

To the Saints of Valley Church,

Paul's words reflect well our family's prayers for you when he says, "*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven*" (Col 1:3-5). Ever since I met with your search committee and heard about the faithfulness of Valley Church, your love for the Savior, and your heart for the nations, we have thanked God for you in our prayers. As we've gotten to know your elders, pastors, staff, and many members, our thankfulness to God has grown as we have seen your devotion to God's Word and as we've experienced your care for our family.

As Paul was excited about how God was using the Colossian church to bear fruit for the gospel in their area and around the world, so I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to join the leadership of Valley Church to continue the faithful work of more than 65 years of making the glory of Christ known to Cupertino, Silicon Valley, and the nations. Following Paul's missiological example, I believe in the vital importance of the local church for making God's glory known as we listen to his Spirit-inspired Word and as we follow Jesus together.

I am excited and honored to serve alongside your faithful pastors so that the Word of Christ would dwell in you richly, alongside faithful elders to shepherd this precious body, and alongside each of you as we experience a God-given harmony coming from loving one another as we follow the Savior together. My family also thanks God for you, and we eagerly anticipate making Valley Church our home. Amanda is excited to grow in close friendship with godly sisters and see where the Lord will use her in ministry, and the boys are excited to make new friends (and to spend more time with some friends they have already made during our visits). We look forward to fellowshiping with you soon and will continue to thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we pray for you because of how your hope in the gospel is displayed in your faith in Christ and your love for his church.

Gratefully,

Craig, Amanda, Isaac, and Augustine Shigyo