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re: Mold and Respiration: A Request for Remedy and Investigation

Dear Pastor Willie,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Joné Ropa, a fellow dorm mate who believes sincerely that you have an open and caring heart that listens. Please allow me to begin this brief communication by thanking you and the *Bread of Life Mission* for having allowed me to survive one of the worst crises of my life with a reasonable chance for recovery.

As it is not my goal to trouble you with my story, let me go straight to the point. Since having arrived in the Mission I have suffered from congestion and tightness in my chest that I have heretofore never experienced. This condition has grown worse with time. As I have noticed similar respiratory problems with the majority of my dorm mates, I have been led to the conclusion that the problem is related to the third-floor shower room and toilet area.

When you enter the room you notice two things: one, an expansive mass of mold growing on large portions of the walls; two, a mold-free, shiny ventilating screen in the middle of the mold on the upper part of the wall adjacent to the shower room. What is behind the screen is, of course, not visible. What surrounds the screen suggests strongly what the condition of the ventilator shaft behind the screen must be like. As there are few windows in the main part of the dorm room, and most residents sleeping in the smaller dorms shut their doors at night, there is a significant amount of the circulating air that passes through those vents.

I am concerned that for all the goodness that the Mission intends it is destroying our health. Not only are we breathing poorly, but our coughing keeps each other awake and diminishes the single most important nourisher of good physical health — our sleep. Pneumonia for some is a very real threat.

On behalf of the future of the Mission, its staff, my fellow dorm mates, and me I implore you to look into the matter and wish you a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

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