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## **Lakes Area Vineyard Church Statement Regarding Beau and Jackie Shroyer:**

Lakes Area Vineyard Family,

I love you very much and I am heartbroken and in shock that I need to send this type of update to you today. Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, I'm going to ask you to sit down, take a deep breath and remember that God is our ever present help in times of trouble.

As you all know, our community has been deeply saddened by the death of our dear brother and friend Beau Shroyer, who was killed in a violent, criminal attack in Angola, Africa on Friday, October 25. Today, our grief and sadness has deepened immeasurably as we've learned that his wife, Jackie Shroyer, has been arrested in connection with his death.

I'm so sorry and simply do not have words to express my disbelief and sorrow about this news. What I can tell you is that the Shroyer children are well cared for and we will work alongside SIM USA and SIM Angola to ensure that continues to be the case. I also want you to know that we will do what we can to come alongside and care for you too.

This is unimaginable, and yet it is very real. As a community we must cry out to the Lord for his grace, mercy and comforting presence for the Shroyer children and family. We must honor God and love each other by how we communicate about this, and we must continue to stand together, asking God to do in and through all of this what only He can.

News of this nature will undoubtedly stir up questions and media attention. We are preparing to engage as needed and will simply point back to this statement for all inquiries for information. Please be advised that our Sunday morning gatherings will honor the needs of our community at this time and we will be asking the media to respect the community's privacy.

With love and deep sadness,

Troy M. Easton  
Lead Pastor