

March 9, 2008

Dear Cornerstone Friends Church,

The Evangelical Friends Church has set up a system whereby a church and a Senior Pastor can every three years seek the Lord, to discover His will for the local Church. This July 1st my call is up. For the past month or so the elder board and I began the process of seeking the Lord's will for my calling at Cornerstone Friends Church. We fasting, we prayed, reminding ourselves that CFC is the Lord's church. We sincerely wanted God's will for CFC. Together the elder board and I have come to the conclusion that my calling will take me outside of CFC.

This has been a tough time for all involved because we love you so very much. But above all else God's will must prevail. For 15 years we've been together. As the founding Pastor of CFC I have a special bond with this church that will always live on. Maria and I will always be a part of CFC. I will always be proud of the fact that God used us to plant one of the most successful churches in the Friends Denomination.

Whether you know it or not, YOU are the strength of CFC. You believe in the Biblical truth that you possess spiritual gifts, and you use them to ministers to others. This is a time for others to step up and say THIS IS MY CHURCH.

I have asked the elders for some time off so Maria and I can rest and seek the Lord in our next faith adventure. Maria and I would very much appreciate your prayers. When I get back, I will assist Cornerstone in the transition to new leadership. During this time we will be seeking God's direction as to where He is calling us. My greatest joy would be to have CFC lay hands on me like they did in the book of Acts and send me off to my next calling. **Acts 13:1-4** In the church at Antioch... [2] While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." [3] So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. [4] The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit,...

During this time of transition, let us not become gossipers but uniters. Now we will see if I have done a good job of establishing a church that follows Jesus Christ and not MAN. I know you won't let me down. **Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Elder board together with Pastor Evan will be praying for God's direction in the coming months. Please pray together with us.

Sincerely and with much love,

Pastor Evan and Maria