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Dear Meadows,

By now you have read Pastor Andrew's letter and you likely have many questions and emotions swirling around in your head and heart. This is exactly what we experienced back on April 20th, when Andrew first told us he was sensing God leading him and his family to plant a church in Lisbon, Iowa. There have been many conversations and much prayer to get us to today. Now, we ask you to join us as we continue to watch and discern God's desire for all of us.

As we begin the journey together, there are more questions than answers, but as your Elders, we are watching expectantly for what God is doing not only with the Bees but in us all. We realize there will be much to process over the coming weeks. We desire to do that together. As we, the Elders, have been working through our own thoughts and emotions, there are three attitudes our hearts have been drawn to; thankfulness, watchfulness, and unity.

We are thankful for the testimonies we are hearing about what God is doing in many hearts throughout the Fellowship. We see that as evidence of God's continued desire for Meadows to flourish. We are thankful for Andrew and Eryn's sensitivity to God's call on them. We are thankful for each one that calls Meadows home and the part you will play in the story that God is writing among us. So that with the psalmist we can say "I will thank the LORD with all my heart, I will declare all Your wonderful works." (Psalm 9:1)

We are watching for the move of God in our midst by humbly approaching the throne of grace, both personally and as one body. We, as Elders, have come to affirm Andrew's calling to Lisbon and believe God is leading intentionally for us to work together to send him out. There are still many questions, yet we trust God will reveal the answers to us as we watch with anticipation. As the psalmist writes, "I will keep watch for You, my strength, because God is my stronghold." Psalm 59:9

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As for unity, be reminded of Paul's words as taken from our weekly reading plan this past week, "Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love, **diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit** with the peace that binds us." Ephesians 4:1

We all desire to see God glorified by helping people to know, love, and become like Jesus Christ in Rolling Meadows, as well as in Lisbon, Iowa. That is our main purpose no matter where we are. Please be praying for our church, for the Bees, and for each other. Feel free to reach out to any one of us, and join us at the Family Fellowship Lunch on the 29th.

We love you, Meadows,

The image shows five handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right, they are: Drew Barnes, Tim Copeland, Jeff Hagen, Jim Herold, and Mark Hoffman. The signatures are written in a cursive style.

Your Elders - Drew Barnes, Tim Copeland, Jeff Hagen, Jim Herold, Mark Hoffman

"At daybreak, Lord, you hear my voice; at daybreak I plead my case to You and watch expectantly." Psalm 5:3