression. Because of my condition, I was not able to do my work with the Guardian of Truth Foundation and I lost my job. After my employment ended, I confessed to the brethren on the board that I had lost company savings in the stock market and had misled them about this. I informed them that I had made as much restitution as I possibly could. I did not invest this money for personal gain, but for the company. I, however, did not open a company account but used my personal account. I did and still do think I did wrong and had sinned. I had made restitution to the point that I was broke and was willing to make further restitution. The board decided to let me repay the amount. They then changed their mind and demanded \$200,000 or threatened to turn me over to the authorities. They accused me of taking this money. They pressed the Commonwealth of KY's Attorney to bring charges against me and they did. I had little choice but to plead guilty because it was my personal account and not a company account.

I pled guilty to charges with a total of six years and it appears I will need to serve 14 months of this sentence. I deeply regret the pain this has caused my physical family and as my spiritual family I hope that you will understand that I am trying to make this right. Crystal and the kids are going to need brothers and sisters to help uplift them during this trying time.

I felt like I should share this with you since most of this occurred while I was a member at Lost River. My family asks for your prayers. On February 9, 2004, I start serving my sentence.

Brotherly,



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