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To: Billy Bean

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January 8, 1959

Church of Christ  
P. O. Box #253  
Racine, Wisconsin

Attention: Billy Bean

Dear Brother Bean:

I wish to express my sincere apologies for failing to answer your letter of last year. No good reasons, of course, can be offered as to my failure to take care of this matter, never-the-less, I do hope you will be able to understand the situation and accept my apologies.

The elders were confronted with your situation and were able to feel the need that does exist in your city. It would certainly be a wonderful privilege, we feel, to be able to help in the work there, but due to several reasons we will not at this time be able to assume any responsibility in your work, much to our regret. We are in the midst of a \$100,000.00 bond campaign at present, the proceeds of which will be used to build a new 600-seat auditorium and 14 class rooms. Our work in this area is not as it is in some sections. Rather than build a building for its own pretentiousness, we are forced because of badly over-crowded conditions to make some provision. This was the only solution we could reasonably agree upon. Of course, the next two years will be somewhat burdensome to us as we begin paying off this bond issue; however, we hope and pray that we will not become blinded to the many causes in the mission fields, not only in this country, but in foreign lands, therefore, in our long range plans are the intentions to support several worthy mission fields, but at the present time we are sorry to have to refuse your request for help.

My sincere regards to you and the bretheren there, with prayers for success in your labors in that area.

Once again I beg your forgiveness in the unreasonable delay in answering your letter.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk.