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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a complaint concerning the Miracle Channel (CJIL-TV) fundraising broadcast of January 26 through January 31, 2009, entitled, "Fresh Oil". This complaint is comprised of three separate and distinct issues, which will be entitled Part I, Part II and Part III. Part I notes violations by the broadcaster within CRTC Policy 1993-78, Section IV, Guidelines on Ethics for Religious Programming. Part II notes violations by the broadcaster within the same section, under the sub-heading, Programming Practices, point number two, which states, "2. No group shall be targeted for the purpose of conversion or proselytism." Part III addresses my concerns about the function and effectiveness of the Regulatory Review Committee

I would like to note in consideration of Gordon Klassen's response to my complaint CRTC Case ID 348293, dated June 25, 2007, in which he stated, "Recently, CJIL-TV saw a change in its executive management and has used this opportunity to begin a review of CJIL programming. The present station management is of the opinion that it wishes programming that is not only compliant to CRTC policy, but which reflects the very best values of the channel.", I had refrained from filing complaints about the fundraising and programming practices of The Miracle Channel to provide sufficient opportunity for Mr. Klassen and The Miracle Channel to complete their review and implement any changes they deemed necessary. After 18 months, which I considered ample time for implementing any change, the only change I have noticed is a change in personnel, hosts and guests on the fundraising campaigns. As evidenced in this complaint and the one currently before the CRTC, filed in November 2008, case ID 422625, the types of statements being made and the methods employed to solicit donations have not changed.

I believed that in consideration of an outstanding complaint currently before the CRTC, The Miracle Channel would have been more attentive or cautious of their solicitations but this is clearly not the case. It's obvious the broadcaster has no ethics or concern for any policy when it comes to fundraising, nor have they shown any respect for previous determinations of the CRTC. This is either pure ignorance or blatant defiance on the part of the broadcaster. I don't know which it is but either way, it's completely inappropriate and unacceptable.

In light of the broadcaster being an Over-The-Air undertaking as well as their availability on numerous cable and satellite systems, and their ongoing lack of concern which is demonstrated in their programming practices, I encourage the CRTC to deal with this issue as quickly and strictly as possible, thus minimizing the negative social impact this type of continued broadcasting produces.

For a change, as opposed to numerous responses in the past, I would like to receive a response from the broadcaster that does not cite theological or spiritual difference. This type of response is only employed to detract from the broadcaster's failure to understand or willingness to adhere to CRTC policy. It doesn't matter what I believe, or whether I agree or disagree with the broadcaster's beliefs. What matters is whether or not their programming is in compliance with CRTC Policy, period!

Some specific statements I would like to draw CRTC attention to in this complaint are in Part I. I believe these statements are blatant violations of CRTC policy, as well as being in breach of Miracle Channel's own internal fundraising policy. They are as follows:

January 27, 7:45

January 29, 7:19, 10:42

January 30, 9:38

## **Part I**

**The following statements/segments breach one or more of the Guidelines on Ethics For Religious Programming within CRTC Policy 1993-78, which states:**

**The Commission expects all licensees to comply with strict provisions regarding the solicitation of funds. In particular, the Commission expects that the wording and tone of any solicitations for funds shall not:**

- place an undue responsibility on the viewer or listener to respond to the appeal;**
- be alarmist in suggesting that the program may be discontinued in the absence of such a response;**
- predict divine consequences of not responding, or exaggerate positive results of responding;**
- intimidate the viewer or listener in any way.**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

7:45 - Host speaks about all the money that is collected by the wicked that will be given to the one who pleases God. "So you know whatever we sow we'll reap and those guys

that have stolen, they've got to turn it over to us and I receive it in Jesus' name." Guest begins, "I keep sensing as we're praying here, you know, that person that's to give the \$10,000 and there's other people that are called to do this, you've been looking, you're nervous because of the economy right now. Let me just tell you what happened to me this morning." Guest then gives testimony of how he and his wife were recently ripped off for the sum of \$10,000 in a ponzi scheme and speaks as if it was nothing. He uses the justification that he knows whatever he gives, because of God, it will come back so he's not worried or concerned about it. "I'm not panicked because God gave me the money, Hell give me more money. It was just something that I was taking as an opportunity and the guy claimed he was blessing people and this sort of stuff. And you know what, I want to tell you there's only one place to sow, one sure place to sow, the Kingdom of God (panel is laughing at situation)" The guest then uses this testimony to solicit a \$10,000 donation from a businessman who he claims is currently watching. "You know what, God has given me more. Every time I sow, every time, and you're a business man, you've got that \$10,000. You've got that money and I'm not asking a grandma or someone out there who's living on assisted living to do something or some kind of welfare system, I'm looking at the guy that's got the money sitting right now and you're looking where to invest it and you're saying (host, "that's it, that's it") I want to put it over here but I can't trust that, I don't want to put it over here, I don't trust. Sow it, sow it into The Miracle Channel. God's, this is good ground. This is great ground to sow in and God is going to give the increase to you and we're believing God for you, that God will bless and take that recession off your business, God will bless your investments because if you learn how to give to the Kingdom, the Lord can entrust you... with more." Host continues, "Amen. Praise God. Spirit of recession or spirit of revelation, we have to choose. That's what faith does, faith chooses to trust in the Lord. We have several lines available right now, we're about to go to the Miracle Praise Band, our number is 1-866-380-3399. Don't feed that spirit of recession, it'll just devour everything that you've got and even what you try to hold onto will rust and decay or be stolen. It'll be taken away from you. But if you sow into eternal things, if you sow into the Kingdom of God, thieves cannot break in and steal it, it will not be devalued, praise God, it will not deteriorate. So let's sow to the Kingdom of God, 1-866-380-3399. Let's rise up and invest in the Kingdom of God."

