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John Allen Chalk  
Church of Christ  
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Chalk:

I recently received a letter from Richard Kelly who as you know is presently in Springfield, Ohio working with the deaf. Richard has indicated that his support will cease at the end of June, 1964 and he fears that if funds are not available to support him in this work that he will have to work else where. Richard wants to continue working with the deaf in some capacity and has expressed a willingness to work with a congregation where he could have opportunity to work with both hearing and deaf persons. Based on a letter I received from him, I’m wondering first, if there might be support available from this area of Tennessee, or second, whether there might be a congregation that could use a person with Richard’s ability.

For a long time I have appreciated what Richard has been attempting to do and I feel that when we have a person with a special talent that every attempt should be made to utilize these special skills. I would appreciate any leads to persons he could contact and also anything that you might do in these circumstances.

The sermons you preached at Highland last summer were some of the most outstanding I have ever heard and I thought you might be interested to know that tapes of these four lessons have been sent to various congregations in the Midwest and all comments have praised them very highly.

Most sincerely,

David M. Ogilbee, ACSW

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