



CROSSROADS

Christian Fellowship
Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls. - Jer 6:16

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps” Proverbs 16:9

Aloha, friends!

Twenty-three years ago, the Lord surprisingly and sovereignly determined to bring Becky, our toddler sons, John and Mike, and me to the Garden Island of Kauai, to the beautiful people who live here and to Crossroads Christian Fellowship! And for the last twenty-three years we have been privileged to love, serve, teach, preach, evangelize, disciple, mentor and equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Without a doubt, our time here represents some of the best and most fulfilling years of our lives – both personally and professionally.

As we look back on our experience, we thank God for all that He has done and for the tremendous fruitfulness of CCF evidenced in the planting of six additional churches, launching three Christian radio stations, partnering in the founding of U-Turn for Christ Kauai, establishing Kauai Bible College and subsequently training over 600 young men and women through KBC. The fragrance, influence and impact of these ministries have been profound and continue to transform lives both here and abroad! Our hearts, minds and computers are literally packed with wonderful memories of each of you and our corporate pursuit of God, our many fruitful outreaches, our countless ventures of faith, our flair for making ministry FUN and our consistent fruit of the Holy Spirit as a fellowship! We will never stop praising God and worshipping the Lord for His goodness in calling us to this island, to this ministry and to each of you -- our precious brothers and sisters in Christ!

After much prayer and consideration, Becky and I are in agreement that our time as pastor and pastor's wife at CCF has come to a close. If we had planned our own course, we would have gladly served at CCF for the rest of our lives! But God has made it clear that we have completed our mission, finished this wonderful leg of our race and need to pass the baton on to others who have a deep love for God and His Word, undershepherd hearts for His people and fresh legs and vision for the future. Knowing that CCF and KBC are in the hands of godly, competent and loving Christian servants gives us the peace and freedom to do one of the things we love to do most in ministry – give it away to others and embrace the next chapter of our own “Epic Adventure” as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a result, I am retiring as your Senior Pastor effective immediately.

Having said that, I am confident that just as God has led Crossroads Christian Fellowship and its accompanying ministries in the past, He will continue to lead the church into the future – and I have no doubt that CCF and KBC's best days are ahead! In the meantime, know that Becky and I will be praying for you and cheering you on every step of the way as you continue to love God, love others and make disciples of all nations until our Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ our King, returns for His Bride!

As for Becky and me, we'll be taking a sabbatical – not from ministry – but from active attendance and involvement at Crossroads Christian Fellowship (but don't be surprised if we drop in to worship with you from time to time). This decision is not prompted by a lack of love or commitment to you or this wonderful fellowship! To the contrary, we deeply love you, your families and especially your kids and we always will! Rather, our brief stepping away will facilitate three very important things:

1. It will give Pastor Nathan, Zephyr and their family the opportunity to be fully embraced by our fellowship as the Interim Pastor without having to live in the shadow of the previous Senior Pastor and Pastor's wife (that would be us)! I have every confidence that, with the Holy Spirit leading the way, Pastor Nathan will prove to be a loving, faithful and skilled undershepherd of God's flock.
2. It will reduce unnecessary stress for us that is part and parcel of pastoring but significantly reduces my odds of healing from cancer or, at the very least, enjoying an extension of life. Becky and I have been serving in church ministry for almost four decades and it's time for us to lighten our load a bit and concentrate on arenas of ministry that maximize our giftings, fruitfulness and joy!
3. It will allow Becky and me to follow the Lord through the new doors of opportunity He has been opening before us in the areas of personal evangelism, discipleship, mentoring, coaching and using the platform of cancer to share the gospel, teach God's Word, encourage the saints and advance the kingdom of God both here and abroad – and, as you already know, we're EMBRACING it and LOVING it!!

Having said that, we have a few words of encouragement for each of you:

1. Love, embrace, support, encourage and pray for Nathan, Zephyr and their wonderful kids like you did for us! They are a gift from God, an answer to prayer and sent by the Lord for such a time as this!
2. Don't neglect or be distracted from CCF's longstanding mission – the "Great Commission":
 - a. Love God - Matthew 22:37
 - b. Love others - Matthew 22:39
 - c. Make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20
3. Bring your "A-game" to the ministry! Stay close to the Lord and in His Word, continue to grow in your love/character/knowledge of God, pray often and pray hard, get personally involved by strengthening and building up the church using your spiritual gifts, bring your full tithe into the church, be a model of peace, unity and righteousness among your brothers and sisters and serve the Lord and His Bride as you link arms with the saints in pushing back the darkness and advancing the Kingdom of God here on Kauai! Oh yeah ... and "Go BIG in Jesus' name!!"

Finally, when you see us around town or at Costco or at the beach, please don't hesitate to come up and say "Hi!" We LOVE you and we LOVE divine appointments and are always thrilled to engage in God-ordained, Christ-centered and Spirit-filled fellowship and prayer! And don't forget to invite us to do things with you and your family -- like going to the beach, camping, surfing, hiking, kayaking, biking or maybe for a meal (we'll even bring our own food so you don't have to stress about what to feed "The Vegans")!

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His

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will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21

We have LOVED being your pastor and pastor’s wife,

Bob and Becky Hallman