8:56 – "This is not the time to pull back, this is not the time to succumb to the spirit of recession. This is the time to move in a spirit of revelation and as you have heard it by the spirit, that's all we're asking you to do, we're asking you to act in faith according to the spirit... We're asking you to break through with us. You might say, 'well this doesn't look like a good time be trying to expand', well you know Isaac sowed in a time of famine and that didn't look like a great season either and he increased 100 fold. As you go to your phone, let's go to the Miracle Praise Band."

9:17 – Host: "You know, this is a time to make a move, this is a time to shift things. I believe right now we're at what has sometimes been called the tipping point, the tipping point. And what's going to happen for the foreseeable future is going to depend on what people do right now. We can either pull back and submit to the spirit of recession or we can reach forward, we can press forward praise God, in the spirit of revelation. There is

an anointing, it is a tangible anointing. We have thousands of people across the land who will testify to that. We're asking you to join with us, join with your Miracle Channel."

### **Wednesday, January 28**

8:57 – Lengthy discourse about people who are addicted to overeating. Guest tells people, especially ladies, to sow (donate) to break the spirit of overeating. The amount to sow for this is deliverance or freedom of overeating is \$669 one time or \$56 per month (8:59).

### **Thursday, January 29,**

5:57 - When encouraging donations of a large amount and inferring to the returns of investing into the Kingdom of God, the guest states, "Big wealth is not going to go into the hands of small thinkers. (hosts affirm). Big money, Big thinking... If you're not willing to do something to take a risk, God's not going to take a chance and invest in you... (gives analogy of oil and wealth and continues) Go and get a horn and fill it, God didn't say half way, He said fill it with oil. Oil equals anointing and anointing equals power. Power equals yokes being destroyed and burdens being removed. Hear me. God is going to pour oil into somebody's life tonight. I don't know who it's going to be but I'm telling you, when God pours oil, it's not going to come out of a horn that's half full, it's going to come out of a horn that is full to the top. And I asked God and said, "why full?" He said because I'm going to prove to somebody (guests and hosts affirm) that no matter how difficult the situation is, I've got enough left over to let it overflow. (scriptural quote). Somebody is going to get a run-over anointed breakthrough anointing tonight in the name of Jesus. Think big, be ready to work big and be ready starting now, begin to believe big."

6:50 – Host places undue pressure on viewers to respond. Encourages them to give beyond their means and throw cares/caution to the wind. "Don't just think about what am I going to eat and where am I going to get the rent and all the rest, think about the harvest, think about sowing, think about investing, think about enlarging. That's the way God thinks."

7:19 – Gordon Klassen, VP of Corporate Affairs of The Miracle Channel speaking about becoming a financial supporter (partner) of the Miracle Channel: "When you donate to the Miracle Channel, you're helping lights and cameras and all those sort of things but really what you're doing is you're helping that one person who is in need, that one person who is lonely, frustrated or suicidal or has questions or fears and they don't know where to turn and the Holy Spirit draws them to turn on this channel or to see it on the Internet and all of a sudden the light goes on because you know it really is the Holy Spirit that does the work in peoples' lives. We're just a conduit, we're just a distribution method of it, it's not us that are changing peoples' lives, but what we're doing is we're making it possible, you're making it possible for us to get people to hear the gospel message

