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Dear Correspondent,

I would be very grateful if you could confirm that I fulfilled a preaching engagement(s) at your church in 1983/84. I was called by the Lord and sent by the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, to preach the gospel, in 1982 and we were a Gospel Standard Cause.

The reason for my request is our Bierton Chapel was closed for worship on 22nd December 2002 as all the former church members died. The chapel was eventually sold by the Association of Grace Baptist Churches Ltd.

You may recall I wrote to you in 1984 explaining I could not fulfill any further requests to preach as I had seceded from the Bierton Church over matters of conscience and sent you a copy of my article that was privately circulated at the time to all concerned. It was called, 'The Bierton Crisis' that outlined the nature of the contention only with the Bierton Church.

Upon returning from a preaching mission to the Philippines, in 2003 the Association of Grace Baptists Churches refused permission for me to use our chapel at Bierton which was required to continue my work. They denied that our Bierton Church was a Gospel Standard cause until I proved otherwise and that I was not an honourable member of the church, due to my secession. However, I remained an honourable member of the Church as the Church never terminated my membership, as they wanted me to return. This being according to our strict rules of Church membership. Mr. Crane from Lakenheath was our Church overseer.

The Association of Grace Baptist Churches had no connection with our Bierton Church, nor had they any knowledge of our traditional ways. Mr. King, one of our remaining trustees passed on the unregistered Trust Deed of the Association of Grace Baptists Churches Ltd, at the death of the last member as he at the age of 84 was too old to bare the responsibility of the Chapel.

When approaching the Association in 2003, seeking to use our chapel and to recover the Trust Deed they refused my request but rather went ahead and registered the chapel in their name and sold it.

Your letter of confirmation will serve to testify that I was invited to preach at your church and that I was in Membership of the Bierton Church

I would like to add that our mission work, which I was responsible for, in the Philippines, from 2001 to the present time continues to this day. And although my ministry continues in the UK I am in full communication with Baguio Christ-centered Church under the care of Pastor William Ola Poloc. William Poloc was sent to preach and commissioned by the Directorate of our mission, in 2002 and founded the Christ-centered Baguio Church and a Theological Institute, teaching the doctrines of Grace, base upon or articles of religion of the Bierton Church.

I am seeking the Association of Grace Baptists Churches LTD, asking them to put the matters right as the funds realized from the sale of the Bierton Chapel are much needed to fund my mission work, not only in the UK but also in the Philippines and Pakistan.

Yours very Sincerely

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In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P.S.

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