

Att. Robyn Reiser

Dear Robyn

I am distressed that your email to our website, passing on a report that Steve Irwin became a Christian shortly before his tragic death, is apparently circulating widely across the internet--and I deeply regret any inconvenience, embarrassment or similar caused thereby.

As indicated to you on the phone tonight, emails from our website [www.CreationOnTheWeb.com](http://www.CreationOnTheWeb.com) routinely go to an administrative staff person. That person has always been most circumspect. On this occasion, however, clearly overjoyed by the news, she circulated it to all of our staff.

At the time, I reprimanded her for that, and cautioned other staff in the office at the time not to forward it.

I later further advised staff that I had phoned the pastor of the church in Buderim mentioned in the email, and that he knew nothing about it. I also said that even though you had passed on the information in good faith, it was unverified at present, and they should not forward any such information.

Further, in the interim, I received information about similar claims being made, with other churches being nominated as the church in which this was alleged to have happened; and my efforts to confirm these were likewise fruitless. (I even rang the pastor of that large Adelaide church to try to confirm, but he too had made the announcement in good faith, but without firsthand knowledge.)

It is particularly frustrating to me personally that in spite of all my cautions, it appears highly likely that at least one staff member (maybe before they heard about all the cautions) must have sent it to a friend or family member - and from there, it is now likely to multiply. I will try to find out tomorrow at work precisely how it happened, despite the omelette being impossible to unscramble now.

I do appreciate your kind motive in passing on the information in the first place; I understand that it was because we had written an article on Steve Irwin which referred to his wife as the believer in the family, and that you wanted to help, and that you had reason to think it was true.

I will try to find out who is responsible for the apparent forwarding of that email. Some might say that the excitement about this possibility (of Steve Irwin's conversion) made it a highly unusual situation, but despite this it should not have happened, and I would like to sincerely apologize on behalf of Creation Ministries International to you and the church.

Obviously, it would be lovely to find out that Steve really did accept the Lord, if that turns out to be the case. I do hope that all this will not in any way increase the family's anguish.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely in Him

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