

Letter of Recommendation
Randolph Koch

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for my friend and colleague, Randy Koch. I met Randy in 1998 through his “Devotional Starters”, “VCFellowship”, and “Prayer Chain” online e-mail ministry that he created for the purpose of ministering to Christians in the workplace. Through his daily devotionals, Randy ministers to hundreds of subscribers around the world on a daily basis. I was not aware until after I read many of Randy’s devotionals that he was co-worker of mine at Nike. Once I met him in person, I was drawn to his passion and devotion to serving our Lord Jesus Christ without any external encouragement or financial incentive. He has been doing so consistently for over a decade while working full time in his secular job, raising five small children and going to school to earn his Bachelor’s degree in Christian Ministry.

Randy has a passion for serving our Lord. In fact, Randy is a joy to work with because he enjoys serving others as well. In addition to creating the Devotional Starters program, Randy also developed a prayer chain for Nike employees through which he created an awareness of the Christian community at Nike and beyond. Not satisfied to limit his ministry to the written word only, last year Randy used his training in radio broadcast production to develop audio ministries to be provided to others free of charge. Further, he has taken his ministry at work a bit further by organizing prayer meetings, accountability groups, and bible studies for his peers.

Randy’s enthusiasm for Christ no matter what his personal circumstances may be is absolutely contagious! It doesn’t matter what trials he may be going through, Randy always has a peace about him. When others inquire as to why or how Randy can be content and even joyful, he does not hesitate to tell them about Jesus. Through his friendly and open approach to people and his ability to bring God into casual conversations, Randy has effectively reached others for Christ.

People are drawn to Randy not only by what he says, but also by what he does. When, several years ago, he learned that there was a desperate need to find coats for the homeless during a particularly cold winter, Randy organized a very successful company-wide coat drive gathering hundreds of coats. The coat drive took off like wild fire and is now an annual event. When people need food, clothes or other provisions, Randy gets the word out to our community and the needs get met. That’s just how Randy is. When God

needs someone to love people practically, He tells Randy. Randy takes action with enthusiasm and gives God all the glory.

Recently Randy mentioned to me that our Lord is calling him into full time ministry. Based on Randy's demonstrated devotion to Christ, his heart to help people, and his education and his practical experience ministering to others, I recommend you seriously consider Randy for a position in ministry within your church. Please feel free to contact me via phone or e-mail if you have any questions. I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

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