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Reward MH370 – In Search of the Truth

... An initiative launched by five family members of MH370 passengers to take matters into our own hands.

Today, June 8th, 2014, is the three-month anniversary of the day MH370 disappeared from radar screens over the South China Sea. An extensive search of both the South China Sea and the Southern Indian Ocean has failed to reveal any sign of the missing aircraft, its crew or passengers. 239 people from 14 different countries have disappeared, and there has been no discernible progress towards finding them.

There have been accusations and anger leveled toward the search organizers by the families of the missing. Most people believe that they have been searching in the wrong place due to failures in the initial days of the investigation, and that valuable time has been wasted in the wrong area. Recriminations solve nothing. We need positive action.

In an effort to find the truth, a team made up of family members and individuals with specialist skills are launching a campaign on www.indiegogo.com to raise \$5,000,000 to provide for a reward, and the private investigation services necessary to follow up on submitted leads. The reward will be paid to the person or firm who provides the information that leads to the recovery of MH370 and all on board.

“This mystery is unprecedented in the history of aviation, and we need to work as a collective community with one goal of finding the truth, the plane and the passengers,” said Ethan Hunt, the Project Leader. “We will launch the campaign on Indiegogo at 8am EST on June 8th, 2014 to coincide with the three-month anniversary of the disappearance of the flight.”

“Utilizing the immense potential of the crowd we believe we can achieve our primary goal of recovering the flight where others methods have failed in the past,” Hunt said. “We are convinced that somewhere, someone knows something, and we hope this reward will entice him or her to come forward.”

No one feels the devastation of the loss of MH370 better than Ghislain Watrelos. Two of his teenage children, Hadrian and Amber, and his wife Laurence, were returning from a holiday in Malaysia. “How could this happen? In this age of constant connection and pervasive surveillance, a giant plane has been allowed to just disappear. That cannot be an accident.” Says Watrelos. “My family deserves to be found.”

Sarah Bajc, partner of Philip Wood, who was returning to Beijing to help her pack up their apartment for a move to Kuala Lumpur, has worked tirelessly to find the truth since the flight disappeared. She believes “Without a new tactic, the truth and the plane will never be found.” According to Bajc, “Governments and agencies have given it their best shot but have failed to turn up a single shred of evidence, either because of a faulty approach or due to intentional misdirection by one or more individuals. It is time we took a look at this mystery with a fresh set of eyes.”

“Lives are important. So is truth. Personal loss is hard to bear, but to live in fear is intolerable. If we can know what happened and do so collectively by all means in our hands, we help ourselves and we serve others,” says K.S. Narendran, an Indian Management Consultant whose wife Chandrika Sharma is also on MH370. “I want to find my wife, and I want to know the truth. Without the truth, families cannot move on with their lives. We need closure. The world needs closure.”

“Since the disappearance of MH370 a dark cloud has hung over the safety of air travel and there has been growing unease over the inability of governments and their agencies to work together to ensure we are all safe when we fly.” says Pralhad Shirseth, whose wife, Kranti, was on her way to visit him in North Korea, where he was working for an NGO. According to Pralhad, “Until MH370 is found and the reason for its disappearance is known we will be bombarded with conspiracy theories, false leads, books and movies which will provide nothing but conjecture. We need to find the truth and ensure this never happens again.”

Maarten Van Sluys, who lost his sister on Air France 447 in 2009, and was instrumental in the search and recovery of AF447, considers the mystery of MH370 more baffling, more complex and more daunting than what investigators experienced when AF447 crashed. Sluys said, “This recovery is going to take all the efforts of a great deal of people and I applaud the initiative of this project and the potential it will bring to the solving of this mystery.”

Peter Weeks, whose brother Paul was on his way to Mongolia for work, says “Someone somewhere knows the truth, they could be your neighbor, work colleague, brother, sister, mother or father. No matter who they are we need their help to solve this mystery, make the skies safe for everyone and return the passengers and crew to their families.”

The Reward MH370 campaign aims to raise \$5,000,000, or more, to encourage a whistleblower to come forward with information that will lead to the location of the plane and the missing passengers. The more we raise, the higher the reward will be, and the more encouragement for someone to come forward. The expectation is that a substantial reward will provide sufficient incentive for someone to speak up. All lead submissions will be handled with utmost confidentiality through a secure website that will launch on June 15, 2014.

Credible leads will be pursued and validated by a professional investigation firm licensed to operate in multiple countries, and with an extensive global network. They will work with the authorities to pursue the physical recovery of the plane.

The \$5,000,000 Reward MH370 Campaign will launch at 08:00 EST June 8, 2014.

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