through the airwaves, through the Internet, satellite, cable... He (God) is going to reward you in due season for being a part of it (The Miracle Channel). You can hang on to your finances this year because this year people are talking about the economy so people are hanging onto their finances and charities are saying, 'People are hanging on to their finances, they're not releasing, they're not giving, there just holding on'. You know what, I think one thing we've learned over this last year is that the world's economy will fail you. The world's economy will not work in the long term. I'd rather have God's economy. And that's why we believe that 2009 will be a year of God's provision. You might have had a pay cut this last year, you might have had a job loss, you might have had to tighten your belts like a lot of us have had to. Certainly The Miracle Channel, we've had to take a really close look at our finances because donations have dropped off because people are withholding. And what we have to have is we have to have a spirit of faith not a spirit of fear. Fear really makes you think, 'I have got to hang onto it because I don't know if I'm going to have it tomorrow'. Faith says, 'I am going to give because I'm going to put God's purposes first and I'm going to trust Him to meet my needs. That's what true faith is. And so we thank you for being a faith-filled partner and if you're not, please, would you consider becoming a faith-filled partner of The Miracle Channel. It can even be as little as \$1 a day but I tell you, it makes a statement and it makes a statement to the Lord that you're serious about putting His will first and about supporting this ministry as we reach so many people here in Canada... Don't put your trust in wealth, don't put your trust in riches, don't put your trust in the world's economy. It'll fail you just like it's failed so many people in this last year. But you know what, when we put our riches into God's Kingdom we will never, we will never go without. God will take care of our needs, He's promised it in His word. So, it takes faith to do that because you look around you and it looks like well everyone else is hanging onto their money and it's, it's, it's, it's, it's really rough and I'm not gonna give anything away. But you know what, faith says, 'I'm going to release and trust God'. Will you trust God? ... Now is the time where we have to strike, while the iron's hot. I'm telling you this, this is important. There are so many people that are in fear right now, they have put their faith in the world economic system, they have trusted the god of money and it's failed them and now they're looking for another god. Let's show them the true God. Let's show them the good news of Jesus Christ. Now is the opportunity. They're clicking through the channels, I'll tell ya, and they're looking to see if there's any hope anywhere, they're looking for the economic news, is there any bright light at the end of the tunnel? You know we can show them a bright light. The Light of Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world, right? ... God wants to bless you too, He knows your needs, He knows your desires, He knows what you're going through and we want the blessings of God to flow on your life too... In order for it to happen, we have to put Him first... Are you seeking God first today? Are you putting His plans and priorities first? Are we putting His plans and priorities first here at the Miracle Channel? We sincerely want to in every single way so that His kingdom will be established on earth, that people would come to the Lord, and we're going to see mighty miracles, we'll see revival and we will see exactly what God wanted to see, that His name would be proclaimed around the world and that at the name of Jesus Christ, every knee shall bow that Jesus Christ is Lord. I'll tell you, it's an exciting time to be alive. We are seeing world events happening, Jesus is coming back soon and um, you can hang onto your money in fear or you can pledge today. You can donate today to The

Miracle Channel and say, 'You know what, I believe that my money is gonna go farther in the Kingdom economy of God than it'll ever go into the world's economy... Call now, won't you? You will never be sorry that you gave into the Kingdom of God.'

7:55 – Host - “Some of you, God has spoken to you, you've got ministries that you have not gotten into yet, there are callings that you have not even lived through but they're in your heart. They're desires, they're longings, they're yearnings, sow into that to see the birth come forth. Sow into it, \$669 one time gift or \$56 a month ... Sow into it however you can and if you can't, do something smaller or maybe you want to do something bigger. Whatever, whatever your faith, wherever your faith is, wherever your faith is, go for it...” Host continues to plead with businessman to donate \$10,000 and because he hasn't done it yet, they have been \$10,000 short every night so far

7:58 – Guest: “We're talking about an individual that's out there for \$10,000 or Canada being chosen or somebody, God wanting to use them... (guest speaks of the oil and horn analogy again) There are people that are out there that God is looking to make you a king today. That God... I appeal to you today, become passionate about something, especially about God because God is positioning someone to become, Valerie called them a champion, I declare a king. You know what that means? That God is positioning somebody to go to the top. You don't get any higher than a king and God said, 'I have provided for myself a king'. And there's something about kings, when you look in the Old Testament and... God is the King of kings and when God chooses someone, provides for himself a king, he's looking for the best and what I'm saying tonight is that God is the king maker and that God is looking to make somebody a king for Him. Don't look at yourself in your station in life or the situation you're in. Let me tell you something about a king, no matter how humble they appear, no matter how mundane their settings seem to be... Somebody tonight is going to take the challenge (donate \$10,000). Somebody tonight is going to enter in to that category that God's saying, 'There's someone that's going to do something for me with all of their strengths. I'm going to make them a king.' And hear me, your words will not have fallen to the ground without bringing something to pass. Again, this is fresh oil, new anointing, new power, overflowing. God's looking to make some kings tonight.” Another guest continues to speak about what the \$10,000 will accomplish.

10:32 - The hosts/guests are believing for 10 people to give \$10,000. They received the first pledge of \$10,000 earlier in the telecast. This segment of transcript deals with statements made just after receiving the second pledge of \$10,000 (22:25 CST) at which time begins the buildup for this segment and includes the distinguishing characteristics of what a “kingly” anointing is. (host begins in prayer and thanks God that He is going to bless Bonnie (woman who donated \$10,000) 100 fold because she has donated. Host goes on to impart the same “anointing” to others in the viewing audience) “(Host) Well, if that anointing is being imparted to others, in the viewing audience, then that must mean there's more than one (guest, “one \$10,000”) king.” Guest speaks to Bonnie (name of person who gave the \$10,000) for a moment and continues, “God has been looking for you, looking for you and He's looking for others like you that He can provide for Himself, a king, or in your case, a queen. And I think that you have set a precedent. I

