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July 8, 1970

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hogg
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Dear Ann and Jerry:

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Your letter was deeply appreciated and highly encouraging. It sounds like Jerry is working night and day in his evangelistic efforts. I can appreciate the loneliness that you, Ann, must be feeling at Jerry's absence. Sue and I send our prayers and continuing concern. We know that God will grant both of you the strength that you need for the work you are doing there.

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We are glad to get the report on Ricky and to know that he is doing well. We can appreciate what it means to have the responsibility of a small child but know that the Lord expects us to place our first concern with our children, and then involve ourselves in His service as the opportunity and responsibilities permit.

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We pray that your meetings have all been successful, Jerry. It certainly sounds as if you are losing no time in your efforts in South Africa.

Thank you so much for the kind invitation to come and work with you. At this point, all I can seem to do is to cancel all meetings that I have had scheduled for several years in an attempt to stay with the work here at Highland. We have so many things demanding my attention here that I seem unable to get away for any other work. Possibly at some future time I will be able to enjoy a visit with you but right now I don't even see any way that I could begin to schedule it. Thank you for the invitation.

Don't attempt to answer this letter because I can appreciate the demands being made on your time. I do want to receive the newsletter and will write John Waddey about it. Thank you again for letting us know something of what is going on with you. We send our love, respect and prayers.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc

20 June 1970

Dear John Allen,

To answer your recent letter let me say that I was very surprised, as well as pleased, to hear from you. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to brighten our day with your comments and praise for the efforts we are trying to put forth on this mission field.

We were very pleased with John Waddey's visit with us and felt he did a lot of good for the cause of Christ during the 5 weeks of his stay here. He spoke over 80 times during that time, either preaching from a pulpit somewhere, teaching a class in one of our training schools, or conducting a home Bible study with some lost person. We need more men like John to visit here and help us out in the wonderful way that he did. Many times a visiting preacher can say exactly the right words to cause some soul to respond to Christ, when the local man, or men, have tried and failed. Do you not think you could pay us a visit in the near future and lend us your time and capabilities to help reach the lost in this country? John Allen, just say the word and I'll get your schedule all worked out for you. And believe me, it would certainly be a full one. How about it? We sure would love to introduce you to our South African friends and brethren and let them hear your voice expounding upon the Truths in God's Word.

As of the 7th of June, I am no longer associated with the Boksburg church, but am devoting all my time in the training of preachers and to evangelistic work. We have purchased a huge tent, 30' x 70', and a bus to use in transporting it and making living quarters for ourselves when we travel into remote areas of the African "bush". Our first meeting with this tent was with a Coloured church in Jo-burg 10 - 17 May and resulted in 1 baptism. It was very cold and rainy that week and our attendance was lower than we had expected, but considering everything, it turned out very well. On the 17th (Sunday) we had almost 200 gathered under the tent to listen to God's Word, many of them non-Christians.

Our second meeting with the tent is a month-long campaign in an African area, known as Vendaland. This is located in the north-eastern Transvaal close to the Rhodesian border and is the homeland of the Venda tribe. Population of that area is over 500,000 people. There are two rather strong congregations of the Lord's church in that area and four or five others which have a small number at each place. Thus far, I have made two trips there but have concentrated my efforts to teaching the brethren and helping them to grow stronger in the Faith. This is the first all-out effort to reach the lost people in Vendaland. I will be leaving on the 17th of June and will return about the 17th of July. We plan to have a VBS for the children in the morning hours, a question-and-answer forum in the afternoons and preaching services at night. Several brethren, both African and European, from this area will be going along to assist in this campaign. We will set the tent up in two different places and work each area for two weeks.

In August we'll go South about 650 miles to East London and conduct a meeting under the tent in an area known as the Transkei. Though a variety of tribes live there, the largest is known as the Xhosa tribe and it will be these people whom we'll teach. From there we'll travel northeast and conduct three meetings in the small country of Swaziland.

As you can see, our plans are to stay busy for the next little while. In fact, I'll only be at home for 1 week during the next two months. Please pray for these efforts that they'll bring forth fruit for the master and for our safety upon the roads and out in the bush country.

Again, thank you so much for thinking of us and including us on your prayer list. We, too, have thought of you often and pray God's richest blessings upon you and your work there in Abilene. Extend our love and regards to Sue and the children. May God always be with you in everything you do for Him.

Yours in Him, *Jerry Loh*

Dear Sue and John Allen,

Just a few words of my own to add to Jerry's letter to you. At this time, he is already in Vendaland and Ricky and I are carrying on alone here. He's only been gone 3 days and it already seems like months. Sue, now I know how you must feel when John Allen's away on meetings, lectures, etc. Up until now, I've almost always been able to accompany Jerry on his preaching trips, and have been used to teach ladies' and children's classes. I had planned to go to Vendaland to teach in the VBS, but it wasn't possible for me to do so this time as I couldn't take little Ricky, our two-year-old son, and had no one with whom to leave him. (Oh, how I wish his grandmother were here!) I'm sure the next two months are going to be lonely ones and I'm looking forward to receiving your next letter to cheer my day.

I don't know if you remember my sister, Arillia Huff, or not. I know you met her during the meeting at Karns. Her oldest daughter, Diane, is in a coma as the results of a ruptured appendix back in March and I'd like to take this opportunity to request your prayers on her behalf. She's very close to us and we've been so concerned about her in recent days. It's at a time like this when one wishes the miles were not so many that separate you from your family! I said she's in a coma..... actually she's just coming out of it was the last report we've had from home. (John and others at Karns have kept us informed about her condition. The family has been almost too upset to correspond about it very much, though we've heard a little from the!) The doctors have learned, through tests, that there was brain-cell damage, also some damage to the blood vessels in the kidneys. They think these will repair themselves in time, but at present, she isn't able to speak nor can she walk. Diane is 12 years of age and has gone down to about 59 pounds in weight, so you can see that she is really too weak yet to walk or move about. She went into this coma about the 18th of March just after the operation to remove the ruptured appendix. The doctors didn't diagnose her problem in time to prevent the poison from reaching her brain. If you remember them and would like to send a card or letter to let them know you're praying for her and them the address is: Robert G. Huff, Rt. 6, Hammer Rd. Knoxville, Tn. 37914. I know they'd appreciate it very much. Must close as time and space is short. Do remember us when you pray as we remember you. In Christian love, Ann Hogg

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