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May 25, 1971

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Dr. Prentice A. Meador, Jr.  
Church of Christ  
1226 Glenoaks Boulevard  
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Dear Prentice:

I deeply appreciated your letter of April 26 explaining your recent decision to leave Southern California for Seattle, and the University of Washington. I thought your reasons very clear and convincing, even though I regret your leaving the significant and vital San Fernando congregation. I pray that God will raise up a man who can have a significant ministry with the congregation.

I know that your move will be blessed by God. Sue and I are experiencing great peace about our proposed move. We have been treated so beautifully by the members of the Highland congregation. We received confirmation every direction we turn regarding this move. My greatest concern is that I will have the conviction and wisdom to execute my plans regarding family time with the children. Please pray that God will give me the gift of administration regarding this vital and timely matter in our lives. I am also concerned that Sue and I stay completely open regarding God's use of us in the days ahead. At this point I have absolutely no commitments regarding what happens after Law School graduation. I hope that I can maintain this openness and thereby be sensitive to His leading. Please pray with us to that end.

Sue and I would like nothing better than to spend some indepth time with you and Barbara. We love and respect you more than words can express. I pray that God will allow our paths to cross many times in the days ahead. I continue to thank God for Campus Evangelism because of the way it brought us together so many, many times. I ask for your continued prayers and I offer you up before the throne of God often.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc

P. S. Our new address is 8700 Wildridge Drive, Austin, Texas, 78759.

# Church of Christ

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April 26, 1971

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
Highland Church of Christ  
425 Highland  
Abilene, Texas 79605

Dear John Allen:

You may have already learned that our family is moving to Seattle, Washington, where I have accepted the post of Associate Professor of Speech and Adjunct Professor of Classics with the University of Washington, effective Sept. 15, 1971. I wanted to tell you of my decision and of my reasons for this move.

First, God has so combined the circumstances of our lives that He has made it crystal clear that it is His will that we move to Seattle. These circumstances include the cancellation of the Department of Speech at UCLA, the closing of every door which we sought to open at other universities, and the providential timing of the unsought-for invitation to move to Seattle. To compress many months into a sentence, our decision was whether or not we would accept God's will for our lives at this time.

Second, the disillusionment, discouragement and disappointment of a depressed Seattle makes it a prime area for God's working. The SST bill was defeated and Bowing's major plants have released thousands. The economy is hard-hit. For the million people in greater Seattle, there are only a handful of congregations. In short, it may be just the moment for God to move into the lives of people there. Third, the 35,000 students of the University of Washington have no on-going Christian ministry on the campus. Maybe God is leading us to serve these students as we have tried to serve UCLA.

Our plans are to leave here on August 1st. Leaving the great San Fernando church is the most difficult decision of our married life. The openness, the loving, the willingness to be used without regard to credit, the emphasis upon grace and faith and the lack of concern about one's image, except as it reflects Christ--these and many other qualities of this church have led us closer to God. We leave San Fernando with great love.

We are open to whatever way God wants to use us. We know one person in the state of Washington. We don't know when we'll see you. Pray for us. We pray for you.

Your brother,

  
Prentice A. Meador, Jr.  
Minister