

II: To Schürmann.

(The same greeting as in No. I.)

From your letter of June 20th this year to the Committee, dated December 10th, 1838, we are pleased to see that you did not let the partly unexpected difficulties that arose in your establishment at your destination discourage you from starting your professional activities. While we sincerely pray for God's continued blessing on your endeavors, we must express our regret that the report, as well as the news and experiences in your professional field, instead of being, as we had hoped and expected, written by both of you (though this seems to have happened through no fault of yours), according to your hints, it seems that you two, who were sent out to engage in common brotherly activities, are internally and externally separated. This is the greatest of unexpected mishaps, and it is so detrimental to your own position as well as to the church that we urgently urge you not to let matters reach an extreme, but rather strive to resolve the causes of the conflict and mutual dissatisfaction, and instead, in mutual support, proclaim the gospel of peace as true warriors of Christ. Each should bear the other's burdens and seek to endure the other's weaknesses with patience for the Lord's sake, with active efforts to accommodate each other and overcome evil with good, so that the doctrine you are called to proclaim may also be confirmed by your conduct, and God's name may not be blasphemed by your disunity among Gentiles and unbelievers. And then, please send us joint reports, as befits your common profession.

As for that unexpected financial setback, you will already be reassured upon receiving this letter about the unforeseen circumstances on our part, just as you have soon experienced God's gracious help. However, we must urge you not to lose heart in such cases, but to remain convinced in faith that you are always under God, who always has means at his disposal, and who still miraculously helps today, if only there is faith. The position of a missionary is such that he must be prepared for accidents, complaints, and trials of all kinds, more so than any other Christian. Therefore, strengthen your hearts through faith, so that they do not daily risk losing courage and strength, but rather may continue the work already begun with vigor and joy. Let us also continue, as already stated, in communion with your fellow brother, to receive detailed reports on your activities. Our intercession accompanies you.

We greet you with the salutation of love and peace.

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