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### Dear Pastor Jimmy

By David Yang

A loving husband, a caring father, a dedicated leader, a faithful servant...

I have had the wonderful blessing of getting to know Pastor Jimmy for the past 7 years. He has helped me through my darkest of times and stood with me in celebrating my greatest accomplishments. Without his support and mentorship, I would not be the man I am today. He has taught me the importance of living a life of integrity and having consistent character. He has shown me the importance of valuing the right things in life while pursuing all that is good, all the time. He has provided me counsel in the face of adversity and the guidance to persevere through it all.

When I see the longing look in his son Joshua's eyes, I can see that he wishes to be just like his father. I wish I could be like him too. Pastor Jimmy represents what Good News Chapel is all about. More than being my pastor and more than being my friend, Pastor Jimmy is my family.

Pastor Jimmy. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for all your hard work and your constant care. Because of you, GNC is what it is today. Because of you, I am who I am today. There is much joy in me saying a part of you is a part of me. I hope that one day, you'll be able to say the same.

### Dear Pastor Mike

By Irene Lee

I honestly believe that Sundays or our church in general would not run without Pastor Mike. Of course God doesn't need him, but I truly believe that the Lord uses Mike as his vehicle to bless our church immensely. Yes Mike is a little uptight sometimes and yes he does get a little mean on Sunday mornings before worship or you might think he speaks for a little too long, but the thing is that Pastor Mike is seriously awesome. He is probably one of the most amazing teachers that I know. He is knowledgeable and knows how to explain the Word and teach with eloquence and truthfulness and it is something that I appreciate beyond words. But more than his words, it is his actions. On Sundays, I believe he works harder than anyone. GNC would not run without him. He's the glue that holds everything together and I've never heard him complain. Then he leads awesome worship. Serving with him in college has been such a growing experience. He really taught me so much without ever making me feel judged for my mistakes. He's the one I turn to for guidance and wisdom because I know he truly cares. There have been countless times when I've been super bratty to him but he treats me with patience and compassion every time. I appreciate you Mike! And for GNC, I know that Pastor Mike has such a desire and prayer to see our church worship our Lord with unrestrained passion. Not because he's the most amazing praise leader ever, but because he loves our Lord and wants to give him the worship he deserves. So let's worship our God and give him full glory! Amen!

### Dear Pastor Jay

By Jonathan Park

I'm so blessed to have God place specific people into my life. Looking back, it's my first impression of someone that I reminisce and look back on that usually leaves a mark and resonates with me. "Jonaaaathhhhaaaaaan!~" This is how I remember Pastor Jay calling my name with his head up to the sky, arms up, palms raised, and fingers moving. I wouldn't really know how to respond except imitate him back and yell "Jaaaaaaayyyyy!~" That humorous greeting was just a glimpse and a window into his funny and friendly personality. What's unique about Pastor Jay is that he has a way of making new comers and people he doesn't know very well feel comfortable, welcome and at home. For those who have met Jay it's always a blast to be around him and laugh at the jokes he cracks. His love for God is expressed in how he relates to people with his amiable personality, but also in how he serves and how he leads people to a deeper understanding of Christ. Whether it's Community Groups, Mission Training, Covenant Ministry or even on Facebook, I truly appreciate everything he does and am so grateful to have him as our pastor, friend, and someone to share a good laugh with. Thanks Jay!

# Dear Pastor Rubin

By Richard Ro

Bo once caught me picking my nose at a youth retreat. I proudly proclaimed my discovery to the youth kids ("I got some gold!") and when I turned around, she was standing right there, me with a gooey booger on my finger...The very first time Julianne approached me as a toddler, I was sitting on the floor during a service. She came up behind me and rested her hand on my shoulder. It was a nonchalant event on her part but a milestone that I still remember... Pastor Rubin and his family once made the hour-plus drive out to Sherman Oaks from La Mirada, in their big ol' van and all, to have dinner at our place because Jeff and I wanted to cook spaghetti for them. And this was when we weren't even attending GNC.

Of these and many others, the fondest memory I have of Pastor Rubin was when we were serving together in Junior High, a memory that exemplifies his heart. I remember having a sleepover with my junior high students (who are college freshmen now!). And I remember Pastor Rubin being there to help. And mind you, Pastor Rubin is already married with a kid by this time. Yet, there he was at PC Bang, at 1:00 am, playing Counterstrike with the students. Regardless of how far PC Bang was from his home, regardless of how unfamiliar he was with Counterstrike, and regardless of how different he was from a group of junior high students, he was there.

If you've spent any amount of time with Pastor Rubin, you can just as easily rewrite that last sentence: "Regardless of how far \_\_\_\_\_ was from his home, regardless of how unfamiliar he was with \_\_\_\_\_, and regardless of how different he was from a group of \_\_\_\_\_" ... and fill in those blanks with words and personal experiences of your own, and you know, he's still always there.

Mabuhay, Pastor Rubin. To always being there

# Dear Pastor Nathan

By Kevin Seo

To my dear friend, mentor, and loving brother, even just addressing this letter as "Pastor" Nathan brings me the utmost joy. It's amazing that God has truly led you in the direction that you were born to go. Knowing you, you would argue saying, "No way Kevin, I would have never thought of being a Pastor!" And that's the Nathan we all know and love, meek and humble when others would boast.

When I first met you Nathan, you were immediately kind to me with no thoughts of me returning that kindness. Automatically you became one of the most comfortable and familiar faces at GSC and GNC. Thanks for your relentless, unwavering kindness, sometimes you're so nice its ridiculous!

Later when you took me on in our life group meetings, I saw your true colors as a leading brother in Christ. For the first time I felt like I had a strong mentor that I can look up to. You truly led our group with strong focus and commitment. You helped our life groups to be filled with fruitfulness, even though we were lacking ambition in our faith. I want you to know that I do not speak only for myself when I say that you have made a permanent impact on our spiritual lives through our small group meetings.

Through our friendship, mentorship, and through your leadership you helped shape K-Nasty into Esther's Husband, and Esther will be eternally thankful for that. She won't stop reminding me of how much you have helped me forge my path as a Christian. Thanks. =>

Thank you again Nathan Kwak, you will always be my friend, and always be a blessing to the people around you. I'm excited for the day when I can call you Keziah's Husband. I can't wait to see what God can do with a pair of Kwaks!