

To Missionary Schürmann,
highly esteemed
in Port Lincoln.

Dresden, December 19, 1841

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Beloved brother in the Lord!

After almost a year has passed since your last letter of July 1, 1841, arrived at my place, we have been waiting in vain for further communications from you. We had already begun to believe that you were no longer among the living, were it not for the mention of you in a letter from one of the brothers in Adelaide. All the more do we find it hard to understand why we have received no further news from you. And therefore we are taking the next step to ask you whether you have given up your missionary vocation or whether you have continued it and are inclined to continue it, and to re-establish contact with us. Based on the instructions given to you, we had hoped and expected to receive a report on your activities from time to time, at least quarterly, and now we have not heard from you for a year, so that we have to admit with shame to our mission friends who are asking about you that we know nothing about you. We cannot even believe that a letter from you has been lost, since during this time the letters from the other brothers have arrived correctly.

Therefore, we urgently request you to make up for what you have missed as much as possible; indeed, we hope to hear from you before this letter reaches you, and we look forward to hearing that you have not neglected your missionary vocation in the meantime, but, as we have been accustomed to from you for a long time, have pursued it with zeal and faithfulness, and have only been prevented by chance circumstances - which we very much regret - from sending us the equally necessary and desired information.

In the spirit and grace of our God, we greet you with the salutation of peace and love as your fellow brothers in the Lord.

The Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society, Messrs. Demiani and Wirsing.

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