To the Committee of the London Missionary Society
and the Committee of the Bishop's Missionary Society,
Salesbury Square,
London

Dresden, **November 12, 1836**

Dear and esteemed brother!
In taking the liberty of addressing these lines to you, we proceed from the sweet assumption that, even though we belong to different brotherhoods, we are nevertheless closely united in Christ; both through faith in his name, and through the earnest effort to spread his kingdom among those peoples of the earth who are without hope and without God in the world, and sit in darkness and the shadow of death; and that we will therefore willingly serve each other with the gift we have received, comforting and advising each other, and only promoting the good work we have undertaken.

The same joyful perception that the missionary friends in Great Britain and other parts of Christendom have made, we also make in our sphere of influence, the longer, the more; the interest in the missionary cause is increasing, the contributions flow to us more abundantly, and strong encouragement is being given to us from various sides.

We can therefore do more than we have been able to do so far, and we even dare to hope that God will assist us in establishing our own mission stations in the heathen world.

However, to be able to carry out this plan, we need your kind advice. Having been reading the various mission reports that have been published for years, and not being entirely unfamiliar with those areas where help is most needed, we do not wish to rely solely on our own judgment; but, since you have gained more experience in missionary work and have more precise information about the condition of the heathen, we take the liberty of addressing our request to you that you would kindly share your advice with us as to where we can contribute most in the darker regions of the kingdom of evil to the spreading of the light of the Gospel of Christ.

You would greatly oblige us if you would please us with a definite answer soon and add the information you deem appropriate; we request that your letter be addressed to the address of our secretary, Mr. I. C. Naumann, Äußere Pirnaische Gasse No. 270.

Wishing you the best success in your missions, we remain with sincere respect, dear and esteemed brother, yours.

The Committee of the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission Society

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