

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that for over two decades I have been a close friend and ministry colleague of Pastor Ben Gray. Our ministry association began when Ben was assistant senior pastor of Gateway Baptist Church, a position where his influence in Brisbane and beyond developed.

As the leaders of major churches in the city met for prayer and discussion as to how our combined influence for the Kingdom of God could be more effective, Ben quickly rose to the fore with his passion for the whole church, his Kingdom worldview, his organizational skills, and his loyalty and respect for all branches of Christ's body. Without exception amongst the city leaders, Ben was trusted to organize and lead prayer rallies and conferences. His networking skills enabled him to introduce many distinguished international leaders to the city.

After his time at Gateway Baptist, Ben established, CityHarvest International and then pioneered CityHarvest Church, a unique church where his pastoral skills, love for people, and heart for mission saw it develop to the point where CityHarvest International became know worldwide in its influence for the Gospel of Christ through prayer initiatives, short term missions (training and church planting), encouraging churches in dangerous parts of the world, and general support.

His national vision has been expressed in his founding of Australian Prayer Network, one of the most influential prayer and intercessor movements in Australia. This and many other significant groups, such as National Day of Thanksgiving, of which he is co-chair, are an ongoing testimony to his vision, skills, and above all, his love for God's church .

I can thoroughly recommend Ben to all leaders as one who could be sought as a valuable consultant in helping their churches to develop a Kingdom worldview, to minister in developing their prayer life, organizing short term missions, including teaching on cultural sensitivities, and other marketplace and cultural issues. His proven management skills also make him a valuable consultant in general areas of church life, structure, mission, etc.

Should any like further endorsement, I invite you to contact me at the above address or by phone or email (details below).

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