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To Whom It May Concern:

The reason I am writing is as a character reference for a man I highly respect, Richard Gobble.

Having known Richard for about 7 years now, I have grown to admire and appreciate him immensely. I would describe him first as a humble, godly, and genuine man who is committed to God, his family and the body of Christ. He is genuinely concerned about others, particularly their spiritual wellbeing and committed to prayer, not as a duty, but as an integral part of his life, his relationship with God and with others. Some of my most special memories over the past seven years have been times of prayer with Richard.

I have also appreciated Richard's teaching which is both practical and stems from a heart in love with God and a desire to see that others have same passion. He is committed to global evangelism and I have observed is committed to obedience to God in his own life, lived out as an example to others. He is always real and approachable and trustworthy.

He is a man clearly gifted for ministry, and over the past few years I have prayed that God would guide him and his family to a place where his gifts could be best utilized. One thing I know, wherever God leads, Richard will serve with commitment, humility, and compassion to see the body of Christ fully equipped for every good work.

I would welcome any further questions you might have. May God guide and bless you as together we serve him.

Sincerely,

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