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From/To: Clois Fowler (Chalk's reply filed first)

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Memo to: Clois Fowler

From: John Allen Chalk

Date: January 21, 1971

Could you take personal responsibility for organizing a luncheon or breakfast meeting for Wes and several of his friends here in Abilene? If we only had ten to twenty people at such a breakfast it would be a worthwhile time for Wesley to share the need he has to get this airplane for Indonesia. I simply can't find the time in my already over-crowded schedule to do an effective job in planning this breakfast but I do feel that Wes deserves some attention from a number of people in the city that you know well who might respond to his plea. Anything you can do to this end and any communication you might want to have with Wesley at P. O. Box 460, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, would be appreciated by me and of course, above all by him and by our heavenly Father who is blessing Wes' efforts to go to Indonesia.
John Allen Chalk
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Dear John:

Your article WHEN THE CHURCH BECOMES A DENOMINATION noted with appreciation. We pray frequently that God will guide your pen, and we believe he does. Also, admired recent essay on morality in MISSION.

The work here is most encouraging. Plans for Indonesia move ahead well. Please pray for us as we make our move for visas during the next few weeks.

Several men in Abilene have shown some interest in the purchase of an aircraft for the work in Indonesia. We have been introduced to others who may be interested (as bro. Bailey by Eugene Henderson). We are convinced that this approach to Asian evangelism is so un-conventional that we will probably have to raise this money from individuals, and that we will need a base of capable men. Getting this start is not easy. We just keep praying for it to happen.

Do not let me leave you with the impression that I would have you raise this money for us. But your encouragement and suggestions would be appreciated. Among those contacted and knowledgeable are James Walter, Eugene, Clois Fowler and bro. Bailey of Bailey Bridge. Could you lend your encouragement to some kind of get together (breakfast or other) of these and other able men during the ACC lectures? Or, you may suggest some much better approach. Thank you for any thought you may have. My February schedule: Speaking in Dallas 20th, be in Abilene the 21st or 22nd, speaking the 24th and leaving for Canada on 25th or 26th as needed. Will be staying with Bill Humble.

Brotherly,

L. Wesley Jones

P.S. James continues to make excellent progress in overcoming legalism.