

RIPE *for Harvest* WORLD OUTREACH

Jesus said, "Open our eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." – John 4:35b

April 29, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Gregg Vurbeff. I am the Vice President of Ripe for Harvest World Outreach. I would like to take a moment and wholeheartedly recommend the ministry of Joe and Denise Holman.

I have known the Holman's for over ten years and enjoyed watching their ministry and passion for the Lord grow. With close to forty years of ministry experience, the Holman's are committed to spreading the gospel and edifying the church.

Joe and Denise are always moving forward. However, Joe is never content with what has happened. Instead, he constantly looks for new and better ways to serve the Lord.

If you or your church is considering partnering with the Holman's, I can testify you will find no one more committed to world missions. I cannot recommend them highly enough.

Sincerely,



Gregg Vurbeff
Vice President
Ripe for Harvest

June 1, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to share on behalf of Joe and Denise Holman and family. We met this dynamic family at Sandy Cove Ministries in the early 2000's. Joe was the pastor of a prominent growing church in the Blue Mountains living the dream with his wife Denise and almost 10 children at the time.

Joe and Denise answered the call to minister to the people of Bolivia and seemed to never look back on what they left, but never where they came from. As a large family having a growing church there was much to pick up and leave behind. Saying yes to God is obedience but not always easy. They made the transition to follow Jesus to a far a way land...and made it look like a dream.

They needed to learn the language of Spanish and a new culture of people in order to pastor and serve the Bolivians. They have taken care of orphans in the orphanages, they have built churches and homes for those who were once homeless, they have encouraged other pastors along the way, they have joined up with other missionaries to multiply their mission of seeing souls saved and baptized.

The challenges, the heartache of many disappointments, the horrific loss of their son in the states, nor the pandemic, has altered their passion and zeal to serve the Lord in missions. They even gave birth to their own Bolivian! They have been shot at, had numerous medical emergencies, lock downs in their city, they have struggled and wrestled in deep anguish that many would have quit and gone home, they have endured so much more to prove their commitment to the Lord and their call. Through it all, they have not be shaken to abandon their love for the Bolivian people.

If only there were more like the Holmans. It is evident the Lord is building a legacy out of their obedience for others to model.

It is with great confidence as those of us at Victory Bible Church of Hammonton, NJ have supported them monthly for over 10+ years that you will be blessed to enter into ministry with them.

For the Kingdom's Sake,

Pastor Sammy and Debbie Mascioli.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Friend of Jesus,

Joe and Denise Holman are the real deal. I've known them "B.C." having been raised in the same small Texas town. God saved Joe from a life of drug addiction and almost simultaneously called him into ministry. For almost 40 years now the Holmans have faithfully followed Jesus. It hasn't always been easy. They have experienced both the highest of highs in seeing multitudes come to Jesus both in the US and around the world and the lowest of lows in losing their beloved first-born adult son Seth. I have been amazed as God poured out grace upon grace and enabled them to persevere in their calling in Bolivia.

Now the Spirit is directing them to West Africa. They are moving under the Mandate of Heaven and believing God once more to use them to reach, teach and train Africans to become Great Commission Christians.

Without even the slightest hint of hesitation, I wholeheartedly recommend this faithful couple to you as you consider doing your part in sending laborers into the harvest. And I encourage you to remember that every life touched for Christ by Joe and Denise is an expression of your own faithful stewardship and investment in missions.

May God bless you as you partner to send the Holmans to their new place of service.

Yours for Souls,
Scott

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Joe and Denise Holman have been a long valued part of our church fellowship through the years. As a family, they have consistently demonstrated an authentic and enduring faith in Jesus.

Perhaps the most encouraging part for me, as a pastor, has been the way they go beyond mere profession of their faith to living to advance Christ's Kingdom. They share the Gospel openly, are always ready with an encouraging word, and engage in service within the church in addition to making worship gatherings a priority.

Being missional has been a way of life for this family and our church has been enriched and blessed by their presence.

In an age when far too many Christian leaders compromise either the content of the Gospel or their own character in seeking to live it out, Joe and Denise have faithfully ministered with unwavering integrity. They practice honesty, loyalty, transparency, and an enduring commitment to bear fruit that lasts in all their ministry endeavors.

