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Dear Parents of Teens,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in our God who knows the path our lives will take and provides for his people. Thank you for your support and for being great parents to your teens.

As many of you know I am a Chaplain in the United States Army Reserve. At this time, the Army has seen fit to move me to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Therefore, I am resigning my post here at Calvary Crossroads Church effective May 15, 2009.

Implications for Our Ministry – I love each and every teen that is in our program and we have developed a great relationship. It has been an honor to serve them and you over these past seven years. I really believe that our teens and the lay staff are what make our ministry so strong. Nevertheless, the elders are diligently seeking a well-qualified man of God to replace me as pastor.

What You Can Do – Please talk with your teen. Encourage them to work with other teens to make their youth group a great place to grow in the Lord, fellowship with other believers, and have fun. Please pray with your teen for the elders as they seek out the best man for the job. Also, please be open to assisting our staff if there is no overlap between me and the incoming Pastor to Teens.

Qualifications for Pastor to Teens: I fully trust our elders to prayerfully find a new pastor. Ideally, the pastor would have seminary training (Master of Divinity or equivalent) and experience working with teens. He should have the character qualities of a pastor and be able to preach the Word of God effectively to all ages. He should care about teens and understand their unique emotional and spiritual development needs.

My Mission at Fort Knox - As you know, new soldiers have to go through Basic Training. This is a very challenging time for young people as they leave their parents and siblings, their friends, and their communities to go and serve our nation. My job there is to be a pastor to our Christian soldiers and to assist others through counseling and nurture. I will accompany them as they learn their soldier skills, as they condition their bodies, and as they take on the new identity of Soldier. So, please pray for me, for our Drill Instructors, and for our young people.

I hope to keep in close contact with your teens and with you through email, and on the internet. Although for a time we will be separated, I know that we will see each other again. Further, I look forward to that day when we will all be joined together when our Savior returns to bring us home. Until that day, let us pray for one another.

In Christ,

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