think that there are others out there that God wants to again, make kings for Himself.” Guest addresses host and speaks about the number 9 and that it’s not 10 people they need to give \$10,000 but 9 instead. He continues, “There is a set time that God has established for this evening. There’s a specific anointing that’s flowing now. I just want to encourage everybody that’s listening to me, don’t miss your set time tonight. There’s not very much more time that’s left in this section here and I believe that your set time is upon you. The scripture says that with the measure we meet it’s going to be measured back to us. Now from a business perspective Bonnie, and for those that are going to meet this \$10,000 challenge, it says ‘He’s going to cause it to come back to you, good measure, now, pressed down’. There’s something about in business, we spend an (inaudible) amount of time trying to get the best out of people. When you press something down, it squeezes out the extraneous and it draws out the best. I believe for businesses (guest in background “oh yes”) that are going to step up to the bar and you’re going (host in background affirming, “good, good”) to take advantage of this set time, that God is going to enable you to get more bang for your buck, He’s going to enable you to get more productivity out of the time that you’re allotted and you’re going to be able to invest yourself in things that are really going to produce. You’re going to move from maintenance into growth. IT says, ‘pressed down and shaken together’. There’s a lot of you that are out there in businesses (host “shake things up”) uh-huh. I hear what you said about God’s shaking things up, but there’s a positive thing about when things get shaken up. Everything that’s not doing anything has no value and starts falling by the wayside. For every business person that’s out there, understand this is your set time and if you want to get in on this fresh oil anointing, (inaudible). There’s something that’s falling here. Instead of (guest stutters). God will enable you to get more done in one day operating underneath this anointing that you will be able to get done in five years. Peter understood this principle. He was a professional fisherman and there is no history of Peter’s success until Luke chapter 5, Jesus comes in and in one day, all of a sudden, Peter becomes famous. God wants to make somebody famous tonight (guest in background laughing in approval). (host in referring to Bonnie again, “but she had the breaker anointing”, another guest, “yes she did”, primary guest, “and she also set precedent”, host, “yes she did”) and the things is God is no respecter of persons. What God wants to do for one, he wants to do for everyone. Think about a business that’s getting the best out of its people and is providing the best product and all the extraneous foolish stuff that doesn’t do anything it all, God deals with it and gets it out of the way and then you get ready for what? Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over. Somebody is going to step into running over cashflow for your business if you will just take advantage of this set time. (host) How many more kings (\$10,000 donors) are out there? (guest) How many more kings are out there? (another guest) I’m going for 9 because it’s a birthing of a new thing. (primary guest) 9’s a good number. (guest) 9’s a good number because we’ve been on Isaiah 66:9 and there’s business men out there and listen, the Lord just told me something. There’s a businessman that’s still sitting out there and it took a woman to step up. Do you know, Katherine Kuhlman said, “a man should be doing this”, Amy Semple Macpherson said, “a man should be doing this” (host, “absolutely”). Do you know how many women said, “we want the men to step up and do it? I want to say to you, there’s 9 men standing out there. A lady is leading the way. I want to tell you, in North America, the first historical revival of 1655 was led by a woman. A woman! And you know,

women easily hear the voice of the Lord and men sit back and say, “m-hmm, I hear God but I ain’t moving”. And I want to say to you, I want to say to you, two out of the three men, two out of the three men in the gospel that were handed \$10,000, one buried it, two invested it. God was pleased with the two that invested, remember that, the one buried it in the ground and hid it, ‘you know I was afraid I was going to lose it’. And God wants you right now, He wants you to get up off that chair, you get some faith and get some boldness and stop living in some fear. 866-380-3399, there’s 9 of you that can match Bonnie here, get up, or 8 at least, and we have 9 \$10,000 gifts. Man that would be just absolutely (inaudible). (host and guests pray for Bonnie and other donors of \$10,000). (brief dialogue). Hear the word of the Lord, hear the word of the Lord businessman, the word of the Lord is to you, “If you will hear my voice my voice today, if you will hearken to my voice and obey”, says the lord, “I will cause your business not to go down but to be strengthened, I will bring new business from places you never even dreamed of, I will cause many to come to you, I will cause people to rise up to you and they will sow into your life, they will give back into your life because they believe in the vision that I have put into your hear. Hearken not to my voice and I will, you will see the downturn and you will join those in the downturn. But that is not my desire for you for I have purposed to prosper you to release those finances into the Kingdom of God. It’s a new day, it’s a new way, it’s a new birthing of the spirit”, says God. Receive it now in the name of Jesus. (host) In Jesus’ name. Our phone number is ...

### **Friday January 30, 2009**

9:38 – After host speaks about current economic debt and recession, he encourages viewers that this is a good time to “sow hilariously, to sow crazy, praise God. Because those who sow, but you see many people say ‘well I can’t sow, I’m too in debt’. Ahh, you see, that’s why we need to get out of debt. We need to deliver ourselves, our finances from that so that we can sow all the more. Because you see, those who sow in a season like this, they’re going to reap 100 fold.” Guest continues with strong statements to entice donations.

