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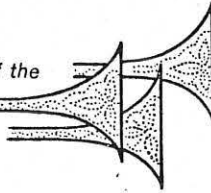
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January 7, 1969

The Elders
Church of Christ
1677 Scott Boulevard
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Brethren:

I had the opportunity to pass on to brother Revis the enclosed plan for campus missionaries in our ministry to college students in the greater Atlanta area. I don't know whether you have already had an opportunity to consider this plan or not. I thought I would send you these additional copies, as well as make some explanatory suggestions regarding it.

The Dallas Seminar made me even more conscious of the tremendous demands on one's time that college students make. I stayed in continuous counseling sessions around the clock almost 24 hours a day during the Dallas Seminar. I know there will be many such sessions, even when all the superficial ones have been weeded out, as we move onto the campuses in the Atlanta area.

There are too many campuses for me to make an effective thrust on any of them in a given year. I must of necessity choose the places where my work can be most effective with the greatest number of Christian students whom we can immobilize to do evangelism among their fellow students. This is a sound, Biblical principle which will pay dividends over the rest of the lives of the students who learn to share Jesus Christ with others while involved in our efforts.

In view of this great challenge in Atlanta and in view of what we want to do in the training of Christian students and in the use of students already trained, I have suggested this campus missionary program. It will free me from some of the time consuming efforts that could be just as efficiently handled by others. It will also place a recent college graduate who is very sensitive to the college scene nearer to the students themselves. It will give me a badly needed base of workers who can keep the prayer groups and evangelistic Bible studies encouraged and stirred up on the various campuses where we now have Christian students.

The two elders who had the opportunity of attending the Dallas seminar met the young men whom I hope will be able to come to Atlanta on the basis of this proposed plan. Steve Franklin, Ronnie Crawford, Glenn Staples and Bobby Holmes will be graduating in June from ACC (the first three, the last from David Lipscomb). They are all prepared to raise their own support, once they have been selected by

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~~the~~ Decatur and formerly invited to become a part of this evangelistic outreach.

I believe in this plan strongly. I believe that it has many advantages that we haven't yet been able to reduce to paper. I hope that you will give it a very favorable hearing, that you will pray about it, that you will make any alternate suggestions or changes that you see need to be made and that you will adopt whatever revision occurs.

Let me assure you of my support of whatever decision you make regarding this plan. I do believe it has far-reaching implications but I also know that you are much closer to the Atlanta situation at this point than I am. I send you my best wishes, prayers and complete support as you continue to prayerfully lead the Decatur congregation in its efforts to take Atlanta for Jesus Christ.

Your fellow worker,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

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Enclosures