



November 5, 2013

Dear Friends of Doug & Jeanie Birdsall,

I received a copy of your November 5th note and wanted to thank you for your ongoing support for Doug and Jeanie. We join you in affirming their talents and commitment to kingdom service. We likewise underscore the importance of Doug and Jeanie's wellbeing in this time of transition.

This is why we were disappointed when Doug declined our offers of severance as well as other direct support. We wanted to further support Doug and Jeanie in this way, however we respect their decision to decline.

As in the book of Acts, it is clear that even those with the best of intentions and faithfulness simply do not always agree. It has been and continues to be our hope that neither Doug and Jeanie nor American Bible Society would be disrespected in this separation of service. Our prayer is that we can all agree on this. The wider reach of God's Word and global Christian mission continues to be our shared goal.

Thank you again for this note and all that each of you do in your ongoing kingdom service.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Pieter Dearolf". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pieter Dearolf
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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