### **Saturday January 31, 2009**

6:07 – After appeals and discussion about donations in the amount of \$669 one time or \$56 per month, three prayer requests were announced that matched this amount. The host stated, “that they’ve sown into this Lord and that they’re going to reap the blessing because this is the year... and some of you others need to sow into this \$669 or approximately \$56 a month for 12 months. Go to your phones right now. 1-866-380-3399 and don’t miss out on what God is doing.”

6:11 – Guest talks about the wealth of Bill Gates and asks why viewers can’t be the next Bill Gates. He states it must come from individuals who must trust God. “I’ve had this thing in my heart for the last day, day and a half about businesses, new businesses. And there’s somebody out there that God wants to take your business to a new level, a higher level than you’ve ever seen it before and in a sense, it’s going to become a new business. There’s somebody else out there that you’re in a transition period now and you’ve got

some substance, you've got some means and you're contemplating what it is that God wants you to do and to give a large donation would not be a challenge for you. There's a praise report here from Vi in Lethbridge that pledged a specific amount on Monday and by today, she's already received triple. So for those of you that are entrepreneurs, business people, want to be business people and especially those of you that are in transition that have some capital, I'm going to ask you, I'm believing there's somebody out there that God is speaking to to sow a seed of \$50,000 and I'm believing God for \$70,000 to come in through 7 different people who are going to pledge a \$10,000 commitment each. This is the time to say yes to what God is saying yes to for your life. No pressure but God has got some great big plans for you and I want to encourage you to go for your dream, but put some feet to it. Do something. Again, there's somebody out there, there's a \$50,000 donor out there and I'm going to ask you to just say yes, obey God and again, there are those of you out there that God is speaking to you to make a pledge for \$10,000. You cannot outgive God. Look at Vi." Host continues and encourages people to sow to invest. Guest continues and speaks of somebody in the viewing audience that, "one of the reasons that they're reluctant to step out now is not because they don't have it, it's not because it intimidates them, but they've been burnt in the past. There's a lot of disappointment out there, there's a lot of unresolved pain where trust has been broken, I don't know what areas, but the Holy Spirit is saying that your day is not over. It's a miserable place to be in when you're unable to trust and when pain continues to go unresolved. Healing is being released into those areas of pain and those wounds are healing up even now and you're going to trust again..."

7:51 – The hosts exaggerate the positive results of responding to their appeal of \$669. They also speak of the tangible benefits of donating.

## Part II

**The following section notes violations of CRTC Policy 1993-78 “Programming Practices” which states: “No group shall be targeted for the purpose of conversion or proselytism.”**

**Monday January 26, 2009**

Throughout the entire week of program, the hosts and guests have been stressing the need for people to come to Christ (proselytizing), also termed as being “saved” or “born again”.

9:17 - The host’s son-in-law begins inviting youth to call in to find God’s purpose for their life and to give their life to Christ.

9:19 – Evidence that proselytism is happening by viewers calling in and reporting they became Christian. Some reports or testimonies refer specifically to a segment at 8:09 where the guests invited people to call in and give their lives to Christ. Miracle Channel employee states, “You know, this is what Christian television is all about, this is what The Miracle Channel is all about, souls, souls, souls, amen? (host in agreement, “souls, souls and healings”). You cannot put a price on these souls (host, “no you cannot”) that have come to salvation just tonight, over the last half an hour or so. (host, “who knows how many more that haven’t called in, we have no idea.”) Amen.” (airing of pre-recorded clip speaking of the harvest of souls) Host continues, “Amen, did you hear that? A harvest of souls and we’ve already begun to witness that right here at the beginning of our fresh oil partner week...” (9:27 guest) “It’s healing, it’s freedom, it’s deliverance and if you’re captive, you’re bound, God wants to set you free. And the way you get free, listen, it’s too simple, you just ask Jesus to come into your heart... you need to know, the holy spirit wants to invade your life, the holy spirit wants to invade your house, you need to believe and get out of that negative depressive state because that’s not the side we’re on, we’re on the side that the Lord’s light is rising upon us.” (continues with words of enticement and invitation for salvation) (9:30 host) “If you have a praise report, if you have a pledge you would like to make because you believe in what The Miracle Channel is doing or more correctly, what God is doing through The Miracle Channel, I mean what a great night. How many reports of salvations have we had just this night? (co-host, “we’ve lost count, we’ve lost count”). There are several, praise God, and you know this is a huge, huge shift. So we just want to encourage you, sow into that which is producing the fruit of the Kingdom of God...”

