To the Esteemed Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society
in Dresden,
in the hands of Count von Einsiedl, Esquire
London XI Beaumont Square, Mile End Road,

March 31, 1837

Dear and beloved brothers in Christ!

Faith and peace to you.

Regarding your esteemed and precious letter of the 12th of last month, I am able to respond to you in friendship as follows.

Firstly, you will kindly note from what I am about to send to Brother, Pastor Wermelskirch in Turoivo, but rather quickly to my dear congregation in Dresden, that I have been asked to go to Australia as the leader of a yet-to-be-established missionary institution. For this purpose, George Angas, the President of the South Australian Company, is willing to allow me to take two missionaries from Dresden with me and to provide the funds for the start and maintenance of the mission for a while, until the mission no longer requires help from Europe due to the income from the lands allocated to it there and other expected support.

However, if the situation were to differ in such a way that my congregation would allow me to go to Australia, even only for a short time, there would be no obstacle to the dispatch of your dear pupils, whom you now wish to entrust to God's help. The missionary fund would not incur much expense, except for the travel costs from Dresden to Hamburg or England, a moderate outfit of clothing items and the like, and books.

However, if I were prevented from going to Australia, Mr. Angas would not dare to take on the responsibility of the mission alone, and, as you note, the dear missionaries are not yet prepared for a new missionary path.
They would then both, or one of them, have to go at the expense of the Dresden Society, receiving about eighty to one hundred pounds sterling annually from Dresden to live in the colony, where they would also be supported by G. F. Angas, at least over time.

Now, regarding the individual questions mentioned in your last letter:
I note the following with great respect:

1. The colony has been in South Australia for a year - news of the happy arrival of the first five ships sent there arrived here 14 days ago - in a previously uninhabited but beautiful fertile area on an island, like Sicily. Fifteen ships with about 1,000 emigrants, including the governor and other officials, have gone there altogether. The colony is located on the southern coast of Australia, above Van Diemen's Land. It covers an area twice as large as all of Great Britain, and is 1200 English miles from Sydney in New South Wales, where criminals are sent.
The parliamentary note drafted on August 5, 1836, for the founding of the colony strictly prohibits sending criminals to this colony, so as not to disrupt its prosperity.

2. Among the colonists, there are definitely Christian souls, both among the English and the few Germans who have gone there so far.

3. The missionaries would have complete freedom of action in the colony, independent of the company directors, as only Mr. Angas is establishing the mission on his own property in the colony. The mission is entirely a private matter or a matter of the Kingdom of God, which aims to promote the best interests of the natives through its activities, by preaching the gospel and teaching young people English.

4. As for the establishment of churches and schools: a fund has been collected in London for this purpose, which benefits all religious parties, all of whom enjoy equal tolerance and rights in the colony, and is supported by notes and documents from the colony.

5. I can assure you that the company, especially some of its members, is keen on the civilisation and evangelisation of the natives, and has therefore taken special measures for friendly interaction with the natives.

Due to lack of time, I must conclude this letter, which I would have liked to extend to provide you with the most detailed information, but I hope to write more soon. I would just like to note that Mr. Angas is a very active man for the Kingdom of God (he comes from a Protestant martyr family), very wealthy, influential and insightful, who is keen to give the colony a Christian foundation, hence his intention to establish a mission there from the very beginning, and to whom the Lord has granted the grace to live entirely for the Kingdom of God.

With the promise to write a more comprehensive letter soon, I commend myself to your intercession and brotherly love

Your servant, bound in the Lord.

A. Kavel.

P.S.: Preacher Reichardt wishes to receive a special receipt from the dear Pastor Wermelskirch.