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MISSION MESSENGER
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August 8, 1966

My dear brother in HIM:

You are a busy man and this note will require no reply, but I felt that I must write you of my appreciation for your patient understanding of what I sought to convey with reference to the promotion of the program by our mutual friend and brother. Of course I had no idea that there was reaction elsewhere but I felt surely there would come rising resentment as brethren move into a more mature attitude toward our relationship to the whole church, the ekklesia of God in our generation.

Because we are having to fight against an adverse image which we have projected in many communities in the past I may be more anxious for us to guard our attitudes in our contemporary society. This may be due to the fact that I was among those foremost in creating the idea of exclusivism and factionalism. However, the situation is far from hopeless because our God is a God of history and a history-making God, and He is still making it. Praise His name! The Holy Spirit has not retired on social security.

Your willingness to share your thinking, and to share in the thinking of others will make your work of faith and labor of love invaluable to the Kingdom in this day. I shall pray very earnestly for you, and I happen to believe in prayer with all of my heart.

Nell (my wife) tells me that you enclosed the invoice and we are honored to have you as a reader of our humble effort. If you have not seen the enclosed you'll probably enjoy reading it. With prayers for you and yours I am as always

Yours and HIS,

Carl