

[Bill's handwriting, blue ink on folded typing paper]

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Dear Folks:

I have a job. After I preached at Red Oak Grove at 9:00 and at Stanwood at 10:30 the Sessions of the two churches met at 11:30. After they'd talked it over awhile they called me up from the basement where I had been waiting. They decided they would like to have me. They'll pay \$400 a month plus 8¢ per mile for travel. They'll rent me a room for weekends. I'm to start next weekend. One weekend I'll leave here at 11:00 after my Friday class. The next weekend I'll go Saturday morning. On the Friday weekends I'll come home Sunday night. On the Saturday weekends I'll come home Monday night. I'll be able to serve there until I finish the middle of next July. It's about 40 miles from Iowa City where I plan to take the hospital clinical training next summer. It's about 15 miles from Marilyn's aunt in Tipton and about 33 miles from another aunt in Cedar Rapids. All in all I don't see how I could have done any better. Somebody seems to be looking after us.

The kids start school tomorrow. Yvonne is a little under the weather though so she may have to miss her first day.

This morning Marilyn worked and I left before the kids got up so I left the alarm set for Neal & they were to get themselves ready for Sunday School and walk there like they did a couple of weeks ago. Yvonne heard the alarm and went in to find Neal still sound asleep. They got to Sunday School all right and they had lunch with Marilyn at the hospital.

Red Oak Grove is in the open country with a cemetery behind it. The building appears to be in good shape. There were about 30 at church today. The Stanwood church is in a town of about 600 population. There were about 45 at church there. The people at both churches seemed friendly. I'm looking forward to getting back in the harness.

I register for my school next Monday. Classes start Wednesday. My vacation is just about over.

With love,

Bill, Marilyn & kids

P.S. I received the \$300 check. Will 5% interest semi-annually be satisfactory?
Thanks.