From: Bruce R. Curd (2/14/64)

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Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear Brother Chalk:

Received your letter dated February 5 yesterday and just want to tell you how greatly indebted my family and I are to you for your efforts to help us in the supplementing of our salary. Thank you so very much.

There is one matter I should like to clarify, however, that I believe will help to make everything crystal clear. In your letter of January 28, 1964, which was a reply to my telephone call, you wrote, "I must remind you that the Elders at no time committed themselves to support the Blacksburg work. If I left you with that impression, I am indeed sorry." You did leave me with that impression, brother Chalk. In fact you stated as much in your letter of April 23, 1963 when I first confronted you with the matter. At that time you wrote, "We are sending $75 monthly to the Monterey, Tennessee work. There is some reason to believe that this support may not continue based on the possibility that the present minister there will leave. The elders have asked me to inform you that if Brother Albert Ward leaves that $75 a month will be immediately directed to you; but at the present time, we are unable to offer assistance. However, if by any means you can hold on until the first of the year there is another $50 monthly commitment that can also be redirected to the Blacksburg work." (Emphasis mine, BRC) From this last quoted statement it seems to me that a commitment was made by some one. This is exactly why I made the telephone call.

Thanks again for your untiring efforts to help us. God will provide.

In Christian love,

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