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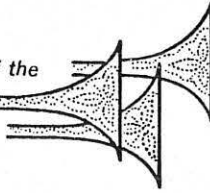
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December 23, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chalk  
49 Oregon Street, N.E.  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Dear Robbie and Jimmy:

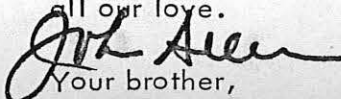
I understand that you are not going to be able to come to Tennessee for Christmas. We also decided that we could not make the trip in view of other commitments immediately following Christmas day. Right now it seems to be a bleak decision (I am dictating this letter on December 23) but we feel it necessary for several reasons. This will be our first Christmas away from Sue's relatives, as well as mine.

I don't know what your plans are once Jimmy gets out of the service. I know that both of you have a great deal to offer and will be able to find a meaningful and rewarding life wherever you go. You may have heard by now that Sue and I will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia at the end of July, 1969. I hated to give up the radio work on Herald of Truth, but I felt that the opportunity to go back to school and work toward my doctorate was too great an opportunity to pass up at this time. I will also be working with the Decatur, Georgia congregation in its "college church" program. This program is aimed at developing an evangelistic group of college students who are Christians on every college and university campus in Atlanta. There are more than 20 such college centers in that area.

I understand that Jimmy is interested in business as a college major. Georgia State College in downtown Atlanta is one of the best business colleges in the country. Robert Fulmer is a personal friend of mine and is a full professor in the department of business at Georgia State. Archie Crenshaw, the preacher for the Decatur church, is just now finishing his Ph.D. in business management. Jobs abound in Atlanta like I have never seen anywhere.

I have said all this to say that I would like for you to consider moving to Atlanta. A great thing is happening at the Decatur congregation. Both of you would thrill at the opportunity to be a part of this church and of the many young couples in it, as well as the opportunity for both of you to work and pursue any kind of further education you desire.

Think about it! Ask me any questions that you might have. We send you  
all our love.

  
Your brother,