

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in reference to my relationship and knowledge of Ken Fish, whom I've known since the early 1980's when he began attending Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim. I was one of the founding pastors of the church which was led by John Wimber and which met in the gymnasium at Canyon High School in Anaheim Hills, CA. Ken was a very active and deeply involved member of our congregation, attending and leading kinship groups, and later starting many kinship groups and ultimately leading a "region" which had nearly 20 kinship groups in it. He also regularly taught in our training center and at other training events sponsored by the church, as well as serving in our Sunday gatherings. In our Sunday services, he served a variety of roles including parking attendant, usher, and on large ministry (altar prayer) team, which he ultimately led for several years. He was also involved in youth ministry teaching at multiple grade levels, and he was the leader of our men's prison ministry.

Because of the multifaceted roles Ken played over time, he eventually joined John Wimber's staff at Vineyard Ministries International (VMI). In this role, he attended and served at many of our international conferences in England, Europe, Australia and domestically throughout the U.S. He did this from in the mid-1980's until he and his wife moved to Virginia in the mid-1990's, despite the fact that he left the VMI staff in the late 1980s to attend graduate school at UCLA.

During his time on the staff of VMI, he served in the capacity of both a research assistant and writer for John Wimber. Over the years, John utilized men around him to develop and prepare his teaching materials. Dave Owen, Alexander Vantor, Jack Sims and Winn Griffin all served in that capacity at one time or another. In addition to the work he did for John, Ken even helped develop my notes for a worship conference in the late 80's which I will always remember because there were words in there that I knew neither how to pronounce, nor the definition of, which was funny because it even happened with John from time to time and he would stop while teaching and ask Ken 'what do you mean by this?'. Only Wimber could pull that off; I would just pretend I knew what I was talking about.

In 1992, when I assumed the role of senior pastor of the Anaheim Vineyard, my relationship with Ken deepened as he served as one of my key lay leaders, especially in the role of kinship group overseer. One of the things that has always stood out to me about Ken is his unique blend of intelligence, scholarship, biblical knowledge and embracing of sound doctrine. In addition to these, however, he was and is a practitioner. He prayed for the sick, cast out demons and participated in outreach projects. I never knew a time when he was anything but 'all in.' Whether he was working at VMI or holding down a marketplace job, both he and Beth were always deeply committed and involved in the life of the church. For several years, his his wife also served as my pastoral assistant. This is a couple I know well.

I will never forget the morning I preached a message on 'going out' or 'being sent' or something ending with a call to all those who felt God was calling them out of the Anaheim Vineyard to other ministries. Other than the fact that it seems like hundreds of people came forward, which shocked me, two of those people were Ken and Beth and I was really torn. But I knew it was right and I encouraged Ken and Beth to explore other opportunities as The Lord presented them.

Ken and Beth have a long and deeply rooted involvement in the life of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim, serving with character and commitment that did nothing less than strengthen, build up, equip and encourage the church.

One last thing that I want to mention. It seems like over the past 2 years or so, through the magic of Facebook, I have seen Ken's activity and visibility increase in what clearly points to an increase of God's favor and blessing on his life. This has blessed me to no end. He is a guy who served faithfully many times in the shadow of John Wimber, Blaine Cook and others, who is now being raised up and used by God in powerful ways. Ken and Beth Fish are wonderful, committed, kingdom people, who I recommend to you without reservation.

In Christ,

Carl Tuttle