

Toluca Mexico
Dec. 8, 1904

Dear Brother Willingham:-

We arrived on time Saturday evening last. It was a hard trip for the children but they stood it very well. Mrs. Davis stood the trip very nicely indeed.

We are well pleased with every thing. Mrs. Mahon is a fine companion and Miss Shantz is real nice. The rest of them are in the States.

We have a large work here and I think the prospects are good for still larger work. With the two schools and the

increased working force,
we surely have a good
plant. I am not compe-
tent as yet to speak, but
these are my impressions.

My household goods are
still at London but we
now have the papers all
complete to get free
importation. It has not
been an easy task.

Bro. Mahon suggests that
you make a special order
for my freight bill, \$128,
and send to him and he
will pay it, inasmuch
as his allowance is
not sufficient to cover
it. If you can do this soon,
it will relieve me very
much. I had big expenses
in Arkansas. I must close.
Hoping to hear from you
soon, I am, fraternally Davis

\$113.25.00
299.50 dlo.
6412.75

See Kelly's
Letter

Poluca Mexico

Dec. 10, 1904

Rev. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond Va.

Dear Brother:-

Your kind letter came yesterday. I most heartily appreciate your thoughtful concern in my behalf. I will speak frankly as you have asked and I feel confident you will understand. My wife's sickness and the long delay without any income left me in debt. I had to borrow \$200 to pay my freight and drayage bill of \$128 and meet my other expenses. My time was given to getting the money for the printing

plout and my doctor and medicine bills run me behind. Even the money given me at Waldron was put in on the press. I proposed that plan and got \$96.25 there every cent of which went into the press fund. During my wife's convalescence, I made a tour of Central Missouri soliciting small subscriptions from individuals on the press. I could have given my time to a meeting at Chilton Mo and put the funds in my pocket, but I did not and I am not sorry. I am proud that I could get money for a press. I see the value of it more than ever.

Now, I am not whining. I had fully intended to

pay the debts out of my own pocket in some way. If the Board sees fit to help me under the circumstances, it will be a great relief to me and I shall be very grateful for it. It is my intention to pay for our books and teacher as the others have done here without asking the Board to help. Whatever is done will satisfy me. May the Lord's will be done.

I neglected to give an itemized account of my Expenses on the trip down here. I give that now.

R.R. fare - - - - -	\$ 80.63
Sleeper - - - - -	<u>24.91</u>
Over	105.54

Pmt. forward - - - - - \$105.54
 Duties and Excess - - - - - 11.83
 Transport, Board & Lodging - - - 22.00
 Total - - - - - 139.37

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Draft drawn at Waldron \$130.00
 Check by Bro. Mahon 9.37
 Total 139.37

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The total offerings for the
press are as follows:

Church

Amount

Moberly, Mo. Mt. Pl. Assn.	\$184.80	✓
Cairo " - Mt. Pl. Assn.	22.95	✓
North Fork " - - - - -	3.50	✓
La Plata " - Macon Assn.	2.25	✓
Richmond Mo. U. Lib. Assn.	14.10	✓
Centropolis Blue River Assn.	3.75	✓
Evan, Mt. Pleasant Assn.	3.20	✓
Lee's Summit, Blue River Assn.	5.95	✓
Palmyra B.Y.P.U. Bethel "	1.00	✓
Humboldt B.Y.P.U. " "	5.00	✓
East Sedalia, W.M.S. - -	4.00	✓
Mt. Pleasant Assn - -	13.40	✓
	263.95	

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Macon Assn - - - - -	1.80 ✓
Holden S.S. - L. & J. Assn. - -	5.00 ✓
" Church " " " - -	5.00 ✓
Clinton " - - - - -	15.00 ✓
Doonville " - - - - -	3.75 ✓
Mrs. Burdham N.C. - - - - -	2.00 ✓
Miss Satterwhite, Blairstown - - -	2.00 ✓
" McCall, Macon - - - - -	1.00 ✓
Waldron Ark. - - - - -	95.25 ✓
Ft. Smith " - - - - -	18.00 ✓
Total Cash - - - - -	\$ 412.75 ✓

I have pledges yet unpaid to the amount of \$30.50 and promise from two other places which will give us a total of about \$475, I think. I have cash in hand, \$412.75 as above indicated and will report the rest later. I will also give an itemized report

J. E. Davis

of all expenditures.

Now, in conclusion, I will say that we are anxious to install the press Jan 1st as the latest. I borrowed the \$200 from the press fund - but not till I had arranged to get as much money as I might need. If this amount is allowed soon, it will save my borrowing the money from the friends in Missouri. If it is not allowed, could you lend ~~me~~ the money to me till I could pay it? Or if this matter cannot come up in time, could you lend me the money right away till it is brought before the Board? Let me hear soon.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you.

Yours fraternally
J. E. Davis

Toluca Mexico

Dec. 24, 1904

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond Va.

Dear Brother:-

Your kind letters received and contents carefully noted. My freight bill was \$128 which had to be paid in advance. Of this I am going to pay half and at your suggestion have drawn through Bro. Mabon, \$64. All the articles that I brought, except the pious, are absolutely needed in housekeeping and many other things we sacrificed before starting. The freight on the pious would be about \$25, yet I am paying half the whole bill, and ask the Board to give me \$150 to cover my time while I was working for the Board and while my wife was sick. I know that you were not to blame for her sickness, yet neither was I. I had resigned my church and was on the way to Mexico. In 15 days more we would have been in Mexico. I was at big expense all the time and was working for the Board a good part of the time, talking missions, raising money for preachers.

We are going over to the City in a few days to buy our outfit, so we can get it installed as early in the new year as possible. Our plant will be worth about \$1200, a detailed account of which I will give you when it is fully installed. We expect to be able to do nearly every kind of work that can be done in a print-shop. Everything will be new and up to date.

Yes, by all means credit the parties and churches that contributed to the press and it will be nice to publish them in the Journal. It will show that I did the square thing re. and serve as a receipt from you also.

Bro. McKim stands acquaintance even better than I had dared to hope for, and his hospitality and kindness are greatly appreciated by us. I am sure that we are going to work together in perfect harmony for the glory of our God in the advancement of His cause here.

I suppose you will hang up your big sack tonight. Hope old Santa will fill it and run it over.

A. merry Xmas and Happy New Year from Mrs. D. and myself.

Yours fraternally
J. E. Davis