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To: Cliff Ganus

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Dr. Cliff Ganus
Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Brother Ganus:

It was my pleasure during the last week of the Harding Missions Seminar to speak and be with the faculty and students one day. I have never enjoyed a spiritual experience more than the evening I spent on the campus and with this group. I have watched closely the development of the Missions Program at Harding, and believe implicitly in what George Gurganus, Phil Elkins and others are attempting to do. I wish to give my personal commendation, without reservation, to Dr. George Gurganus and the leadership he has provided to this unique program.

I have no idea as to the intentions of the school regarding this program in the future. I have talked at length with Dr. Gurganus and am in complete sympathy and in total approval of the plans or dreams that has for the future of this program. I will be happy to help in any way support, raise funds, and encourage the brotherhood use of this program. I want you to know my feelings, and I urge you to do whatever is necessary to build this program, to keep it going, and to retain Dr. Gurganus as the director of it. I consider him one of the most valuable men in the brotherhood today.

It will be a pleasure to be with you during the Harding Lectureship this fall. I appreciate the wonderful leadership you have brought to the school. I know that Harding's greatest years are before her.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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July 18, 1966

Mr. John Allen Chalk
809 Byrd Street
Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear John Allen:

Your impact both here at the White Station Church of Christ and at the Missions Seminar in Searcy was terrific. Thank you very much for coming my way. You made a very favorable impression upon the elders at White Station and your speech at Searcy was a high mark of our program. The entire experience in Searcy this summer was just wonderful. So many of the folks there came to me and said that their whole lives were changed and their direction in life was altered as a result of their having been there. It seems that nearly everyone experienced a sort of new birth. I guess this is what some of the brethren mean by renewal. Cliff Ganus seemed very deeply impressed by the results of the work this summer and talks favorably in reference to our desire to expand the program and stabilize it. Pray for the future of this work and also for the safety and success of our group as we depart for Okinawa and the Philippines tomorrow morning.

Kindest personal regards.

In His service,

George Gurganus

P. S. Enclosed you will find a copy of the manuscript that we made from your speech on "Inner City Evangelism." If you will go over it and polish it up we will be glad to reproduce it. The folks who heard you in Searcy demanded that we reproduce your lecture.