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NEW YORK CITY PREMIERE: ALL GOD’S CHILDREN, DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CHILDREN SURVIVING ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA

Film’s Participants and Directors to Attend Screening in New York

(New York, July 2009) *All God’s Children* will have its New York City premiere on **Tuesday, August 11, 7:30pm at Tribeca Cinemas, 54 Varick Street, New York, NY 10013**. The film’s directors, Scott Solary and Luci Westphal (Brooklyn, NY) are scheduled to attend together with several of the film’s participants: Dianne Darr Coutts (Akron, OH), Rev. Dr. Richard Darr (Chicago, IL), Marilyn Shellrude Christman (Seattle, WA) and Beverly Shellrude-Thompson (Burlington, ON). The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which ran the boarding school at the heart of the film, had its headquarters in Nyack, NY at the time of the abuses.

Tickets are available via www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com/tickets.htm. Q&A and reception to follow.

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
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The filmmakers and the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews.

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