10:02 – (host) after speaking of the tsunami in Sri Lanka, “We are in faith here at The Miracle Channel... We believe that a wave of the Holy Spirit is building. It is building here in North America. It is going to sweep around the world to the glory of God. It is a wave of the Holy Spirit that will surpass anything and everything that has gone before it. I tell you what, the greater things are ahead and not behind. If you thought the day of Pentecost was great or the modern day Pentecostal revival or the charismatic renewal,

you have not seen what God will do. You have not seen this great thing and we are in hope for that. That is our hope. That is what your Miracle Channel is about. Of being a facilitator of that wave or the Holy Spirit that will encircle the globe that will just bring uncounted multitudes into the kingdom of God. Don't you want to be a part of this? You know, there are so many things you can attach yourself to, so many things that people want to do and to build, so many dreams and visions and all the rest, but here at The Miracle Channel, we want to see what the Lord our God is doing and join ourselves to that. To the praise of his glory... we need you to join with us. Enable The Miracle Channel to be poured out, to pour out the anointing of God to bring healing to the land... Partner with us to take the fullness of this gospel (to the world)"

## **Tuesday January 27, 2009**

At 5:14, the host states "We're going to be back in a few minutes and we're going to be talking about where we are at this point in partner week, I'm going to be bringing you some wonderful praise reports, a testimony that just blew my mind today and I can't wait to share it with you about what God is doing through your Miracle Channel. You can be a part of this. Please call us, the number is ..." (5:57) "In fact I was so excited after yesterday, the salvations, the praise reports, the faithful response of God's people in their giving..." (5:58) host begins sharing testimony he referred to at 5:14. The testimony is about a man named Jimmy who was diagnosed with cancer in November 2008 but after becoming a born-again Christian through attending church with a customer of his business and subsequently responding to an altar call in that church and attending to surgery, he was declared to be cancer-free. This testimony is then used to entice or persuade viewers to become born-again Christians. (6:05 co-host) "And God wants to do that for you too. God wants to touch you, He wants to heal you, He wants to deliver you. He just wants you to come to Him in child-like faith..." (panel of guests and hosts pray for Jimmy's family to become "saved" or accept Christ.) (6:07) "We know that there are so many of you, we get requests all the time, pray for my children, pray for my spouse, pray for some other relative or friend. People need to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We pray with you but I think it's important, just as we did yesterday, to actually pray the prayer of salvation because we don't know who's listening. There are people out there just (channel) surfing around and wondering what's going on here and you don't know the very children you've been praying for, maybe now they've been positioned by God to hear and believe this prayer and pray it with Barnabus (guest)." The panel then prays for salvation and invites viewers to join them in the prayer of salvation to become a Christian. The guest then states, "Those of you who may be listening right now, you need this (inaudible), you've not been born again, you need the savior, you need, you may be saying, 'I don't deserve it' and you know what the truth is, you don't. There's not one of us here today who deserves to be born again. It's all of grace, it's all of God's mercy. But you have to acknowledge that you aren't good enough, you have to acknowledge your need and come to the Lord, and this is the prayer I'm inviting you to pray." Guest continues by reciting the born-again prayer of Christian salvation. Host then pleads with viewers to call in for prayers of salvation.

6:24 – The guest emotionally pleads with viewers to become Christian. He also states the consequences of not leading someone to his God. “There’s some of you sitting there, you’ve known Jesus intellectually, you’ve heard about Him but you’ve never encountered Him. He loves you, He’s radically committed to you and if you pick up that number, that phone, go to that phone and call this 866 number, 866-380-2299, you just pick up that phone. There’s somebody waiting to talk to you, to pray with you so that you can encounter Jesus. We’re not sitting here because we just want to raise money, I know that’s what you all think, sometimes when you’re sitting out there and you’re not a Christian you think it’s all about the money, all these Christians want is money. No, we don’t want your money, what we want you to have is an encounter with God, Himself. The rest of us that understand Jesus, you know why we want to get money? Because we want to help you to know Jesus. (host: “There you go, amen, amen, m-hmm”) We want you to experience the power of God. We want you to encounter this Holy Spirit right now (panel in background affirming). And right now I know that a few of you sitting in that room right now, the Lord told me just a few minutes ago, that there’s someone that’s been suffering with tremendous back pains down in the lower area, the fifth and the third vertebrae. There’s two individuals where the Holy Spirit is moving right now to heal you, you feel the power of God on you, and you need to pick up that phone and call in and have them pray right now. Now there’s another thing I want to tell you, there’s people that have been suffering in the upper shoulder areas, there’s people that have arthritic conditions, God is healing right now. He’s supernaturally confirming that He loves you. You don’t know Jesus, you know Him intellectually but you’ve never encountered Him and the Holy Spirit wants you right now.” (host prayers for all viewers) “There’s some crying out to God, tears are running down your face, you know you need Jesus, you need to confess Him, go to that phone please... Pick up the phone and say, ‘I want to know Jesus and I accept Him right now’”.

### **Wednesday January 28, 2009**

5:38 – Host leads viewers through a prayer of salvation and then states that a significant part of the renewed vision of The Miracle Channel is to reach souls for the Kingdom of God. In simple terms, proselytism.

