



To whom it may concern,

In 2004 Will Hill came to Lighthouse Baptist Church to train for the mission work for which God had called him. Over the last 18 years I have never known of Will to do anything that would not be in keeping with this calling. He has proven himself to be a man of superior integrity and work ethic. Will is a model husband and father. I have the greatest respect for him and I couldn't give anyone a greater recommendation.

In recent conversations Will has expressed to me the conflict he feels between his responsibility to his many supporters, (both churches and individuals) and the close relationship he has enjoyed with Vision Baptist Missions. Will chose VBM as his mission board in their early days of existence. He enjoyed a close relationship with many of the leaders and missionaries involved with VBM at that time and those relationships continue today. However, VBM has become an independent organization which no longer operates under the leadership and authority of Vision Baptist Church. While Bro. Will has not criticized VBM, he knows that this is not what he represented to his ministry partners. He also knows that many of his partners have strong convictions about local church authority.

Knowing that Bro. Will is not looking to change boards and that he also wants to be true to his many ministry partners, I have offered him the option of Lighthouse Baptist Church handling his support and directly overseeing his ministry. As a pastor, I am very involved with the missionaries sent out from our church. I visit their field and stay in close communication with them. Our church has always been ready to assist with any immediate financial needs they have had. Furthermore, we have a solid staff to help with the receipt and distribution of financial support coming from Bro. Will's ministry partners. Actually, we have already done this very same thing for another of our missionaries in Cairo.

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I would ask that you appreciate the difficult decision this is for the Hill family. They have the highest of character and standards. They want to be true to their word. And they also love and appreciate the ministry of Vision Baptist Missions. I would also ask that you continue your faithful support of the Hill family. They need it now more than ever. Inflation has taken a heavy toll on their monthly budget. If even a few churches discontinued their support it would hurt.

This is not a good time for the Hill's to leave their work on furlough just to come home and explain this difficult decision. They have a strong but very young church. Not only would it be very costly, and in my opinion wasteful for the Hill's to return home at this time, but it would severely damage their ministry. Please be assured that there are no doctrinal or moral issues that have been compromised by the Hill's. As Bro. Will's pastor, I have great confidence in his testimony and ability to do a great work among the Japanese people.

Again, as the Hill's Pastor, I thank you very much for your faithful support. I love the Hill family and pray for them daily. I know that God has called him to Japan and your continued support has made it possible for him to fulfill this calling. Please continue this support and direct it to Lighthouse Baptist Church. I will see that every dollar you send goes to the Hill family as they work to give the Gospel to Japan.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me. My email address is pastorblackstock@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
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