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Dear Bro. Hoggatt,

It was with much interest that we read your letter about the work in Lagrange. Ben had written us a few days earlier and spoke favorably about the church and the work there.

For the past few weeks we have been struggling with a decision regarding the work in Norway. The Engøy family, who will be returning this summer after 18 months at Sunset School of Preaching, want us to remain and help them with the work. They have interested a family from Colorado in coming to Norway, but the earliest they can come is Feb. of '73. And as the work has been very slow for the past few years, the Engøys will almost be alone in the work if we returned.

However, after prayerfully considering all the various aspects of the work and especially our failure to reach the lost, the continued problems with support, the difficulties with the language, and our childrens education, we have decided to leave. This wasn't an easy decision, but we hope the right one and the best for all concerned.

Thus we plan to return to the U.S., the Lord willing, about the middle of August. Upon arriving, we would be very interested in making arrangements to come to Lagrange and talk about the work. As our support has been very unstable the last few years, I don't think we can plan on keeping it after we return. However, some churches have expressed an interest in supporting us if we were closer to home. So, perhaps this is a possibility. Nevertheless, if we both think that we can contribute something to the work there, I would be willing to find a job or part time employment to supplement our income.

What types of employment are available in Lagrange? Before attending Sunset, I worked at Ford Motor Co. for 10 years as a specification writer and Industrial Illustrator. I have also had some training in reupholstering furniture which I did with my father for several years.

We are looking upon our work in the U.S. as our first real challenge with local work. We feel that we have a good idea about what is involved having worked actively in congregations in the past, but this will still be in many ways a new experience.

We are looking forward to meeting with you in August. However, if you find another man who you feel would fit the needs there, please feel free to make other arrangements. We do not look upon your letter as a final offer, but only an inquiry into the possibility of us working together.

May God continue to give the increase to your work there.

Norman Herron

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