

Message from the Elders Board

This month the Elders had the privilege to speak with former staff member **Jeremy Heide** and his wife **Breanne** from **Casa Luz**. Approximately 1.5 years ago, Jeremy and Breanne moved to Costa Rica and began the process of taking over the leadership positions from **Eldon** and **Lori Cooke**. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Casa Luz Ministry, "*Casa Luz is a home for young mothers and their children who come from situations of abuse, extreme poverty, and exploitation. They provide a safe place for them to live, the help they need to heal, and the resources they require to flourish.*" (www.casaluz.org). Jeremy and Breanne shared their goals for the organization and their desire for the 25 girls and 25 children who are under the age of 7. As you would expect, the accomplishment of these goals are not realized without challenges along the way. While Breanne spent many of her childhood years in Costa Rica, Jeremy is new to the culture and language. He is currently learning Spanish, but as you can imagine, engaging in activities such as staff meetings in a language that's unfamiliar has its challenges. Please pray for Jeremy's progression and confidence in this area and for his continued leadership development with the team, serving in humility and love. We heard of great spiritual progress in many of the girls' lives. Would you continue to pray for this and that God would continue to meet all the needs at Casa Luz.

In our time together in the scriptures we reflected on the life changing effects of Romans 8:1-14 and to grasp the magnitude of what Christ has done for us. Let's live our lives with an understanding that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ (v.2); to live in accordance with the Spirit and have our minds set on what the Spirit desires (v.5).

The Elders took the time to discuss and nominate three members of the board to serve on the Elders nominating committee. A motion was approved to appoint Myrna Waddell from Bearspaw, Tim Moore from Bowridge and Terence Jellema from Westhills to serve on the 2019 Elders nominating committee.

For the last portion of our meeting, the board broke into groups of three and prayed for specific members of our staff and for individuals in our congregation. Nothing of eternal significance happens apart from prayer, so let's continue to lift one another up before the Lord in order to glorify Him.

Yours in Christ,

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