

Notification that Jeff not returning to the MN/IA staff

Dear Elders in the EB/Alex field,

We are wanting to let you and your meetings know more about Jeff's situation, although a lot of it is still unknown. Some have expressed not wanting any more emails with this kind of news, so we are asking you to share it with your meetings as you see fit. We hope this will be a gentler, more sensitive approach to sharing news.

The MN/IA staff will be together in Rochester on 5/26 for a staff meeting. Lyle Schober will be with us as well. We are all looking forward to it. I got back to the field on Friday and yesterday Kara returned from IA. We are glad to be back together and in the field. We are needing to regroup a bit and will be in touch when we have some meetings scheduled.

Your prayers and care are appreciated,

Kara & Marla

Here is the letter to share:

Dear Friends,

We want to send a short note to give some clarity about the thoughts about Jeff Thayer. It seems rather clear that it would be best to not have Jeff return to the MN/IA staff regardless of the outcome of any investigation. We hope this will be enough to answer questions that have circulated about his future here in these states.

There will be help sent to fill the needs but at this time it is not clear who it would be and when that may occur. In the meanwhile we encourage everyone to have patience and continue to seek the Lord for your assurance and bread.

Your servants for Christ's sake,

Dean Dykstra
Marla Freesemann
Lyle Schober
John Simons
Shari Stamps