

Box 1, Spokane, Washington.

December 28th 1955.

To the Board of Managers,
The Christian & Missionary Alliance,
New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Brethren,

We have just now received letters from Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Mangham of Indo-China stating that we are regarded as out of fellowship with the C. and M.A., at home and on the field and will not be received by them. Mr. Mangham quoted the Foreign Department minute of October 19th and the Field Executive Committee minute concerning us. This blow has hurt us far more than any so far. The thought of going back to the field under these circumstances is unbearable.

I want you to know that we are at the end of ourselves. There is no fight left in us. I realize that my letters have not brought about reconciliation with our brethren, and that I have made a great mistake in assuming they would. I should have listened to the advice of my wife and not submitted the 13-page letter to the Board of Managers which contained some recriminations against the actions of the Society towards us. These letters have been my undoing.

I believe you understand some of the confusion which is in our minds these days. We have been under such terrific pressure.

If you feel that we have been looking at our situation only from our own standpoint, without giving the brethren of the C. and M.A., credit for a genuine desire to help restore me, then I ask you to please forgive me. I truly want to live in such a way as to merit the confidence of all God's people and be soon restored to Christian fellowship with my brethren.

I know I have grievously sinned and have never ceased to acknowledge it.

Mr. Mangham states, "We feel that your way back among us should only be as indicated by the Foreign Department and the Board of Managers". I therefore ask you to kindly let me know what that way is.

Faithfully yours in Him,

Gordon H. Smith