

✓ Davis, J. E.
Toluca Mexico, January 11th 1905

Rev. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:-

Your kind letter came last evening. It is needless to say that I was glad to hear from you. I appreciate very much the favor shown me in granting me the \$150. I certainly needed it and now feel that I can pull through fairly well. I had to pay \$142 duty on the piano. It cost me about \$100 to get the concession of importing my other goods duty free. They are here at last and will be put in my house tomorrow. Mrs. Davis is very glad--so am I. We feel at home already. Brother Mahon has done everything possible to make us comfortable. We certainly appreciate his extreme kindness.

It does my soul good to hear of the appointment of Dr. Everett Gill as missionary to Italy. He is a fine brother. I am glad he thinks well of me. I can certainly say that I think very highly of him. May the blessings of our God be upon him abundantly. It is no small thing to give up a good pastorate and go out to the frontier and strange lands. It tries a man; I speak from experience. But thank God His grace is sufficient. He never fails us.

The press and other material that I bought in Mexico is now in and the material that I shipped with my household goods will be brought up from the depot tomorrow and then I will send you an inventory of the whole plant. I tell you I am proud of it. I feel that the Lord will use it for the accomplishment of great good.

Must close. Much love. Good night.

Faternally,

J. E. Davis

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Rev. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

We have sent through you to our Board more than once a petition to allow us to buy property in Toluca for the Instituto central but as yet you have not deemed it wise to do so. Our opinion as to the wisdom of this measure has not changed but with each passing day, we who are here on the field and engaged in this work are convinced that this measure is wise and expedient. As the Board has definitely decided not to purchase property here at present, that is they have decided that it is not best to buy a building or a piece of land and build, we hereby beg leave to present you and the members of the Board this petition asking that you grant us \$2,000 gold with which to buy a large tract of land, on which to build as soon as you deem it wise. We have in view a piece of land well situated that can be had cheap at present and which we think would be a fine location for the school building and on which we believe we can locate both schools and the printing establishment within the next few years.

You will pardon us for pressing this matter but the need of this is so imperative that we cannot refrain from doing all that is in our power to acquire this property.

Faternally

J. E. Davis
R. P. Mahon.