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From/To: Gene Bronson (Chalk’s reply filed first)

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August 13, 1969

Mr. Gene Bronson
Pulaski Heights Church of Christ
P. O. Box 7005
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Dear Gene:

What a great opportunity for you to continue your education at ACC this fall. I would think nothing would be a greater thing than for you to take advantage of government assistance.

Unfortunately, Highland has no way to provide you an opportunity for ministry on our staff this fall. Stanley Shipp is our present minister of youth and will be remaining with us. Our educational director has had to be terminated because of the lack of funds. Unfortunately, a real tight financial situation exists at Highland right now, making it impossible for us to think of expanding our staff.

Thank you so much for writing first to us. I would like nothing better than an opportunity to work with you in some staff capacity. This will not be possible at this time with us. If I can help in any other way regarding your move, please let me know.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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August 2, 1969

Mr. John Allen Chalk, Evangelist
Highland church of Christ
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Dear John Allen:

I just learned of your decision to remain with the Highland Congregation. I know it must have been a hard one to make. They couldn't have picked a better qualified man to take over the pulpit duties.

I am in the process of making a decision, and I would like to seek your assistance. I have just been informed that I have until June of 1974 to utilize the remaining portion of my G.I. Bill. The total amount allotted is close to $5,000.00. I feel that this money must be used to God's Glory rather than forfeiting it. Therefore, I have decided to return to school (ACC) and seek my MA and STB degrees, that is if I can get financial assistance. In order to receive the full amount of the G.I. Bill I must attend full-time. With two small ones at home, I would rather my wife not work outside the home. I can get $185.00 per month from the Government. This means that I will need an additional $600.00 per month to live on (doesn't count tuition and books).

If you would confer with your elders requesting $200.00 per month for the next three years, I would be most grateful. If they can do this, I shall be most happy to give my services to the Highland congregation while I am in Abilene.

Thank you for any assistance.

May God's richest blessings go with you and your new work.

In His Service,

Gene Bronson
Minister of Education and Youth

P.S. I need an answer within two weeks, if possible. I would like to enroll this fall. Also, we are still looking forward to having your article for Young People: Use Them or Lose Them.