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From: E.C. Maynard (11/3/60)

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Mr. John Allen and Sue Chalk:
Cookeville, Tenn.

Dear John and Sue:

My family and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for your special and substantial interest in us and in the Lord's work here. May God give us of his wisdom and strength that we may accomplish those things related to his Cause, so that we may always maintain and deserve the confidence of good men and women like you all.

John I don't expect preachers to help me financially: I love my preaching brethren who are working hard to keep those good and noble works alive in the States: but I am aware that their living standards are so gaited that it takes every cent that they can rake and scrape: churches are beginning to inquire, and we have some who intend to begin regular support immediately: so don't send any more of your own personal money to us: I know you all need it if we get real hard-up I will write and tell you.

God has given us a comfortable home in which to live: food for our tables: good health: and a means of transportation: for these things we first thank God who supplied our brethren with more than they needed themselves, and then we thank our Christian people who were unselfish and helped us: you have manifest a deep Christian concern toward us even from the very beginning. Thank you so humbly.

But as you help us, you also invest in lost souls: may your money bring five more talents through our humble work here, when it is all counted at the dreadful judgement of God.

When you call on God, ask him to remember us and bless us in his work here: we have prayed for you and the good people in the church there.

We will let you know from time to time concerning the work here.

Give our love to all there: may all continue well with you and the good elders as you work together in unity: I know these men will encourage you, for I was impressed that they wanted to go forward.

In Christian Respect,

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E.C. Maynard.