Any individual or church that partners with them will enjoy the relationship as well as the joy of seeing people reached with the transforming power of God's grace in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Gregg Heinsch

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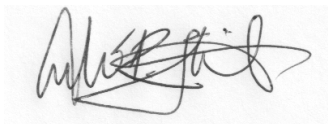
June 12, 2022

To Whom It Concerns:

I have known Joe & Denise Holman for the past two decades. I first met them when they relocated to Northern Virginia to Pastor the church my wife and I were attending at that time. Joe & Denise later accepted the Lord's calling to sell everything and take their large family to South America to reach the people of Bolivia. A few years later, after hearing the adventures and successes they were experiencing in Central Bolivia, my son and I joined a short-term service team to visit the Holman family and share in their experiences for ourselves.

I can genuinely say that Joe & Denise are truly "All In" when comes to their submission and service to God - their time, their money, their family - their hearts and minds. After personally seeing missionaries in various parts of the world, I have hardly ever met anyone that can do SO MUCH with a dollar given to their organization to minister to the poor, the broken, and the spiritually lost. As a business person, I watch some ministries spend money like an institution or bureaucracy, and I find myself guilty of questioning the sincerity of their love, or their urgency to the mission. I have rarely seen the level of sacrifice and sheer intensity to service the Holman's exhibit. Through it all, Joe and Denise are purely FUN people to spend time with.

I offer my highest recommendation to any organization considering support for the Holman's in Bolivia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre R. Fontaine", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andre R. Fontaine
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To Whom:

I've known Joe since before he went on the mission-field. He pastored Blue Ridge Bible Church and was such a warm and engaging speaker, combining all forms of communication into really memorable and connecting messages. His recommendation of the book "Made to Stick" changed my life, and his discipline of working through 10 sermons ahead and rehearsing each one 9x before Sunday delivery showed me how seriously he took the mission to help people know God and love Him more.

Joe's story of his call to mission also changed my life. I'm not even kidding you, he tells this crazy story about praying to God that there are "no no's," meaning nothing big enough God could ask for that they'd say "no" to... I prayed it that same day and received the CRAZIEST out-of-nowhere reach out from someone that turned into turning around their business and learning so much, which I'd have totally ignored if not for that. It's been a repeat prayer in my life.

Watching Joe and Denise serve over the years has warmed my heart and I proudly support them with the majority of our tithing income because I know that what they're doing isn't church tourism or simply donating, it's changing lives and living on trust while helping others do the same. You need to support this crew!

Sincerely,

Isaiah McPeak

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June 3, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Pastor Joe Holman. In recent years I've had the privilege to go on two short term mission's project to Cochabamba, Bolivia which were organized and led by Joe. I attended one as a team member and based on that experience, I signed up to lead the next one from the local church perspective. Both trips were life altering and I attribute it to Joe's leadership and his full understanding of the local area (needs, contacts, ministry philosophy and practices).

The experiences were customized based on the size, formation, and interest of the teams and the critical needs of the communities we were serving. I was amazed at Joe's ability to be highly flexible, yet purposeful in the way he cared for others (on the team and in the community). Joe showed tremendous patience, humor, and passion. While we had a master plan for the events, he was a great communicator to the need for change day-by-day. The overall purpose never changed but how we got there was one of adapting to the environment, resources, and on-site conditions. While in a foreign land, unable to communicate in the native tongue, and bringing dozens of youth and adults that carried a great responsibility, I never felt unsafe. Joe helped educated us quickly to local customs and matched us with local brothers and sisters in Christ that we fell fast in love with and who looked out for us too.

Our trips had us build numerous buildings (church extensions, church buildings, family homes), conduct medical and dental missions in communities, ran several Vacation Bible School programs, and fed countless Bolivian families. In both trips, we were coming down to do God's work, to bless others and in God's unique way we left being more blessed than what we gave and left more on fire, for Him, than when we came.

While getting to know Joe over four weeks in Bolivia I was quick to realize he was a loving leader. His leadership style is servant like yet full of deep wisdom and integrity. His passion lies in helping the local Bolivian people see beyond their day-to-day cares and improve their skills, abilities, and attitudes for tomorrow, next week, next month or next year. He is in the business of life change and it is inspiring.

The relationships I formed with him, his family, and the local Bolivian ministry team still thrives today and will last for eternity. I really can't speak more highly of any man of God than Joe Holman. He is someone that I would love to model my life after.

Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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