5:42 – Guest reports the number of salvations that have come in within the last 24 hours. Host continues on this subject and expounds on the renewed vision of The Miracle Channel. He states, “it’s a fresh anointing on salvations” and “we have never seen this number of salvations before”. “Whatever it takes to get your loved ones to watch The Miracle Channel”, host goes on to encourage people to even lie to their family by inviting them to watch the Superbowl but to turn on The Miracle Channel instead. Host then goes on to say he doesn’t mean to encourage people to lie but used the example to stress the importance of getting people to watch The Miracle Channel to be saved.

7:34 – Guest: “You know, I just want to say to somebody right now, stop, don’t change that channel because God wants to move in your life. We’re here for you. You’ve got needs in your life and the first need you have is you need to receive Jesus. He’s the

answer to every problem you're facing. He's the one that can come into your heart and change you. The only thing you have to do is say, 'Lord Jesus, I was wrong, I receive you into my life and I want you to come in right now. If you'd like to receive Jesus, don't hesitate. Pick up that phone number right now at 1-866-380-3399.'

9:29 – Guest speaks to three viewers who are addicted to pornography and elaborates on how they feel about this addiction. He states for two of them, “one of your problems is that you don't know the Lord. You're not born again... (gives story about his father as encouragement for the two to become born again) And I want to tell you, you two men, you older men that are in this trouble, you need the Lord tonight. The shame that is on you can only be lifted with you coming to the Lord and humbling yourselves. You know it, your wives are Christians and you know it, the shame is all around you... I want to ask you tonight, you two men, do you believe that God sent His son to die on Calvary's cross for your sin? Listen, think of that because this is a night of decision for you, it's the night of salvation for you and it's the night of deliverance from this wretched pornography. When you give your life to God, the shame is taken away, he lifts your head, he'll put joy into your life, lightness into your step, you'll be a new creature, a new person tonight, you will be recreated tonight and be the man that you ought to be and that God planned you to be. And so, do you believe that God sent His son to die for you at Calvary? Did I hear yes? Do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Yes? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and you want him to be your Lord? Yes? Then what do you have? Think of that. You have become a new creature. He's come, your sins are forgiven. I want to tell each one, your sins are forgiven you, you're washed, you're clean this night and you are a new creature, a new person in Christ, you have joined the family of God.”

#### **Thursday January 29, 2009**

6:36 – Guest is about to pray for prayer requests that have come in and states, “Tonight is miracle night and I've got to be perfectly honest with you, unless your life is right with God, you can't get in on this prayer. If you would like to give your life to Jesus Christ, it's just a simple prayer, just right where you are in your home, just say... I believe that God wants you to have the same kind of testimonies that we've been hearing tonight. But again, I'm just going to give you just a second, think it over because we're going to pray and I don't want anybody to be left out. It's one thing to talk about 300,000 healings in one meeting in Africa but before we prayed for those healings, we gave people an opportunity to have their souls prayed for. So right now, all over this nation, I'm praying for your souls... God wants to do something in your life tonight. I pray for you, I pray that you know deliverance and breakthrough. I pray that your soul is saved tonight. Pray this now... (prayer of salvation) If you prayed that prayer, you are God's child, Heaven is your home and hear me, tonight is your night. Tonight is your night. Father, for everyone that prayed that prayer and all of these prayer requests that we hold in our hands, whether they be from Alberta... I speak to the sister who's suffering physical abuse. God is going to remove your abuser in the name of Jesus. The time for your abuse is over in Jesus' name. You will feel pain no more in the name of Jesus. Father, from marriages to finances, Father I call new businesses forth tonight... We declare yokes destroyed and burdens removed in the name of Jesus.”

7:19 – Miracle Channel mandate. See transcript in part one of this complaint.

7:30 - Guest misrepresents the beliefs of the Catholic Church and tries to proselytize those of the Catholic belief system into his personal belief system. “God could save my mother even when she was holding her rosary beads”, implying that the Catholic belief of salvation through baptism is not valid and one must be “saved” by the guest’s method of salvation. “More than anything else, He (God) wants to save you and your household tonight”. Guest continues by asking viewers to pray with him and agree in his belief system, not necessarily the one they currently adhere to. This segment is entirely derogatory to the Catholic faith and it demeans their beliefs, saying the things they consider sacred are really nothing in the eyes of God.

9:19 – Host: “There are billions who are dieing and going to hell and in a sin-sick world, God will use a ministry like the Miracle Channel to reach the lost. We have been witnessing it all week...”

9:25 – Guest: “Some of you are seeing us going even more for more salvation, family salvation, healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, all of this and some of you think, ‘well, it wasn’t like that before’ (referring to the historical mandate of The Miracle Channel), you know, yes, it’s a week that we need the partners to join in, but the first mandate of The Miracle Channel is to bring the glory in the house and to bring glory in your house and to bring salvation into your house because glory is the salvation come again, you know. God longs to just invade your house, you know, some of you, some people might say, ‘Well, it seems before, it may be it will look like it was...’ It doesn’t look like before, no but the glory, God wants to bring something new under the sun, you see. And it something, maybe even now, we don’t even know...” Hosts and guests continue speaking about the mandate of the Miracle Channel.

