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May 20, 1971

Mr. John Acuff
513 North Walnut
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Dear John:

Thanks so much for sending along the contract. Everything looks in order. Ray, Sara, Sue and I will get together this weekend in Dallas for the signing of the contract. I had a question about the notes. Will I just need to get the blank forms in Austin or would you suggest preparing them there and sending to us in Austin? Our new address in Austin is 8700 Wildridge Drive, Austin, Texas, 78759 (no comments about the "Wildridge" part of the address).

I am also returning the book list you sent along. It looks like a beautiful list of some powerful works. I was glad to get to jot down the address and know of this particular source of supply.

Our trip to Guatemala was a powerful demonstration of God at work. We simply relaxed in Him and gave our lives over to His use of us and saw some beautiful things happen. The four families we visited were not staying in daily contact with the Lord and were not, therefore, growing spiritually as they should. Now only were their own personal lives suffering but their corporate worship was also suffering. They are four of the most articulate, sensitive, young, well-trained missionary families I have ever known, and yet they are faced with the same tensions and challenges you and I face. It really brought home to me the universality of Jesus Christ and the basic nature of the spiritual life for all of us.

We are in the throws of our move. The tensions are great and the physical exhaustion is almost more than Sue and I can bear. We are having to see a lot of people here in the congregation and I am having to do my last minute counseling with so many, many people. It is difficult to know what to do with some of them, especially when you don't have anyone to whom you can refer them.

I am still looking forward to the retreat in Chattanooga in August, even though we haven't set a date. I will be with Dick and Dodie in June. Will you and Carolyn be able to attend that retreat? I have not heard from Dick since I wrote telling him when I could arrive and when I would have to leave. He may have to call it off

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in view of my tight schedule. I can get in on Friday but it will be early Friday night and then I'll have to leave at noon on Sunday. Pray for that retreat that it will become a reality and that it will be a moving experience for all involved.

I long to see you and talk with you at length to share with you out of the depth of the riches of our Heavenly Father.

Your brother,

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John Allen Chalk

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P. S. Please send me a bill for the legal work you did on the contract. You went beyond the call of duty and I thank you so much for it. Let me have an opportunity to underwrite the time you spent.