

Resignation letter of J. P. and C. P.

June 10, 2014

[note: last names redacted]

Dear GFA Leadership,

We began serving at Gospel for Asia over four years ago and in that time we have been blessed to play a part in helping reach many in Asia with the Gospel of Jesus. But after many months of prayer and diligently seeking the Lord, He has made it very clear to us that it is time for us to leave our tenure with Gospel for Asia.

The Lord has revealed to us three reasons for us to end our time here and He has done so by bringing very strong conviction upon us:

1. Since the time we signed our statement of agreement back in February of 2010, the direction of the ministry has significantly changed in such a way that it is no longer what we agreed to support when we joined. We did not agree to support the Ancient-Future direction of GFA and the Believers Church that is evidenced by Bro. KP's numerous teachings on related topics and his recent endorsement of Robert Webber's books, "Common Roots - The Original Call to an Ancient-Future Faith," and "Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail - Why Evangelicals are Attracted to the Liturgical Church." These books encourage spiritual activities, practices, and rituals that are not biblical and that are potentially dangerous to one's biblical spiritual well-being. We cannot in good conscience before God our Father and our Lord Jesus continue to support this movement.
2. As followers of Jesus who are called to walk in the light of the truth, and as vitally important as the call is to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus, we should never have to do so deceptively. The Lord has brought a very heavy conviction upon us that we would be committing the sin of deception if we continue to conceal, and fail to openly, plainly, and clearly disclose, especially to those supporters of ours who we know are opposed to such things, the full extent the Ancient-Future movement of GFA and the Believers Church, and all the related teachings and practices that are being endorsed and encouraged by the ministry. The ministry has regularly failed to openly, clearly, and plainly disclose these things to those outside the ministry as evidenced by what staff is allowed to communicate to their supporters and by the editing of reports, videos, and photos from the field to remove evidence of these practices in the field. We cannot in good conscience before God our Father and our Lord Jesus continue to participate in nor support this practice.
3. As followers of Jesus who desire to live in obedience to God's Word, we are to pray without ceasing. Contrary to this, Bro. KP has clearly stated that all rebellion, active or passive, is sin, (which is biblical) but he has also stated that if a staff member is asked to move to another country and that staff member says he would like to pray about it, Bro. KP says that is passive rebellion. As important as proper submission to authorities is, we cannot in good conscience before God our Father and our Lord Jesus submit to an authority who teaches that there would ever be a time that it is a sin to pray.

As a result, I (J.) met with David C. and Stephen S. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 to let them know that we sensed the Lord leading us to leave GFA for the reasons stated above. We wanted to let them know about this as soon as we sensed it was the Lord's leading in this matter and not our own, so we did not have a resignation letter prepared nor did we have a date set for departure. Therefore we submit this letter of resignation on this day, June 10, 2014.

So with heavy hearts we leave behind many friends we have made over the years, but we press on in obedience to the Word of God and the Lord Jesus.

We hereby give Gospel for Asia leadership full permission to share all the information contained in this letter, verbally, hardcopy, or electronically, with anyone who may inquire about the reasons we have departed from GFA.

May the Lord lead each of you in your service to Him.

Sincerely in the love of Jesus,

J. and C.