

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Jonathan and Jenny Gainer, for they are truly an exceptional couple. As mission chairman at Bettendorf Christian Church I have had the joy of knowing them for many years. I remember when Jon joined one of our short-term mission trips to Ukraine –and came home forever changed. He very clearly felt the call of God on his life, to prepare and return to Ukraine. Even though he was a family man with several small children, he and Jenny immediately responded to the Lord's call by enrolling in Lincoln Christian College and Seminary to earn his BA in Missions. That's the kind of living faith Jon & Jenny have.

Jon is a man of great passion and commitment. He has an exceptional love for people and a burning desire to see them brought to the Lord. I have seen Jon and Jenny go through very difficult times during their years of preparation, but they have always responded with unshakable faith that God will provide. It's been a joy to watch their spiritual lives grow even deeper.

Jon and Jenny are true servant, eager to meet the needs of others. Both of their personalities are marked with kindness. They are both flexible and easy to get along with, which will be great assets on the mission field.

As mission chairman I understand that the needs we see greatly outweigh the resources we have available. We must of necessity decline our support for a large number of worthy endeavors in our desire to spend the Lord's money as wisely as possible. I can't imagine a better investment of His resources than our support of Jon & Jenny Gainer. The Lord is doing a mighty work through their lives and I consider it a great honor to partner with them. I know there are many Christians who feel called to the mission field today but are never able to go because they can't raise the required support. What a tragedy that would be in this case. Let's partner together to send this dedicated couple where the Lord has asked them to go.

Because He lives!

Linda Wicks,

Mission Chairman

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