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Mr. Doug Tackitt
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Dear Brother Tackitt;

I talked with brother Hostetler about your call the other day, and he, too, felt that at this point we ought to seek a man with at least partial support to come here. The reason for this is that our present commitments are made through 1972 and if we did hire a man full-time, we would have to cut back or discontinue some support we are sending elsewhere. One of the commitments is the new Angela work, a sister congregation twenty miles east of here. Brother Stan Day (you might know him) is starting that work and he needs the support of area congregations in order to get it off the ground. We don't feel that we could or should withdraw that support now.

You mentioned over the phone that you might be able to obtain some support. If you could, we would be more interested and get up a date for you to come visit and speak for us. We'll wait to hear from you along this line.

I may have mentioned that we have a three bedroom home adjoining the church building which would at this point be adequate for your size family, so there wouldn't be a problem there. Another factor however which makes all this matter about obtaining a preacher so indefinite (full-time versus part-time) is that we are near capacity in our auditorium space and we might have to launch into a building program. We are thinking about buying more land adjoining us to the south if we do.

We appreciate your call and perhaps before you are out of school we can talk with you more about this, but at this point we will try to locate someone with partial support. If you have any success along this line, let us know.

May the Lord bless you and yours in the furtherance of His work.

In Christian love,

Dean Hoggatt