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Mr John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen:

We were so glad to hear from you, and to know all is well, even though the work, as you say, has "ganged up" on you. Now that your meetings are over, or soon will be I hope that you can now relax a bit.

Indeed we do consider you a part of our family, and I assure you that the pleasure of our association was not all yours! It was though our "prodigal son" had returned! We apereciated the good lessons, too, delivered during the meeting.

The young lady you baptized has not failed in attendance of mornings—always bringing her mother, and the elderly cousin we met. She is so happy to get to come. Levis tells us that she is going to drive by, though considerably out of the way, and bring the Forresters who never get to come to worship now. She admits that she so badly needs teaching, that the Bible is "oh so deep". I have an idea I can see her point, never having made it a study, and with her mind mainly on worldly things.

Bro Zink came the next Lords day after you were here. The next week Miss Sisco sent us Marion Hendrickson to "try out". Some want to hear a few others before really settling on one. Jackie called from Freed-H on his way to Cookeville and said he had a cousin who wanted to preach for us. I truly hope there can be a mutual arrangement, with some one.

I believe you knew we invited Bro Ayers for the meeting next year? We have not heard from him directly, but understand that he said since there were no morning services he thought he might make it.

Tell Sue we regret not having met her, and also formed the acquaintance of little Mary Beth!. Mabe yet it will be possible.

Many thanks for the bulletin. We shall be keeping up with you through its pages.

With the very best wishes to you and the family, Annie Louise joins me in love to you,

[Signature]
Annie