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Mr. John Allen Chalk
Church of Christ
5th at Highland
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Chalk:

I met you in New York at one of the planning sessions prior to the Fair. You had preached in McGregor, Texas and made quite an impression on some of my relatives there. When I met you in New York I was trying to get financial help for a young man I had baptized, Curt Polly. Brother Polly is now supported fully by the Highland church in Abilene.

The Davenport church, of which I am the minister now, is planning a big evangelistic effort for June of 1967. We will be working with the Iowa Campaign team which is supported by the College church in Searcy Ark. We hope this will be the greatest evangelistic effort ever made in the Midwest; we are going to try to have one hundred workers; we will use the most prominent meeting place in the area, the Masonic temple; our advertising and literature budget is $12,000.00. We want to knock every door and attempt to study in every home on this side of the Mississippi (which runs through the center of this metropolitan area). The authorities claim the population of the metropolitan area is 350,000. The towns we will work are Davenport, Bettendorf, Riverdale and Pleasant Valley; their population will probably be around 120,000 to 130,000. There is no prejudice here and the people are receptive, they do not have the deep religious ties here as in other places. A very high percent of the people have no religious preference. The church here is alert, active and growing. Our Sunday morning attendance is about 250; we have a weekly radio program, give financial assistance to four sister congregations, support orphan’s home and plan to ask for no financial assistance in this campaign. I tell you this in order that you know that this congregation is serious about the Lord’s business.

I have been authorized by the campaign committee (working under the direction of our elders) to write letters of inquiry to prospective evangelists for our campaign. Would you be available to preach for us in this campaign June 18 to July 2, 1967? If you would be available, would you send the church here a tape of a sermon (possibly one of the Herald of Truth lessons)? I will not write anyone else until I hear from you. I know this will be an exciting time for Christians in the Davenport area, I do hope you can be with us.

May the Lord bless you.

Yours in Christ,

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