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From/To: E.C. Maynard (Chalk's reply filed first)

E.C. Maynard
September 30, 1966

Mr. E. C. Maynard
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Dear Zeke:

I have followed with unusual interest your sacrificial work with mission tent meetings all over this country. It was with great pleasure that I heard you tell of your unusual work in the Bermuda Islands some years back. Add to this, coupled with my own personal knowledge of you and your family and the kind of dedication that I know all of you have, has always made me feel an extremely close bond with you. It is my pleasure and privilege to count you among my very best friends.

I am thrilled to know of your plans for 1967 through tent evangelism. There is no mistaking that this is one of the most effective means by which lost men can be brought to Jesus Christ. I want to assist and encourage this work in every possible way.

Possibly I can be with you in the meeting somewhere in the Cincinnati area next year. Although my schedule is more than full and I have already canceled ten meetings next year, I will be happy for you to contact me later when dates become more certain regarding the possibility of my involvement. You are carrying on a great work and I send you my commendations, best wishes and prayers.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Sept. 8, 1968

Mr. John Allen Chalk,
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Tenn.

Dear John, Sue and family:
God bless all of you: we love you and pray for you so often.

It seems there is no end to all the work; but I have quit, a long
time ago, asking God to make my load lighter: I came to realize
that it was an impractical prayer; for with the population explo-
sion, mounting tension, fear and sin, and people getting sicker
and sicker, there is no way on earth for us to have an easier
way or a lighter load. I have just been asking God to give me
strength to bear up under these things: I am grateful to him,
for he has.

We just returned from a month's work in Canada; I will not go
into detail at this time, for time is so precious: but God has
given us a whole summer of consecutive campaigns: our tent closed
last week, with 72 additions (about 35 baptisms): it is scheduled
to pitch tonight, and we look forward to blessings from God, in
another good one. The Lord willing, it pitches two more times,
this year, ending about the end of Oct., in Fla. I look forward
to this last one, for man I am so tired!

John, we have about 50 meetings, VBSs, Campaigns etc., for
next year: we have only one tent: I am going to have to buy
another one ... and a truck (we intend to buy a 1,000 seat tent).
These campaigns are in Canada, States and Central America.

I am writing this letter for two reasons, primarily. One is to
ask you if you would have any time at all 'next summer;' that you
could work in that new tent, in the Cincinnati area; knowing how
busy you are, if you had only one week, and you could tell me
which week this would be, I would synchronize my other tent
meetings around your plans: I believe Cincinnati is coming
forward: I believe the time is right for such a work; if you can
do this, please don't talk about yet: for I need to go among the
churches there and organize this: I haven't talked to them, but
since I know them very good and they know me, I am sure we can get
good cooperation from all of them.
My other reason for writing to you is to ask you to write me a short letter, blessing our plans, and urging us to go ahead into all the missions fields, stating your desires to work with this equipment, sometime: do not urge the people to make a contribution to it; just simply make an honest observation as to your opinion as to the need, and work for such a program. I will use this letter to ask for support and to encourage other preachers and workers to help either us or some other preacher, somewhere.

John, we never charge for either the use of our equipment or for our services: some churches give us money; and some we actually have to spend money on: but somehow, God and his people give us enough money to keep our budget almost balanced. I know you know if you ever need this equipment, it will cost you nothing: if you ever need it, we ask that you give if the people are able, and if not, we have made a vow to take this equipment, and also go ourselves, to any part of the world that we possibly can get to, where lost souls stand in danger of the terrible judgement of God.

John, how long has it been since you walked to the window of your office, and looked up into the heavens of God, and said to yourself, 'I know that my God lives: I know he is up there among those stars, somewhere: I know he is as real as I am: some lost soul will go up before him this day: he will judge mankind: He will judge my soul': if you find yourself without enough money to reach out among the lost souls ... lacking courage to face this world with all its difficulties... born down in nervous confusion from overwork, try this, boy: you will feel a relief of joy and a new challenge to victory, come into your soul: for I know that you love your God and the poor lost souls of men: you see it was this same God whose face you are looking up into that said, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee'.

If you would like to work in this new tent, and not sure that you can, simply state that you will do everything that you can to plan your work to work a week or so in it, another year. We hope you can.

Would appreciate this letter as soon as you can: though I know you are so busy: I need to get busy: for spring will be here before I have my equipment and workers, if I do not keep moving, planning, traveling and working.

God bless you my friend: Pray for us.

My family are all well: Tish worked with us in one place in Canada, her husband just set up his practice in Texarkana, Texas (I.D, you know). Adrian's work is getting along good in N.J. Javan is in college in Little Rock, Phil is 14, in hi. Tammy, my wife is well and working so terribly hard as usual. Opal worked with us in Canada.

Respectfully and Humbly,

E.C. Hayard.