

Letter of Reference From Neola Lizard

To whom it may concern



Greetings in our Lords name. May you be blessed abundantly by him? I am writing this at the request of Rev. David Clarke, he brought a team of eight people from England on a short Mission trip to the Philippines. They stayed at my home in Muntinlupa City. I enjoyed meeting them and interacting with them.

I was having personal problems at the time with my husband on issues of morality¹. The Filipino people for the most part do not like confrontation, so had never stood up to or confronted my husband, with the issue immorality that my husband was involved in. Mr Clarke however had the courage to face this issue and to bring it out into the light and tried to help and resolve the problem. I appreciated that very much.

There were however some problems with acceptance of Rev. David Clarke and his brother Michael because of drinking alcohol and smoking. I was very straightforward in talking to them that it is much taboo here among the Christians and that if they continued their practices that they and their message will not be accepted or received. Rev. Clarke who was still staying at the house as a guest after the rest of the team returned to England volunteered to transfer to a different location since we could not agree on these issues. I cannot agree with him on his continuing practices, as I feel it has been a deterrent to the message that he brings in light of how the Filipino people believe regarding these practices “to come out from the world and be separate”.

I believe the Rev. David Clarke loves the Lord very much and it is my prayer that this issue will be resolved soon and that all that love the Lord can go about the Fathers business. It is my belief that we as visitors to this country of the Philippines should adhere to acceptable behaviour of the Christians here, so that the message of Christ will be heard.

The people who are not claiming to be Christians here also have a very high standard and expectation of Christian behaviour. It is my belief that we should be an example of that high standard.

I am not responsible for another’s relationship with God and with people. I am only responsible for my own personal relationship with God and other people; therefore I continue to pray for God’s guidance and direction in our lives.

Rev. David Clarke and Michael are very willing to help others in any way that they can. I appreciate that and personally thank them for helping me. God bless them abundantly is my prayer.

Sincerely in Christ

Sis. Neola Lizardo,

1 See David’s Diary entry October 2nd 2002.