9:29 – Guest tries to persuade viewers to accept Jesus as the answer to all their problems. “You might be sitting out there looking, you’ve just tuned in and you’re looking and you’re saying, ‘What are these people all about?’ Well let me just stop and say to you, maybe you just came on the Internet, I just want to say to you that we’re talking about someone, the person of Jesus who can come into your life and change you from the inside out. You’ve tried therapy, that ain’t working, you’ve gone to those counselors, that’s not working, you’ve gone to places to seek help, you’ve turned to answers, there are no answers. The only answer that you can find is not from a human person but from Jesus Christ, Himself, who wants to come in your life right now. And what I want you to do is I want to personally introduce you to Jesus and we have people standing by right now on the telephone who want to pray with you at 866-380-3399. If you would like to know more about Jesus or hear about Jesus, we want to give you that opportunity to call someone and they’ll explain the simplicity of a new life in Jesus Christ. He said this, ‘That if you receive Christ, the old way of life passes away and everything becomes new’. Host, “And don’t let the things of man become a barrier. Jesus is not a Liberal, He’s not a Conservative, last I heard, He’s not NDP or party the Bloc. He’s not Republican, He’s not Democrat (co-host: “Thank God, thank God... He is lord of all.”)

He is Lord of all, praise God. So whatever you think in maybe putting Him in a box, we want to introduce to you, the real deal, the real Jesus, the one who is the only begotten of the Father, the one who came to this sin-sick world and offered himself as a living sacrifice. He died on that cross, He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven but praise God, he did not leave us alone and helpless. He said, 'I'll never leave you, I'll never forsake you'. He's given us His life, anointed us with His power, praise God, forever lives to make intercession for us. He is Christ in us, the hope of glory, praise God. You see, this is the gospel. This is the simplicity of the gospel... This is what I believe we are being called to deliver through The Miracle Channel. Now many of you voted in the election... I'm asking you to vote. I'm asking you to vote for your new Miracle Channel by going to your phone. 1-86-380-3399. I'm asking you to vote for this new vision, this new Miracle Channel. I'm asking you to vote with your prayers, I'm asking you to vote with your prayer requests and your praise reports but with your giving. Because it's in your giving that you're really voting... What you do with your money speaks volumes about where your heart is, what you love, what you're passionate about. That's why this is important. I want you to vote... would you just go to the phone and vote? Give. Give or not, but give. Vote. Say, 'I believe in this, I believe in this direction that we are moving in the right direction. This is a new day for a new Miracle Channel to go to greater heights and to reach all the more to the glory of Jesus' name.'"

### **Saturday January 31, 2009**

8:53 – Guest talks about people praying for salvation and in the middle of it states, "Listen, someone, you just stopped to turn that channel, you just tuned into the Miracle Channel and you don't even know why you landed on this channel but I'm here to say to you tonight, you know about Jesus, you've heard about His salvation that's been provided for you, and He wants to meet you right where you are right now, right now. There's a prayer partner that's standing by at this number that's running across the screen, 1-866-380-3399. You know you need to receive Jesus. You just turned that channel right there and I want you to go to that number now, 866-380-3399. You're in trouble, you need prayer, you need to call that person right now."

### **Part III**

In a previous complaint, I asked Mr. Klassen and the CRTC to confirm the existence of the Regulatory Review Committee. This request was satisfied by his response to the CRTC which confirmed the existence of the Committee and named the individuals who were appointed to it.

Though Mr. Klassen states all complaints go to the Regulatory Review Committee for their review, I must ask what value the Committee actually is or even what they currently represent.

The entire committee is comprised of persons who all have a vested interest in the financial success, the current direction and programming practices of the Miracle Channel. There is not one person who sits on this committee who is able to provide objective oversight or input.

The Committee to date has been ineffective in addressing any issues that arise through complaints and they are completely oblivious to the conduct of the guests and hosts of the fundraising campaigns. It is only the actions of the CRTC through complaints they have received from the public that has brought about any response from the broadcaster. I was under the impression the committee was mandated to ensure appropriate programming practices but in 13 years of broadcasting, this has never been the case.

It seems Mr. Klassen has been given free reign in his responses to my complaints without any scrutiny. The reason I believe this, is due to the reality that there probably aren't too many employees at the station or those on the Miracle Channel's Board of Directors, the same people who form the Regulatory Review Committee, who have the fortitude to challenge him without fear of repercussion or negative impact to the internal mandate of the station.

As proof of the ineffectiveness of the Committee, I challenge Mr. Klassen to immediately provide to the CRTC, the minutes of the last two years worth of committee meetings. I believe the CRTC would be quite concerned to find out the sparsity of such meetings, the lack of attendees as well as the actual content of these meetings. As these minutes may contain private information, I have no desire to see them but I believe it's in the best interest of the public, the broadcaster and the CRTC to ensure this Committee is doing what they are required to do and currently the only way to provide this assurance is by The Miracle Channel producing written record in confidence to the CRTC.

Respectfully submitted,

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