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To Whom It May Concern:

I am genuinely happy to introduce Mr. Tom Bevis. Tom is undoubtedly one of the finest men I have ever known. He is my friend and a former member of Bethel Baptist Church. When we began considering plans for our five million dollar building addition, I knew that he was the man I wanted to head the project, and to be by my side throughout the entire process. Tom is not only a man of integrity and complete honesty, but is gifted with unique abilities. He is conscientious and a man you can trust to obtain substantial savings and enhance the functions, beauty, and quality of a new building.

For some years, I have urged him to help churches with their building needs, so I am very pleased that he is making himself available. Looking back on our project, I can say without hesitation that his company, International Development Corporation, was thorough and complete in their coordination and development of the conceptual designs, cost analysis, selection, and supervising of the architects and engineers, as well as the actual construction. Tom was very successful working with the local government agencies to address and solve problems related to existing natural waterways, flood zones, and problem soil conditions. He was invaluable in preparing us to build the required size and quality of building while incorporating plans for future development all within the required budget. All aspects of this facility have performed beyond our expectations, and in 1994 it won the Award of Merit from the Illinois Association of Architects and Engineers for design excellence.

As pastor of six building programs over the past thirty-six years, I am convinced that most churches using key members as lead people can not obtain the benefits that Tom can provide. If you have not started actual construction, I would highly recommend that you speak with Tom to fully evaluate your options.

Sincerely,

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"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8