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VA – Mennonite missionary charged with child sex crime

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Federal agents arrested a Harrisonburg Mennonite missionary, James Daniel Arbaugh, on November 15 and charged him with felony coercion and enticement of a minor. Arbaugh had been a leader in the Haitian mission organization “Walking Together for Christ.”

http://www.dnronline.com/news/local/missionary-faces-child-abuse-claim/article_9258a5da-cf09-11e7-9782-270d47a7965c.html

http://www.missionaryjames.com/

https://web.archive.org/web/20171002070553/http://www.walkingtogetherhaiti.org/

Our hearts go out to the young boys in Haiti who were so cruelly betrayed by a trusted religious leader. The counselor at Family Life Resource Center in Harrisonburg is to be commended for doing his or her legal duty in reporting to Social Services, as is Social Services for passing the information along to the Harrisonburg Police Department, who then contacted Federal agents.

We urge Mennonite church and mission workers to actively cooperate with federal prosecutors by encouraging people in their organizations or churches who may relevant information to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department (540-434-4436).

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