

February 24th, 2012

Dear Mr. Randy Alcorn,

Peace in Christ, our Lord and Savior. I write you this letter from my current residence in Miaoli County, Taiwan, Republic of China. I am currently a tent-maker missionary in Taiwan, with my wife Christy (Taiwanese) and our two daughters, Adeline (3 ½) and Bethany (1 ½).

As a fellow brother in the Lord, and long time family friend of Barry Durmaz, I can personally testify of his zeal for Christ, and his desire to establish his home and his business on the authority of God's Holy Word. We know each other from back in the 90's when my family attended Portland Foursquare Church, and eventually re-connected through my attendance to Gresham Household of Faith between 2009-2011. I am still a member of Gresham Household of Faith to the current time.

In the spirit of New Testament teachings on conflict within the church, I humbly ask that you or other God-fearing men from Good Shepherd Community Church, regardless of their official employment status with the church, would consider giving a hearing to Barry Durmaz and Ken Myers to deal with their ongoing dissension. I admire Barry's attempt to deal with this within the church rather than in the courtroom. This is what is called upon in the Scripture- Matthew 18:15-17. If we would also take 2 Tim. 3:16-17 at face value, then we should trust that the standards of Scripture are sufficient for settling conflict between believers. It is my hope that men in the church would stand up when problems arise in their congregations, or in other congregations-

1 Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

1 Cor. 1:11-13-1 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

I cannot judge the hearts of men, nor was I present during any proceedings between Barry and Ken, and so I simply ask that men from Gresham Household of Faith, Good Shepherd Community Church, or an intermediary organization such as (Peace makers Ministries?), or Eternal Perspective Ministries take up the Biblical responsibility of the Church to help Christian men in conflict- that sin might be dealt with, unity restored in the body of Christ, and that God's name might be lifted high.

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to read this letter. Thank you for your continued God-Glorifying work through Eternal Perspective Ministries.

Humbly,
A younger brother in the Lord,



Stephen J. Kurkinen