

J. E. Davis

First Baptist Church

Moberly, Missouri

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Dear Brother Willingham,

I hope you do not think me "cranky" and hard to get along with. I want to ^{do} our Lord's will and where he points - I want to go. I am ready to go anywhere it may seem best.

I like your last letter referring to Taluca. I like the idea of evangelistic work that possibly may develop. Then I like the schools for a start in the work. And not least by a great deal, that, or Tarnson, is the place for our printing plant for we can teach the boys how to print and get our literature out ourselves. Taluca is ideal for that. I have just begun on my press proposition and have about \$100, $\frac{1}{3}$ of what I started out to get, in sight. I expect to get a 12 x 18 old style Gordon press - as good as the best - a paper cutter, stapler and some additional type. I have asked the Lord about it and he will give

it to us. Bro. Cheevers is delighted in the prospect of a press. He says all the missionaries will be happy on this account.

When you consider fields, I hope you will take this fact above mentioned into consideration. Tehuca will be ideal for that work.

Remember I am ready for service or sacrifice or both. My household goods - such as I am to take - will be packed next Tuesday. Not knowing where to ship, I will be compelled to store them. If you decide soon let me know. I hope you can say soon for me to go to Tehuca, but I bide my time and wait.

My tent meeting here continued five weeks and had 40 odd conversions. The Lord has been good to me. I have preached twice and three times a day for six weeks. Oh, how delightful that we can work for God!

I wish you the best of our Father's blessings.

Yours Paternally, J.E. Davis

Blainstown Mo.

Sept. 20, 1904

Dear Bro. Willingham,

I write you this morning to suggest a thing that has been suggested to me and ask your advice about it.

It has been suggested that I defer my going to Mexico for about two years and in the mean time take a course in medicine. I can go in N.C. and support my family easily and make my way nicely. What do you advise? I am

about ready to go but
nothing has gone so far
at the end of the line
but that I could readily
shape matters to that
end. I wanted to study
medicine when God
"thrust" me forth to
preach. I would have
no trouble with it at
all. Please write fully
and candidly.

I am doing well on
the journey. I now have
\$225 all told. I want
to get about \$100 or
\$125 more if possible.
Bro. Guisburg says this is

a good thing. It is our
 purpose to buy a
 standard note (Gordon)
 12 X 18 press, a small
 paper cutter and some
 additional body type
 costing all told about
 \$350. The press will
 cost \$252, the paper
 cutter, \$60, and the other
 material \$25 to \$40.

I have been away from
 Newark for nearly a week
 and have failed to get
 my mail. I will get it
 tomorrow. Write me at
 Hazleton, Kans.

Yours re. J. E. Davis

Hazelton Kansas
Sept. 27, 1904

Dear Brother Willingham:-

Your letter received.
We are well pleased. I was
not favorable to taking a
course in medicine and
was nearly sure that you
would write as you did
about it. I want to be a
preacher of the gospel all
my days.

I am here with my fam-
ily. In a few days we go to
Waldron, Ark. for a week
or 10 days visit with my
parents and then we will
start for Tonneau to attend

the Association. We will go on with Brother Mahon to Toluca and take up the work of getting the language and customs of the people. I anticipate no serious difficulty in that part of the work.

I received from Bro. Chesebrough yesterday permits on the Internacional Ry of Mexico for my wife and myself. We have had trouble getting her a permit in this country, but think it will soon be arranged.

With love and prayer for your prosperity, I am, Yours, J. E. Davis

Davis
Alex. Countth

Hazellon Kansas

Sept. 29th 1904

Dear Bro. Willingham,

I inclose you a communication from Mr. Harnegan relative to application for permit for Mrs. Davis. I wrote you in regard to the matter two weeks ago this morning and doubtless you failed to get my letter.

The first application was lost in the mails and we cannot find it at all. It inclosed your statement of the appointment of Mrs. Davis and of course that

was lost. If you will send Mr. H. a statement and perhaps a marked copy of August Journal showing our appointment we can get the rates before we go out. We still have two weeks nearly. It will do no harm to try. Since the roads will not issue "trip permits" like they used to, this is the only way to get rates.

I do not know how much it will take to get us through. I have written to find out about the rate to Toluca. It is

\$42.60 full zone from Mob-
 erty to Tennesse. It will
 take three boy fare tick-
 ets. This does not include
 the sleeping car accommoda-
 tion. That is all I know
 at present. We have
 permits on the International
 Ry and have written Mrs.
 Mohan to get them for us
 on the National.

Write us at Waldron
 Ark. Love J. S. Davis.

Yours Truly
 J. S. Davis