

A Letter From Pastor Andrew

Several years ago, I had a dream. I saw a beautiful mountain range and valley, and I heard God say "I've called you to be the Lead Pastor at Layman for 11 years." Then God gave a blessing over the church.

I woke up from this dream certain that I had just heard from the Lord.

I started to ask, "Lord what are your plans for my family and I me after the 11 years?"

At this time, our church was going through the book "Radical" by David Platt.

In chapter 7, it says, there are 1.5 billion people who have never heard the name of Christ. There is probably not a more important question for the church to be asking than what happens to those people after they die.

Platt's conclusion, by tracing the outline of Romans, is that those who have never heard the name of Jesus will perish eternally.

Platt's words crushed me. My heart broke. Suddenly, my prayers changed. "Here I am, Lord! Send me!"

I shared my heart with Rana, and the Holy Spirit began to reveal His desire for our family, and our spirits were united with the same conclusion: The Lord is calling us to move overseas. There are many uncertainties for our family. However, this much we do know- The Lord is good! He is trustworthy!

I have served as Lead Pastor since 2010. In the summer of 2021, my time at Layman will be coming to a close.

God cares about extending His glory around the world, and He cares about all forms of human suffering, especially eternal suffering! As my love for God has grown deeper, I have found that the things I care about have been more aligned with the things that God cares for. There are 1.5 billion people who will never hear about God's love! God's method is to send people, like me, to spread the Good News.

Our family will be at CLC for 2 more years. Together we will "run our race" as this will be a faith journey for all of us. I am looking forward to all that God will teach us along the way.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

We are thankful for our Layman Church family. This church has been my home for 20 years, and so much has happened. I fell in love with Jesus. I led my first Home Group. I met my wife here. Our children were born. I met amazing people. You are my spiritual family. Rana and I love you very much!

In the last nine years, I have also had the privilege to serve and work with incredible people. Our Staff members each have different gifts and strengths. Our Board of Directors are leaders whose judgment I trust more than my own. Both of these teams are faithful in caring for this church. I'm confident they will seek the will of the Lord during this time of transition.

Blessings,
P Andrew