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I normally wouldn't do this, because I don't like to become involved with squabbles with in the body of messiah. However I believe these accusations to be so serious until they must be answered. I'll only answer the ones that I personally know about.

When Edgar Lugo came to our congregation he was living in sin with a woman that he refused to marry. Rabbi sat him down and told him that if he wanted to be a part of our congregation he would have to do the correct thing, and marry this woman so that his home can be blessed. He did do the correct thing and marry her, and rabbi began to give him opportunities to be personally involved in leadership within the congregation.

Rav. Even gave him opportunities to make money by helping with packing and shipping, and doing some yard work around the house, and congregation. I know, and have talked to many people on-line who asked me personally if I knew about Rabbi Moshe having and using Slaves in the congregation. And I will respond the same way I have responded for years when asked this question. No rabbi doesn't have slaves, because if he did I would not be here for almost nine years.

I have been here for nine years, and I have been in the leadership for four, and in that time I have never seen anyone do work for rabbi, or the congregation that didn't get paid. Edgar and others as of this writing always got paid for the work that they do even when it's not done correctly, because Rabbi wants to help the believer out especially if they have families like Edgar did.

Even with all of Edgar's faults rabbi, and Rivkah worked with him to overcome his issues so that he could still be used. How many leaders do you know in this movement that will knowingly allow someone to come to their congregation with the faults that someone like Edgar had, and allow him after a time the opportunity to gain leadership? No leader that I know of either in the church, or the movement. He would have been sat down, and told to be quiet and to learn, and nothing else.

Rabbi and Rivkah gave Edgar chance after chance to improve, even when he kept getting fired from different jobs, and being a total drunk and cursing out his wife on a regular basis. It got so bad, until Rabbi had to finally sit him down for a while, and that's where all of this stuff starts from the pure fact that he was asked to sit because of his worldly behavior.

From that day forward he was always seeking to leave the congregation, but Rabbi and Rivkah kept striving with him to remain, and be planted so that he could grow through his issues. He made up in his mind, that he was going to leave and when he left he stole many tallits from the shull, and went his way. It was I through an emissary who confronted him, and privately asked him to return the talits quietly so that no one would know that it was him who had taken them. We knew it was him, because he was the only one with a key, outside of the rabbi. When confronted about the talits, he not only denied that he had taken them, but swore "as YHWH lives" that he had not taken the talits. That now is between him and YHWH, but from my experience Edgar is not only ungrateful, but a boldfaced liar on top of everything else. After he left he began to post on the internet about rabbi using him as a slave, which again is not true, and we all here know it isn't true. We want Edgar to man up and finally take responsibility for his own actions for once in his life and come clean because again he is a liar, and a thief. Anyone engaging in his lies is according to the scriptures bearing false witness toward their neighbor.

The other issue involves the x wife of Rabbi Simon Altaf. I know for a fact that plural marriage is correct and scriptural. While I wouldn't do it unless I knew, that I knew that I was called to it. I support those who want to obey the scriptures.

I personally know that anyone wanting to engage in a plural lifestyle is always told by Rabbi Moshe to make sure that the first wife approves of the husband taking a second wife. He has always done that from day one. This was also done in this case. Simon was not truthful with the wife of his youth, and as a result his marriage fell a part. Both he and she have to take responsibility for what has happened in their marriage, and to not blame correct scriptural teaching, on their failure. It sounds to me as they had problems way before plural marriage came along, and it's now the excuse to hide behind.

This is not tov-good; in no way did Rabbi Moshe encourage him to pursue a plural lifestyle without the approval of his first wife. Anyone who says he did is also a liar and a thief because they are baring false witness, and they are stealing glory from YHWH. As a matter of fact as YHWH began to show us the teaching about plural marriage, both Edgar, and Aliyah were working to down the servant of YHWH. Isn't that funny? Misery seems to always love company. I would encourage believers to flee from such people so as not to get contaminated by their lies and deceptions. Edgar and Aliyah both need to grow up and allow YHWH to heal them and move them on.

Finally let me refer you to the scriptures so that you can personally see what happens to people like this check Numbers chapter 16 and read the whole chapter and know as of this date this is what will happen to all who were involved with trying to tear down the servant of YHWH in the matter. .