



Bethel Baptist Church

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Dear Pastor,

One of the greatest privileges and joys of life is to be the father of children. To watch them and encourage them as they take those first steps and then the many other steps to follow is a great delight. It is understandable that a first step leads to the next and ultimately to some steps we could never dream of or imagine they would be bold enough to attempt.

As a father of four children and grandfather of ten, I count it a privilege to be the pastor of all of them except one. It is that one who has chosen to launch out beyond the close circle. While the others faithfully serve in their God-called ministries on the local level, Vonda, our youngest, has also faithfully followed the Holy Spirit's leading. She has served as a church secretary in a church 400 miles from home for the past 7 years and is now looking to serve as a missionary thousands of miles away on the other side of the world.

The natural concern of parents makes us wonder how safe she will be in far away Thailand, but then we are reminded that danger can be found anywhere in the world and we all serve in harm's way. As I set aside the natural concerns and trust God for her safety, it is with great confidence that I recommend my daughter for missionary work in Thailand. She came to know Christ as her Savior as a teenager and it has been a delight to see her grow and gain confidence as a Christian. Her mother and I never cease to be amazed at her maturity and ability as she has moved with ease and confidence in her ministry responsibilities. We have every reason to believe that she will serve with God's great blessing in the missionary work she believes He is calling her to do.

I believe that those who choose to support her work will not be disappointed for I believe it is God Who has empowered her thus far as she has yielded to His control and direction in her service for Him.

Sincerely and with confidence in God,

Marvin Jones

To bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe.