Dear Pastor,

My name is Marti (Martha) Roberts. I am a missionary to Honduras with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. I'm out of Denton Valley Independent Baptist Church in Abingdon, Virginia.

The Lord has burdened my heart for the small Central American country of Honduras. Honduras is a country steeped in the Catholic tradition, but they are a people who are searching for something to fill the emptiness that they know is inside them.

As a single, lady missionary, I cannot go down as a church planter; however I can be a member of a church planting team. I will be working with Leroy and Amber Rolston, who are also missionaries with MWBM. Just as a church here in the States needs more than the Pastor and his wife to help it grow, so does a church on the field. I will help teach the children and the ladies, and will do anything else I can do to take some of the load off of the Rolstons. Our goal is to help those in the church to mature and become able to take over the roles that need to be filled in the church. Until that time though, I am blessed to be able to help the Rolstons in any way they need me. The Lord has also shown me other opportunities to serve Him when I get to Honduras. Many of the homes in Honduras are single mothers struggling to raise their children, and these ladies are very open to someone like me visiting and befriending them. What an opportunity to gain their trust and share the love of Christ with them. There are also small rural communities where there are no churches established. My heart's desire is to go into those areas and hold Bible Clubs for the children. When you reach a child, there is a good chance that you can also reach their parents. Please pray for me, as I prepare even now to reach the people of Honduras with Christ's love.

Thank you for taking the time to look over my packet. If you feel led by the Lord to have me come share my burden and work in Honduras with your church you may reach me at the following number: (276) 698-6543. If you have any questions, please feel free to call and I will gladly answer them.

May the Lord bless you as you work for Him,

Your sister in Christ, and fellow-laborer in His work,

Marti Roberts

Marti Roberts Missionary to Santa Rita, Yoro, Honduras

I was blessed to be raised in a Christian family. My father was saved when he was a young boy and my mother was saved not long after I was born. They made sure that I was in church, from the time I was an infant. I was saved during a revival meeting when I was 8 years old. In my teenage years however, I began to rebel, not so much against my parents, but against God. Even in my teen years, I could feel the call of God on my life, but I didn't understand it. Instead of praying and asking God to show me what was going on, I just began to refuse to go to church. Nothing my parents could do would make me go, but they didn't stop praying for me. It took almost 15 years for their prayers to be answered, but God showed me, through my nephew, that I was not only hurting myself by running from Him, but my family also. It was an Easter Sunday evening, and my sister was getting him cleaned up to go back to church. It dawned on him at that moment that Aunt Marti didn't go to church like the rest of them. He looked at me, and then at his Mom and said, "If Marti doesn't go to church, then why do I have to"? The knife that sliced through my heart, along with the look my sister gave me, did what God intended for it to do. After a long week of struggling with that innocent question and the realization that my nephew was watching my every move, I was in church the next Sunday morning. In fact, any time the doors were open, I was there. It wasn't long until I could feel God again calling me into service. During another revival, I came to realize that God saved me for a reason. He had a job for me to do. That night I finally gave my life to Him as a "living sacrifice". He began using me in my local church almost right away. I have been privileged to work with the youth there, and also teach a lady's class on Sunday mornings. I helped with Bible School, and wrote several Christmas plays, as well as sang in the choir. I was happy--I thought I had found my "home". But then about two years ago, the Lord started speaking to me again. This time he used the migrant workers who came to the bank where I worked. Their problems trying to communicate touched my heart and I wanted to do something to help them, so I began to teach myself Spanish. But then I began noticing the crucifixes they had in their cars, and the bumper stickers with the virgin Mary on it. God showed me that they needed someone to share the Gospel with them. I whole-heartedly agreed with Him, but still had no idea that he was preparing to call me into a ministry working with Hispanics. When that became apparent, I would like to say that I grasped the idea immediately. But I didn't. I began to tell God all of the reasons that He couldn't use me. But He was patient and sent many people into my life to guide me as I once again fought against His call. Once I did surrender to be a missionary, I thought that it would be to work out of my local church to reach Hispanics here, but soon came to realize that wasn't what God had in mind. In 2009, the Lord provided the means for me to go on a short-term mission trip to Honduras. Almost from the moment we landed, He told me, "Marti, you're home". The people of Honduras have stolen my heart, and I am very anxious to get back. They are a people who are hungry for the Truth, and are willing to listen. There is so much to be done and so little time to do it. Daily my mind goes to Honduras and the people I had to leave behind. I pray that I will soon have the means to go into that part of the world which the Lord has chosen for me. Until then, I am privileged to be a part of a Spanish work in Tennessee, and hope to be able to expand it into Virginia where I live. I feel very blessed to be able to serve the Lord as a missionary, and very humbled by the fact that He sees something in me He can use.

## Statement of Faith

- I believe the Bible is the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God. I believe that it is inerrant, infallible and that it is as relevant today as it was when it was first written. I believe that it is the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- I believe that the Word of God has been Divinely preserved in the King James Version of the Bible for English speaking people.
- I believe in the Triune God--God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—Sovereign Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of the Universe.
- I believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and lived a perfect, sinless life on earth, fully God and fully man.
- I believe that He died a substitutionary death on the cross to redeem lost man back to God.
- I believe He rose again on the third day, forever conquering death, hell, and the grave, and that He is alive today in Heaven making intercession for us.
- I believe that He is coming back to earth again, but that this time it will be as a conquering King. I believe that this is the "blessed hope" of every Christian.
- I believe that the Holy Spirit enter, seals, and baptizes an individual the moment they are born into the Family of God through faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that He guides, teaches, empowers, and keeps the believer eternally secure.
- I believe that Salvation is not by works, but by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

# My Goals

- To work with established Missionaries and national Pastors in Honduras.
- To participate in door to door evangelism.
- To work with the children of Honduras by teaching Sunday School and holding special Bible Clubs and Bible Schools.
- To counsel and disciple women as they grow in their Christian faith.



Dear Pastors and Churches,

January 2011

First of all, thank you for taking the time to look over this introduction packet of our missionary, Sister Marti Roberts. It is so good to have churches like yours with a heart to reach around the world with the gospel.

My name is Fred Kindhart and I am the Field Director for Mexico and Central America with Macedonia World Baptist Missions, Inc. We are very grateful that the Lord has brought her to serve with us.

Let me begin by saying Sister Marti has a unique love for the Hispanic people. I have seen very few missionaries, men or women, that have the heart and desire to learn the Spanish language the way she does. Her desire to reach the Spanish speaking people is the desire I recognize that comes with the call of God on your life. It is the desire that kept our family on the mission field for twenty-seven years and continues to maintain our hearts in the great work of missions.

I believe that Sister Roberts would be a great asset to your mission program. The Lord has already used her to be a great blessing in the churches she has been in to share her burden. She, and we as well, would be honored if you could give her the opportunity to share her burden to reach lost souls in Honduras with your church.

We realize that as a single lady missionary, Sister Roberts will need to work with another missionary family or a somewhat established national pastor and church. There are a number of opportunities and places for her to work. Recently while on a missions trip to Honduras with a church group from Gray, Tennessee, they met and worked with a national pastor. He and his church have invited her to come and help them reach the communities around them. She can show you pictures taken while working there on that trip and share with you how the Lord can use her to reach multitudes of children, and lost souls there in that area.

As a single missionary lady, Sister Roberts will not require a large amount of support to do the work God has called her to do. Please pray with her as she shares her burden and raises her needed financial and prayer support.

If you have any questions or need information that I can help you with, don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in His service,

Fred Kindhart

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### MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH PRINTING MINISTRY Richard Rawls (Representative) PO Box 14671 Greenville, South Carolina 29610

To whom it may concern,

As a full time Mission Conference Speaker for more than thirty-three years, I have seen and worked with a lot of missionaries. I can sincerely say that I have never known a missionary who has manifested more zeal and fervor for the Lord's work than Sister Marti Roberts. She is a soul winner with the hand of the Lord on her and has a burning desire and hunger to learn the word of God. She is currently taking a full study load, studying by correspondence in **TWO** Bible colleges. All the while she is actively working in her church and steadily laboring to reach Latin American children and adults in her home area.

<u>She is also studying Spanish</u>, using the Rosetta Stone while enlisting the help of nationals; and is making almost unbelievable strides in acquiring it. Other veteran missionaries, who are fluent in the language, are in complete agreement with me.

So it is no exaggeration to say she is totally dedicated to the work the Lord has called her to, and I think any individual or church who invests in her ministry will be happy and well rewarded for doing so.

Sincerely, Richard Rawls

Richard Rawls

Missionary Evangelist Representative of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Printing Ministry in Oliver Springs, TN

(Brother Rawls passed away last year in September. I am including his recommendation letter, and if you would like to speak with Mrs. Rawls and ask any questions about me, please feel free to call her. Her phone # is 864-979-3909.)



#### **CEDAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA DE TRI-CITIES

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**GRAY TENNESSEE** 

Dear Pastor,

Please consider this a letter of recommendation for Marti Roberts, a dear sister in Christ, who has shared her burden with our church to become a missionary to the people of Honduras.

We met Marti over a year ago, upon the recommendation of Brother Richard Rawls. For some time she had been looking for a church that has services in the Spanish language, but lived some distance from us in Abingdon, Va. We are in Gray, Tenn. So when she concluded that she should come visit our church, she called and started coming to our Spanish church to learn and to help. She's been faithful and feels she is learning a great deal about how to interact with the Hispanic people.

I've been impressed by Marti's progress in learning the Spanish language. I think she's learned faster and has accomplished more toward learning the language than anyone I have met in the past 20 years. I also know she is studying arduously with a couple of different Bible schools and excelling at that.

Marti went with a group from our church to Honduras for the past four years and was a great blessing. She showed the love of Christ to the people, was a good team member, cooperative and didn't complain. It certainly seems the Lord has touched her heart to go back there to work. On our trip in November, 2010, Marti got an invitation from a Pastor and local church there. It would be based in the town of Langue, working with an existing fundamental Central American Mission Church, Getsemani. Under the direction of Pastor Aquiles Nunez, she would have the opportunity to work with many children in at least five communities to establish children's ministries, among other things.

I personally give Sister Marti a high recommendation to your Church for consideration as one of your missionaries. Both our church and the Spanish Bible study group at our church has already started supporting Marti. I believe she will do well. If you have further questions, please contact me:

rofu316@embargmail.com

In Christ's service,

Pastor Robert Fultz

Robert Fultz

694 Rock Springs Dr. Kingsport, TN 37664

### **Denton Valley Baptist Church**

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Timothy Ray Stevens, Pastor

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

It is with great joy that I introduce to you, Marti Roberts, missionary to Honduras. Marti is our first missionary that we will be sending to the Mission Field. It is our honor and privilege to recommend her.

Marti and I grew up together in church and in school. We have always been great friends since our youth. We both came to know the LORD as our Personal Savior during the spring revival of 1971 at Denton Valley Baptist Church.

Marti has been very active in church work through the years, helping teach, singing in choir, solo, or duet with her sister. She has been a great blessing to our local church. Before announcing her call to the mission field, she was active with youth groups, teaching and directing activities. She was willing to help with any endeavor that was needed. You could always count on Marti to do the right job. But most of all, her witness to the young people and the desire to see their soul saved was the greatest blessing.

I am confident you will be blessed to make Marti a part of your missionary family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (276) 628-1079.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Timothy Stevens

Timothy Stevens Romans 1:16