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To: Phil Strout _____

Dear Phil,

It was so good to meet you properly in Columbus and so kind of you to generously give your time. During our conversation I caught a glimpse of your heart, your evident passion for Jesus, your gentleness with others, and the kindness and courage at your core.

I wanted to update you on our current thinking with regard to our transition and in particular our connection with our Vineyard family. As you know from our conversation it has been a bit of a wrestle for us. Leaving our home church and community is difficult but not unexpectedly so. However, we hadn't really thought when we surrendered our yes that there maybe the prospect of relinquishing our connection with the Vineyard.

Yet, the more we have thought about it, the more aware we have become that while we love the Vineyard, and can easily trace God's hand on it in the US, the fractured nature of the movement in OC makes it difficult to attend church locally without causing undue upset to someone we love. As I mentioned when we were together, we love each of the leaders, we just wished they loved each other well. Since that isn't the story at the moment, it's not an environment where we would want to plant our lives or raise our girls.

And so after 29 years of connection with the tribe, we have arrived at the painful conclusion that we won't be part of a local vineyard church in the next part of our journey.

It goes without saying, that we will continue to champion the movement, and will always be grateful for the way it reflects and demonstrates the kingdom. A further sadness for us, is that we won't get the chance to work alongside you. Nonetheless, just as God has led you to pray for us, so now it is our turn to pray for you. We will be praying for wisdom, courage and kindness for you personally and that God continues to release the US Vineyard and the Vineyard globally into its unique and beautiful destiny.

Much love and blessings,
Alan (& Kathryn)