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Mr. Cash Crawford
c/o Rev. Ward Bjerke
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Dear Cash:

You could not believe how completely a mess my correspondence is, but if you could you would understand why I have to write to you in care of Ward Bjerke because I do not even know your former address; much less your present one. That is not to say that I do not clearly remember that you told me where you would be at this time of the year, but your letter has been mislaid.

However, the school here is humming along with a brighter future than ever and all of the various things I have written to you about it still held true. In a word, you know we feel that one of the greatest mutations in the development of overseas missionary endeavor is about to occur in the realm of missionary children's education. And you know we feel that this school is a bold experiment which does not merely try to satisfy the specific need of the missionary children on an inter-mission basis, but it attempts also to reach the finer products of the century of missions in this country so that they, too, can gain a bilingual cultural development.

I will not take time longer now than merely to say that if there is any possible development in your sense of the Lord's leading for the future that could conceivably take you here, we would like to know that and continue to pray for you and your wife as you seek best to serve Him.

I only wish you could know Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Turner as we now do. They are certainly an effective, wonderful couple who have brought Christian love and wisdom down with them and have done a magnificent irreplaceable job in the school year thus far. But they are not professional teachers and this is only a one year term of service for them and we are looking eagerly--I may say desperately--for someone to come down and to take this school over in the fall for a year, two years, three years, five years, as long as they can see their way clear and the Lord's leading.

I speak of taking this school over because a younger couple that worked out beautifully last summer will likely be on hand

but it is even more likely that you and your wife would be better fitted to be the principals of the school. We are moving into the ninth grade and perhaps the tenth grade in the fall also and this younger couple is not experienced on that level at all.

Please do let us know as soon as possible what the possibilities are. Our student body now numbers over fifteen children; one primitive Methodist, one Nazarene child, others are Church of God, Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, and Wycliffe Bible Translators' children. In the fall there will be some from the Central American Mission in the ninth grade level.

The financial picture is very much the same as it was before. There is, however, a slight possibility for this fall and a much better one for the following year that you people could work directly under our New York office with at least a half time salary--which would amount to about \$3,000 a year. I regret the confusion and uncertainty as to several aspects such as these, but I also know that you are not the kind of people for whom such factors are all important, as legitimately important as they may be.

Please let us know as soon as you can what the developments are.

Yours very cordially in Christ,

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