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To/From: Susan Ridgeway (Chalk's reply filed first)

Susan Ridgeway

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April 7, 1971

Mrs. James Ridgeway
1466 Burger
Abilene, Texas

Dear Susan:

I have sent a copy of your letter to Andy Panelli, Chairman of our Missions Committee, Nell Jolly, the teacher of our Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class and Cliff Ritchey, the Chairman of our elders, with a personal note from me asking them to give it careful consideration.

I know that all three of these groups have other requests pending for the same kind of support that may make it difficult to get much action on your behalf.

Enclosed you will find a check for $25.00 made out to the Southside Church of Christ in Mineral Wells and marked for your travel fund. This will help in a small way and will indicate to you my serious personal concern for what you are trying to do. Unfortunately, I will not be able to give any further time to the project but should you desire further contact with any one of these three people I mentioned, feel free to call them. I am hoping, however, that they will make contact with you and that some kind of action can be taken toward helping you make this important trip.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk
JAC:lc
Enclosure
March 29, 1971

Bro. John Allen Chalk
Minister
Highland Church of Christ
425 Highland
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Chalk,

Following our conversation yesterday after the church service, I would like to confirm about my plan to go to Europe this summer. Bro. Maurice Hall, former missionary to France and Vietnam, and his wife are going to take a group of Christians to Europe (four countries: France, Germany, Switzerland, and Netherlands) for a mission outreach campaign for 17 days - from June 4th to June 20th. They have invited me to join them in their efforts to bring Christ to the unsaved in the French speaking world. I was Bro. Hall's secretary in Saigon, and he knows of my knowledge of the French language. As he is needing assistance this summer on the trip, he feels that I could be great assistance to them.

I am writing to ask you to help me meet the necessary travel and visas costs on this work. As you may know, Jim is working on his Bible degree at Abilene Christian College in preparation for our return to Vietnam, thus we are unable to meet these expenses on our small budget. The total cost of the transportation and visas is estimated at $650.00 excluding any personal purchase.

It appears as though God has given all of the "go signs" for my making this journey for Him. I would be very much appreciated if you would read my letter to the elders and to the Mission Committee and perhaps to the ladies Bible class and help me raise my travel funds. All checks should be made out to:

Southside Church of Christ
1202-04 S.E. 6th St.
Mineral Wells, Texas 76067
Marked: Susan Ridgeway - travel fund

Please pray for me as I work on my fund raising the next couple of months. Do hope to hear from you very soon.

In Christian love,

Susan Ridgeway

Copy to
Hollie Helms
Andy Farmer
Cliff Ritchey