

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for allowing me to recommend Missionary Pastor Ed Navato and his wife Elvie to you. I realize that you receive letters like this every day, but please take a moment out of your busy ministry schedule to consider this family.

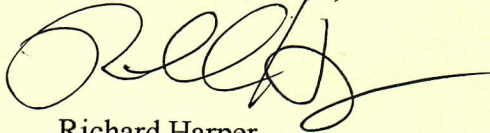
I have known the Navatos for over fourteen years now. When I met them Brother Navato was serving as an assistant Pastor at Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa. He was a retired U.S. Marine and he had taken that training and turned it into a dedication and desire for the Lord that I have rarely seen matched in 25 years in evangelism.

He has been privileged to pastor two prior military works in Japan, one in Sasebo and one in Yokosuka. In both of these ministries the churches have grown under his leadership and he has grown as a Pastor. When Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa became available; I joined the chorus of those that recommended that Brother Navato be considered to Pastor that well known work. He has done a marvelous job in that ministry as well.

Having been in thousands of churches in the States and in hundreds on the foreign field I can say that Brother Navato and his wife are some of the hardest working, most diligent, and faithful Missionaries I have met. His zeal for souls is unmatched, his desire to keep his personal testimony unblemished is exemplary, his dedication to his congregation is paramount, and his love for our Lord is evident in his Christian walk and testimony.

I know you will hear from many missionaries this year, Pastor; but if you can only choose one, I strongly recommend Ed and Elvie Navato. If you have any questions about them, please feel free to contact me.

Crucified with Christ,



Richard Harper  
I Cor. 2:2