

## Letter of Recommendation for Bailee Hodge

To whom it may concern:

It's wonderful that you've taken an interest in including Bailee Hodge on your team. I couldn't recommend her more highly! I have served as her mission president for the past year and have watched her handle the various highs and lows of serving as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with grace and dignity. As I've worked with her, she has demonstrated a varied skill set that would be an asset in nearly any position or field. I'd like to highlight just three of those skills in this letter.

As you may know, serving a full-time mission comes with a lot of human interaction. Bailee has had to live with people she's never met, teach people from every walk of life, and connect with strangers on sensitive topics. Throughout these unique challenges, she has demonstrated a wide scope of communication skills for different situations. The balance of efficiency and personality that she has achieved is evident, especially during both leadership meetings and one-on-one interactions. She has a way of asking questions that helps her get to the root of any problem at hand. This brings me to my second point.

Bailee's problem solving skills are tremendous. During her last three months as a missionary, I assigned her to cover three areas in addition to her existing leadership responsibilities. Not only did she successfully assist those missionaries in her stewardship with their personal struggles, she also helped form goals and plans for the surrounding zone of missionaries, taught the gospel to people in five different cities on a regular basis, and found a way to balance the various leadership meetings, lessons, visits to surrounding missionaries, and communications with the congregation members in the area. Throughout this increased workload, she studied Spanish in her limited free time so that she could teach the gospel to a man who speaks little English. I knew that I could trust her to handle this increased workload, and she proved me right.

Much of Bailee's dedication stems from her commitment to her moral values. She believes very strongly that the Gospel of Jesus Christ blesses lives, so she chose to serve a mission and spread it. She cares deeply for others, so she takes time to listen to them and to share the burden of their trials. Her ethical code is obvious in her daily actions. It goes below the surface.

I've enjoyed the privilege of working with Bailee Hodge. I hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy that privilege as well.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Riding