

January 3, 1968

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Dear Tom and Doris:

It seems a long time since our paths have crossed. How delightful it would be just to sit down and chat and do a bit of reminiscing! We do hear, Doris, from your folks from time to time. It seems that Viv and your mother sort of keep in touch with each other through correspondence or occasional long distance 'phone calls. We are pleased to know that she is getting back into the stream of things again.

Perhaps you heard that Viv broke her ankle around the first of November and had to wear a cast for five weeks. She is bouncing around again but with a slight limp and occasional pain.

I am wondering how everything is going during your second term as overseas missionaries of our American Baptist Foreign Missions Society. Does the thought ever come to you, Tom, that maybe you would like to come back to the States in a few years and do some teaching in the field in which you are remarkably well qualified?

Dr. William Everett Griffith, who is now back teaching at Eastern, will retire in 1969. We will need someone to succeed him as head of the Department of Old Testament. As chairman of the Instruction Committee at the Seminary I will be in a position to make a recommendation to our new president, Les Harnish, and to the members of this committee.

This is still several years in the future. However, we have to think about it now. I am quite sure that Chet Jump and others in administrative positions on our Foreign Board would be reluctant to see you make this transition. However, others have done it so you could, too. I am thinking especially of George Peck who was in

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Assen and then came back to the Boston area, acquired a Ph.D. from Harvard, and is now dean at Andover-Newton Theological School.

The pay for such a position at Eastern would be somewhat better than in years gone by. It would probably be in the area of \$12,000 per year. The three summer months you could use for study, travel, or vacation - although it would be difficult to find a charming Oriental girl to fan you!

Pray about this matter, will you, and even if you are remotely interested, please send me at the earliest possible date just a bit of biographical material, and don't be modest about your achievements. I should have such things as date of birth, date of graduation from the various schools, degrees earned, any special projects for which you received special recognition, and then a brief resume of work including any special projects overseas, pastoral work in America, etc.

Viv, Rachel, and Ronnie join me in sending our love to you all.

I will be looking for a letter from you soon.

Sincerely yours,


C. C. Meeden

February 9, 1968

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Dear Tom:

At a recent meeting of the Instruction and Executive Committees at Eastern Baptist Seminary, I presented your credentials to Les Harnish, our new president. I also showed them to Dr. Griffiths. They seemed not only interested but enthusiastic about your qualifications.

Since Dr. Walter B. Davis is still acting as executive vice president-dean of the Seminary, I am glad he took the initiative to write you. My guess is that Dr. Griffiths will retire in the spring of 1969.

President Harnish has suggested that I write you and ask that you leave the door open for a possible call to this position. In the event any other door opens to you, get in touch with us before making any decision.

The retirement plan for professors is being reviewed. The current plan calls for their retirement at sixty-five. However, it is possible for them to be called on a year-to-year basis after that age. I am doubtful that this will happen with Griff. He talked to me as though he would terminate his work in May, 1969.

Speaking of missionaries' salaries, our Foreign Mission Board took a long look at this at its meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania a few weeks ago. Taking our cue from the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A., a rather extensive study is being made of all missionaries' salaries with a view to making them at least equivalent to the average pastor's salary in our denomination. I discovered that the living cost in Japan is the highest in all of our fields.

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Viv and the kids join me in sending our love and best wishes to you, Doris, and James.

Always your friend,



C. C. Meeden

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P.S. Our church had the best School of Missions ever this year. ABC missionaries were here from Hong Kong, South India, Congo, and the Philippines. How I wish you and Doris could have been here one of these Sunday nights. But maybe that will work out if the Lord ever permits you to settle down on the east coast - that is, the east coast of the United States.

March 8, 1968

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Dear Tom and Boris:

Les Harnish has turned over to me the copy of your letter dated February 27. It arrived at Eastern the very day that our Instruction Committee meeting was held.

Frankly, the questions he asked you in his letter of February 22 I feel sort of put you "on the spot". Let me say, frankly, that your answers were simply superb, and I believe were entirely satisfactory to him and to the other members of the committee.

