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Dear Friends,

I am sure that you all know that the time has now come for Charles and I to move on. God has been leading us somewhere new and His message to us is loud and clear: As Joe Wieland said "Don't look to either side, or backwards for God's help. Go forwards." Then from Stan "Go into the future with Faith, where ever God is calling without being afraid."

I am very sad to be leaving Hope, as it has been my Spiritual home for all of my Christian life, and you are all very special people to me. On the other hand I am very excited at the prospect of starting a new phase of my walk with God.

It is very tempting to resign from The Diaconate, and as Home Mission Secretary, but retain my membership. I know, however that God does not want me to cling on to you. I therefore ask that you accept my resignation of membership at Hope Baptist Church, so that He can lead me on freely, however He chooses.

I pray that you too will move on with God, wherever He is leading you as a Church, and that He will make His presence felt in a real and encouraging way.

This is not a final goodbye as I shall be in contact with you through the Brownies, certainly for the time-being. (Infact I shall be with you on Sunday at the Remembrance Service).

I would like to thank you for all the love and support I've been given over the years, and I wish you all the best for the future.

It only remains for me to say that I am a little disappointed that so far, only the young people from Hope have been to see us in our new home.....Need I say more!

With lots of love

Christine Handerson .