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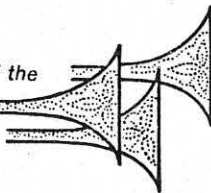
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December 30, 1968

Mr. Archie Crenshaw  
Decatur Church of Christ  
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Decatur, Georgia

Dear Archie:

You seem to know just when to write! As always, your timing has been wonderful to me, to Sue, and even to my secretary, Helen McLeod. Thank you so much for the shots of enthusiasm and inspiration that you give us all. At times when we need the encouragement the most, your letters and notes come. There is no way for me to adequately thank you for this. It shows a great spirit and a beautiful willingness to be used by Jesus Christ to the glory of God and to the encouragement of your fellow man.

Thank you for what you tried to do on the Matt Young situation. I can think of nothing better than to have Bill Martin in Atlanta. I have never had opportunity to work closely with Bill, but have found him to be a very open individual. I doubt if he is evangelistic in any sense we are accustomed to--he does believe, however, in exerting his Christian influence in the power structures. This is an area where a Christian could certainly operate with great effective ness in Atlanta. Any efforts to get him to this area would be worthwhile, I am sure.

We are praying about Dallas. It looks like we will all have a great time there together in the Lord. Again, thank you for helping reassure us from time to time. We have never doubted that the move to Atlanta is God's will for our lives, once the decision was made. Thank you for continuing to affirm this direction we are taking.

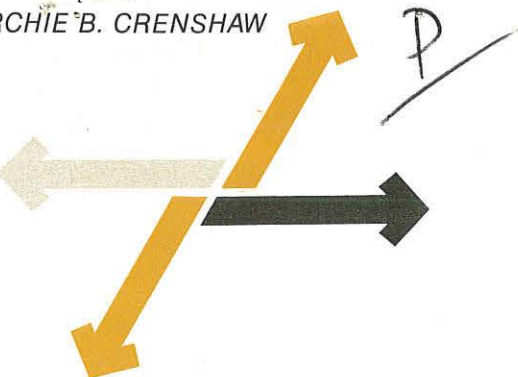
Please don't forget the Blazer patches. Already Walt Cabe and Steve Franklin have attached the two you gave me to their blazers and are wearing them on the campus of Abilene Christian College. Sometime this spring either you or Joe Glenn needs to make a trip out here. There is no doubt we can do some effective recruiting on the campus for the Atlanta exodus.

Sue, Mary Beth, John and I send you our love and best wishes for 1969.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk  
Radio Evangelist

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December 18, 1968

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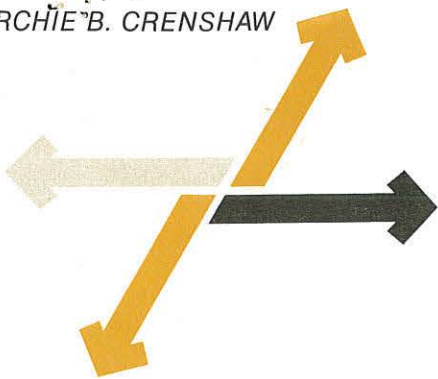
Dear John Allen,

I have not received your letter concerning Don DeRooy but I anticipate it each day now. I have just finished a second conversation with the Emory University Medical School regarding Matt Young and the possibility of getting him involved in the Medical Program of that University.

I regret to say that our efforts have so far been fruitless in that the cut-off date for applications for admission was October 15. To further complicate the matter we have just learned that the committee earlier this week has rendered most of the selections for next Fall's class which just about closes the door as far as the Fall of 1969 is concerned. However, Mr. Cleg of the admissions office there informs me that if Matt would be willing to come and work in the hospital or take some other type of employment and use Atlanta as his base of operation that assuming that his grades would enable him to meet the competition he would be able to enter medical school the following Fall.

It might be very well if Matt would come and perhaps pursue a year's study in theology or some other area such as sociology at Atlanta University to tide him over in the interim. We would be very happy to get him a job. We would also be very happy to continue to pursue the openings that might be available at Emory University.

I shall look forward to hearing from you about this matter or talking with you concerning it at the Dallas Seminar. We look forward to seeing you and Sue there and are excited about the opportunities the Lord is putting at our disposal as we join hands on the Lord's team here at this place.



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May God bless you and yours with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archie".

Archie B. Crenshaw

ABC/gc

P.S. John Allen, we are very interested in getting Bill Martin to come to Atlanta and teach at Atlanta University and be of assistance to Mayor Ivan Allen. If you have any recommendations regarding this matter, I will talk with you about it in Dallas. Also is it possible that Helen McLeod might be interested in coming to Atlanta?