

July 28, 1948

Rev. Watson Argue
Box 6082
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Brother Argue:

Your letter to Rev. Henry H. Ness dated July 21 has just been received. As Brother Ness is now on his way to Europe and probably will not return for about one and half to two months, he asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

It was a surprise to us when Brother Ness resigned as pastor of Hollywood Temple and we regret it very much. He has served this church for approximately fifteen years and has done a splendid work. The Northwest District Council decided this year that the Bible School should have a full time president as a fourth year seminary course has been added and extensive field work is planned. Therefore Brother Ness had to decide between the church and the school. Feeling the importance of training young men and women for Christian service, he decided to stay with the Bible School which he organized some fourteen years ago.

The architect's drawing of our new church building will be completed in about one month, and we hope to start construction sometime this fall. It will be erected on a site across from the present building. It will be attractive and have a seating capacity from 1300 to 1500 and about forty Sunday School rooms. It will cost over \$300,000. There is now nearly \$100,000 in the building fund. We have leased our present church building to the Northwest District Council with the option to purchase the building which will be used entirely by the Bible School. The lease will take effect when we move into the new church building. Our present church building is free from encumbrance. The membership of Hollywood Temple is about 700, and the average attendance of the Sunday School is about 500. God's blessing and favor have been upon this church, and perfect unity has prevailed from the time it was organized with thirty-seven members up to the present time.

Rev. Watson Argue
Page 2

July 28, 1948

We are now looking to the Lord for guidance in the selection of a new pastor and unofficially at this time are contacting some of our men in the movement to ascertain if they would be interested if a call were extended. Would you be interested in giving us a couple of weeks evangelistic meetings as soon as you return from Europe? I shall appreciate hearing from you again.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence M. Forland
Secretary

LMF:ec