While there are several other men in the picture for the position of professor of Old Testament, I feel confident at this point that when the time arrives you will get the nod. The opportunity in this field at Eastern is tremendous and there is no doubt that you would measure up to the highest academic standards. This is what is needed at Eastern and this is what we want.

I just wanted to write you this note to express my appreciation for your communication and to let you know that we are praying for God's leadership in the months ahead.

Viv and the kids join me in sending love to all the McDaniels.

Sincerely yours,


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July 11, 1968

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Dear Tom:

How delightful to receive your letter!

We were disturbed to learn that you are really "burning up" at Kanto Gakuin University. It's fortunate that no lives were lost. The student reaction toward the administration sounds so typically American.

I have taken the opportunity of "looking over" the articles which you enclosed. They are superbly written and well documented, and will help to refresh my very scanty knowledge of Hebrew.

Things at Eastern Seminary are in a time of transition. Les Harnish, the new President, is doing a superb job. He is aggressive, decisive, and has a wholesome outlook and a sense of good humor in the midst of a bewildering theological pattern that obtains throughout the theological world of today. As you may know, Dr. Walter Davis resigned some months ago as Dean. Our big job has been to find a person to fill the position of Executive Vice President-Dean. As chairman of the Instruction Committee, I worked hard with the President and committee members in seeking to fill this position. It hasn't been easy.

Two weeks ago we interviewed Dr. O. Dean Nelson, a young man of the Chicago area. He is currently the pastor of a thriving church at Park Ridge, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. He has a B.A. from the University of Arizona, magna cum laude, in Greek Classics. He has a B.D. and Th.D. from Northern Baptist Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Most of his teaching has been at Northern Seminary in the field of History of Culture and New Testament Theology. He is forty years old. Only yesterday did we learn that he has accepted our offer to come to Eastern, beginning his work in September.

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In view of the academic picture there in Japan, I can well understand your desire to know the direction in which we are moving with regard to your joining our faculty at Eastern. I talked long distance yesterday with Dr. Harnish and told him of your situation. You are very definitely in the picture for the fall of 1969. He explained that his reason in not communicating with you further at the present time is that he felt the matter of the Executive Vice President-Dean ought to be settled first.

The replies which you gave to the questions he asked were entirely satisfactory. They were read at a meeting of the faculty where you were discussed as a possible successor to Dr. Griffiths. As Les put it, "Griff simply beamed." He felt your reply was that of a seasoned scholar as well as evangelical.

In deference to the position and judgment of the new Dean, the President feels that as an evidence of courtesy, we should not pursue the matter further with you until Dr. Nelson is on the scene. No one other than you is in the picture at the present time. You have the qualifications needed as a successor to Griff and I am eager to have you and Doris and Jamie "back home" again. In our telephone conversation, the President feels that you ought to have some definite word from us by around November. *If this is not soon enough let me know*

Chet Jump, as you may know, is now a member of our Board of Trustees and, while I know he will regret losing you from the roster of overseas missionaries of our ABFMS, he will be glad to support my conviction that you are eminently qualified to do the job at Eastern in the field of Old Testament that is required.

Just a word about our family. Rachel is now in Salt Lake City spending the summer with Ruth and her husband Joe. She talked with us on the phone Monday night and we learned they had made a Fourth of July weekend trip to San Francisco! Ronnie will fly to Huntington, W.Va., a week from Sunday afternoon to spend a couple of weeks with Roger and Joyce who now have bought a home near Huntington. Roger, as you know, is with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. And then, if all goes well, Viv and I will leave on July 30 for

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the pick-up of our kids in West Virginia and Salt Lake City, and then make a stop in Illinois on the way back to Haverhill before we spend our final week vacationing at China Lake, Maine. It is quite a junket but then we like them. And the most pleasant part of it is this - that Viv has written Rose and we will be stopping in Baltimore for two days on our way to West Virginia. It will be delightful to reminisce with the Hudgins and a lot of other Baltimore friends. Viv has suggested to Rose and Jimmy that they be our guests for dinner one night while we are there at the Candlelight Lodge. That ought to bring back memories.

