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North Florida Premiere of All God's Children:

Documentary About Children Surviving Abuse By American Missionaries In Africa

(New York, April 2009) *All God's Children* will screen in St. Augustine and Jacksonville in May. The film's directors, Scott Solary, a Jacksonville native, and Luci Westphal, as well as the film's participants and Jacksonville residents Ann N. Beardslee and Rev. Dr. Howard M. Beardslee are scheduled to attend and speak at both events.

Tuesday, May 12th – 7pm
McDowell Baptist Church
16 Bay View Drive
St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-829-8388

Thursday, May 14th - 7pm
Lakewood Presbyterian Church
2001 University Boulevard West
Jacksonville, FL 32217
904-733-8055

Through the eyes of three families, the documentary *All God's Children* (70 minutes) tells the personal story of the first boarding school for children of missionaries to be investigated for abuse at the hands of the parents' missionary colleagues. The survivors and parents share their journey of seeking justice, redemption and healing.

While the American parents were stationed in remote outposts throughout West Africa, their children - starting at the age of 6 - were required to attend the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) boarding school in Mamou, Guinea. Cut off from their parents and without any reliable means of communication, the children quietly suffered from the abuse by the all-missionary staff. It took the children decades to acknowledge the effects on their lives. When they finally dared to speak out, the C&MA denied all allegations and refused to help. Through years of persistent activism the survivors and their parents finally compelled the C&MA to conduct an investigation and acknowledge the abuses. The healing could begin.

"Exposing a horrific scandal that's virtually never been highlighted anywhere, this deeply moving film is about far more than childhood betrayal. It's also about the heroic work of wounded adults to hold callous and deceitful church officials accountable for stunning crimes. It's both jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring."

David Clohessy, national director of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests

To request a DVD Screener of the film, please email info@allgodschildrenthefilm.com
Website (Trailer, Hi-Res Stills, Press Kit, etc.): www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com

Filmmakers Scott Solary and Luci Westphal as well as the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews. Please contact Luci Westphal: info@allgodschildrenthefilm.com

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