

31st March 1965.

Miss W. Townsend,  
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Dear Miss Townsend,

Thank you very much for your letter asking about service for the Lord in the Retta Dixon Homes at Darwin.

We were glad to see how you believe the Lord is calling you to work in a Children's Home. That is our basic requirement for workers going to Retta Dixon. We believe that every dedicated Christian worker should be going to their sphere of service under a divine compulsion - going because they are convinced it is God's will for them.

For service at Retta Dixon Homes Bible College training is a desirable thing for each applicant but has not been made a compulsory qualification. Workers at the Home are regarded as Staff Workers as distinct from missionaries who apply to the mission and can be posted to any part of the field as such. However, we regard work in the Home as a missionary service just as much as work on other parts of the field.

A requirement for Staff Workers is that they complete a Social Studies Course which is available in Victoria. It runs for approximately two months and as well as the special classes for instruction in methods of handling children there are conducted inspections of various Children's Institutions in the Melbourne Metropolitan area. Where candidates have been accepted for the Retta Dixon Homes some financial help is given to do this course.

I shall be back in Sydney next week and will get in touch with you then and can give you any further information you may require. Praying with you that the Lord will lead you to the place of His appointing and that you will enjoy a rewarding and fruitful service.

Yours sincerely,

Gen. Secretary.