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# COLLEGE CHURCH of CHRIST

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EAST BULLARD AVENUE...BETWEEN FIRST AND MILLBROOK  
Mail address: 5500 North Bond, Fresno, California 93726

March 11, 1964

John Allen Chalk  
Broad Street Church of Christ  
Cookville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Chalk:

I was given your name by Frank Pack recently. He indicated that you might be interested in evangelist work in our fair state of California. Brother Pack has been a friend of my wife and my mother-in-law, Mrs. Lala Phillips, for many years as we moved from Memphis, Tennessee to Fresno about twelve years ago.

We are in the process of starting a new work in the northeast section of the city of Fresno. Fresno now has a population of approximately 140,000 with an additional 50,000 people living within a 30-mile radius. As you know, the population growth in California is moving up at a fast rate.

Our new church, on which construction was started about two weeks ago, will be located in the fastest growing area of Fresno, about one mile from Fresno State College. This college has an enrollment of about 6,000 students.

This new work, which was started under the guidance of the Elders of the Palm Avenue Church of Christ, will start in our new building on or about September 1, 1964. A Board of Trustees selected by, and under the guidance of the Palm Avenue Elders, are directing the construction and preliminary work in connection with the new building.

A committee composed of a Palm Avenue Elder, two members of Palm Avenue (who are in evangelistic work), and two trustee members of the new church make the group that will select the evangelist for the new work. The new church will be the College Church of Christ of Fresno.

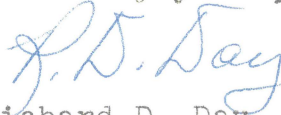
We estimate that there will be approximately 250 members when the doors open for worship. These members will be drawn from all congregations in the Fresno area. The potential for increase is great, as we will have a beautiful building in a fine location. The building is being built for the future with an auditorium capacity of approximately 900. Also included are a fellowship hall,

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18 classrooms, a preacher's study and other features. The church is being built on a ten-acre site which gives us a lot of room for expansion.

If you are interested in this work, please advise. We would like to have an outline of your needs for this work, your background, family, education, references, and an idea of your philosophy of evangelistic duties.

Sincerely yours,



Richard D. Day  
Board of Trustees  
College Church of Christ

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