CHINESE GOSPEL CHURCH

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this reference letter on behalf of Chris Akers.

I have been the coordinator at the Chinese Gospel Church's ESL program for over two years. Our ESL program offers free classes for students with different English foundations: Level I for beginners, Level III for intermediate level students, and Level II for those in between. Chris joined us as a volunteer in the Fall semester in 2004 and has been teaching the Level II class since then. As the coordinator, I was present in his class for a few times. I also collected feedback from his students now and then. By these, I've gotten to know his teaching pretty well.

In the past 2 semesters Chris demonstrated his love in teaching those ESL students. He often tries many ways in order to make a point clear. He uses a lot of actions and daily life examples to keep the students' attention throughout his class. I often heard laughter from his class when I was next to his classroom. He developed good relationship with his students, and several of them keep coming back to his class from one semester to another.

He also shows excellent commitment to his teaching here. He needs to drive around 40 miles from his home to our church as a volunteer worker, but he rarely asks for a substitute teacher. He has been punctual all the time.

His own talent in language learning also encourages the students. He can now speak Chinese fluently just after a couple of years of learning. I often challenge the students to work hard so that they may talk in English as fluently as Chris does in Chinese.

I strongly recommend Chris as an ESL teacher in any organization.

Sincerely,

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