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Dear John Allen,

Since our last telephone conversation there have been some developments here that would encourage my coming to Cookeville; if, of course, things can be worked out there to the satisfaction of the elders, membership, you and Roger, and myself. And I thought that it might be wise to write letting you know that I definitely feel that I could accomplish more for the Lord some place other than where I am.

One thing that has come to light is the feeling of Markie and Faye relative to our leaving Henderson. In a conversation with Shirley they both manifested a rather strong sentiment in favor of our moving. This they had never revealed to me. But they definitely feel the stigma of being "adopted" children; and, of course, along with that comes the constant association (in the minds of the high school people & the church people) of them and their family background. I had felt this but was not aware that they too felt it.

After my telephone conversation with you Susan was quite frank in her expression of disappointment. This came as a surprise since she is so well "berthed" here.

Then there is the inevitable limitations with which we are bound in the work at Estes--below average in education on the part of so very many makes for only one result...low aspirations and extremely limited vision. However, I am confident that, with patience and a few years, this may be overcome; but I'm thinking of what I could be getting done during that time some place else.

So, if there can be some reconciliation of conflicting philosophies, etc., I still feel that all of us could enjoy a great and richly rewarding work there at Broadstreet.

In Him,


Brad