May the Lord bless and keep you all. We remember you in our prayers and maybe in the years ahead He will permit our paths to cross more frequently. I hope so. You have meant so much to us in every way.

Sincerely yours,



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October 2, 1968

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Dear Tom:

Christian greetings from all of us to all of you.

I felt I should write you and keep you informed about developments at Eastern. Some things move at the speed of an exhausted snail.

The man to whom we offered the position of Executive Vice President-Dean, at the last minute decided not to accept the job. Had he accepted, I felt that then the door was open to start negotiations with you to join our faculty. Now we are starting from scratch all over again. In a few weeks we expect to interview another man for this position.

At a meeting of the Instruction Committee at the Seminary several weeks ago, I raised the question again of the possibility of your joining our faculty as a professor of Hebrew and Old Testament. There was free discussion and a few problems that we tossed around. Our usual procedure is to have prospective faculty members come to the Seminary and meet informally with other members of the faculty, and then with the president and the Instruction Committee after which the recommendation is made.

However, we have never brought anybody from as far as Japan for this purpose and they felt it would be inadvisable to attempt it. Dr. Lee Westrate, a layman from Calvary Baptist in Washington, D.C. and a member of our Instruction Committee, a brilliant and able younger man with the Budget Department of the Federal government, indicated that he expects to be in Tokyo the middle or latter part of December. He said he would be glad to arrange to have a conference with you at that time, and then perhaps on the basis of his recommendation, we could make a move before Jan-


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uary when I believe you say you have to know one way or the other. Whether or not this will materialize, remains to be seen, but we are praying about it. You would enjoy meeting Dr. Lee Westrate. He has had some rather fabulous jobs offered him including the presidency of a college or two but to date he still holds his government job.

I thought of you all last night when I looked through some slides that have been on file for quite a few years, and found some delightful ones of you and Doris. They brought back many happy memories.

I will let you know of any further developments.

Sincerely yours,


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November 19, 1968

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Dear Tom:

We are thrilled beyond words that an American Baptist missionary has responded to the call for a mission in Philadelphia!

Les Harnish was so excited to get your letter, he sent me a wire and then last night called me on the phone about another matter and again he went into ecstasy. He told me that the faculty had a prayer meeting for thanksgiving yesterday for your response and the response of another man to head up the Department of New Testament. He told me on the phone that they are going to make a three-bedroom apartment available to you and even put in wall-to-wall carpet!

This year has been one of transition at Eastern with seasoned faculty members entering retirement and a quest for new men to take their place. With guys like you coming on our faculty, I think the future will be bright. It will be good to have you and Doris and Timmy back in the States.

How good it will be for our paths to cross from time to time. Maybe we can have you come and do some follow-up missionary work in Haverhill!

If the salary at which you are coming seems a bit low, I think I should tell you (Les Harnish failed to tell you this in his letter of invitation) that if your work is satisfactory, there will be I think an annual increase of around \$500 until it gets up to around \$12,000 per year. If Doris is interested in supplemen-

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ting the family income, she will be within walking distance of that rather fabulous hospital adjacent to the Seminary.

I mentioned yesterday to Viv and the kids about your letter having arrived and they are excited about as is Pearle Trusheim who, as you know, is on our staff here as director of our weekday kindergarten.

The Lord's best to you.

Always your friend,


C. C. Meeden

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January 29, 1969

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Dear Tom and Doris:

Just a note to let you know what a delight it was to share with you in the "telemission" service last Sunday night. We are sorry Jamie could not participate. I even had his picture in the calendar.

Mrs. Kenyon especially enjoyed her conversation in Japanese. When we were terminating the conversation and I asked if anyone else had a question or wanted to say anything, I was not quite prepared for the nine children, youth, and one adult that came forward and wanted to speak with you. You handled everything beautifully.

I think I should tell you, Doris, that your voice came the public address system even better than Tom's.

It was an experience we will not soon forget. Thanks again for your help.

The Lord willing, we may see you in Baltimore in July.

Love from us all,

Cliff