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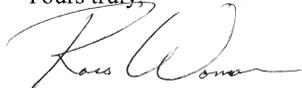
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of Nathan Goodpaster and his wife Audrey as Missionaries to the Philippines. I highly recommend Nathan and Audrey as being worthy of the financial support and friendship of your ministry and its people.

For more than four years, I have known Nathan and Audrey in various capacities. In Nathan's position as a bus captain on the west side of Chicago, he did an excellent job and was an asset to his bus division, the bus ministry as a whole, and to me personally as his division leader. Nathan has an excellent spirit, is very teachable, and has tremendous zeal for the Lord and His work. Many times, Nathan was called upon to assist me in the logistics and organization of big days under stressful conditions in addition to his ongoing responsibilities in the bus ministry, at work, and in school.

Since the time I met Nathan, he has considered himself a missionary, and has set his focus on reaching people for Christ as well as training for the work. Nathan and Audrey were married with the full agreement that they would soon be on foreign soil building a work for Jesus Christ. To that end, I wholeheartedly recommend them both.

Yours truly,



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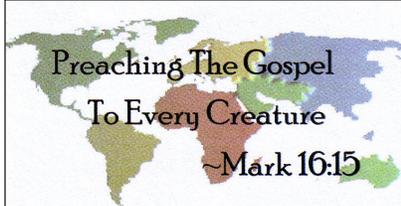
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# From Darrell Moore

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## Fundamental Baptist Missions International

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Dear Pastor,

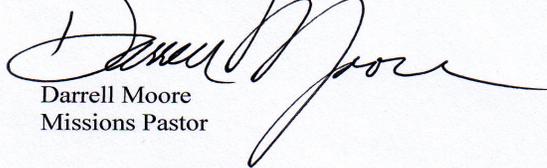
I am very pleased to recommend to you as missionaries to the Philippines Brother and Mrs. Nathan Goodpaster. These are two of God's choicest young people. They have a splendid testimony at First Baptist Church, Hyles-Anderson College, and Fundamental Baptist Missions International.

I have personally known and worked with Brother Goodpaster since his arrival as a freshman at Hyles-Anderson College. He served as a bus worker in my bus division. He became a bus captain and served for several semesters with distinction. Both of these young people are dedicated and zealous soul winners. They are obviously separated from the world and unto Christ. They are consistent, steadfast and dependable. I anticipate great reports from them as they serve in the Philippines.

I hope you will have the Goodpasters in to present their work. Please support them if the church is able and let's get them quickly to the field. Please feel free to call or write if you have any questions. I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for taking time to read this and for whatever you are able to do to help speed this couple to the field.

His for the world's souls.



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# Philippine Facts

The Philippine Islands are made up of over 7,000 islands and currently have a population of more than 90 million people. The total land mass of all the islands combined is slightly larger than the state of Arizona. This unique country was established as a Spanish Colony in the 16th century. In 1898, due to the Spanish-American War, the United States found itself face to face with a difficult decision to make with regards to the islands. There was much debate over the islands and what to do with them since they were so far from the States. On November 21, 1899, President William McKinley said:

...I didn't want the Philippines, and when they came to us...I did not know what to do with them....I went down on my knees and prayed Almighty God for light and guidance more than one night. And one night late it came to me this way...that there was nothing left for us to do but to take them all, and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the very best we could by them, as our fellow-men for whom Christ also died.

America did win the war, and in 1935, after a ten-year transition, Manuel Quezon was elected President of the Philippines. Seven years later in 1942, the Japanese took over the islands during the Second World War. The American troops and Filipinos battled together from 1944-1945. On July 4, 1946, the Philippines regained its independence. Though there has been good success the past fifty years in reaching the Filipinos for Christ, still over 80% of the Filipinos are Catholic. The people are very open to the Gospel and love to hear the Bible taught. The Bible is even taught in their public schools by some churches on a weekly basis. God has seen fit to keep the door to the Philippines open; now is the time to go there with the Gospel! They especially love Americans because of the part they played in Filipino history, which adds to the success of a missionary. An American could go just about anywhere and gather a crowd for preaching. Though there have been many American missionaries sent out during the past 200 years, little has been done to send out foreign missionaries. Today some American missionaries are sending out foreign missionaries supported in full by Filipino churches. Filipinos make great missionaries. Since they have grown up in a third-world country, they adapt to their field quicker than an American would. Filipino missionaries are much like the missionaries sent out of the early church at Jerusalem, in that, both have little resources. God will supply the need as He did in Jerusalem. The fields truly are white unto harvest in the Philippines!



# The Goodpaster Family

## Missionaries to the Philippines

Nathan and Audrey Goodpaster both grew up in Christian homes and were saved at ages twelve and thirteen, respectively. Audrey was born to Bill and Karen Moran in Union City, Tennessee. She surrendered her life to full-time Christian service as a teenager at Shawnee Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, where she grew up. Her father took a government job for three years in the Northern Mariana Islands which gave Audrey training on the mission field as a teenager. While on the island, her family started an independent Baptist church.

Nathan was born to Bruce and Carol Goodpaster in Lafayette, Indiana. At nineteen Nathan was called to preach while attending his first Youth Conference at the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. He surrendered to be a missionary while attending Hyles-Anderson College. Nathan served in the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, as a bus captain, bus driver, and Sunday school teacher. While in college he won a trip to the Philippines where God blessed with allowing him to have 500 people saved.

Nathan and Audrey met at Bible college and were married on August 20, 2005. They both graduated from Hyles-Anderson College, Nathan in 2005 and Audrey in 2006. They will serve under Missionary Charlie Vest in Bacolod City, Philippines, for their first year on the field. While learning the language during the first year, they will also teach part-time in the Bible college, work in the public school ministry, win souls, disciple converts, and help plant churches. After the first year, they will start a church and Bible college to train Filipino pastors and missionaries.

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