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Toluca, Mexico,
Sept. 7th. 1900

Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond Va.

Dear Brother:-

I have been silent a long time but not for any personal feeling toward you. I have been waiting to get the needed experience to speak of things in this country. I fear I am not capable of being converted. I am confirmed in some convictions and now on the eve of our mission meeting I am thoroughly discouraged and disheartened. In any way of thinking there is little to encourage us here in this land and the conditions are such that unless the Lord disposes of some of his servants, or opens the eyes of the Board, not much can be accomplished. You may wonder what I mean and I will tell you enough so you can guess the rest. I make no accusation against anybody but merely give you a view of the conditions. In South Mexico we have very few churches, all of which are small,

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Guadalajara being the largest. I suppose the biggest thing is the school work. That is all located here. Nearly all of the students are from lower altitudes and now, we have one boy and one girl at Villa Guernero because they could not stay in this altitude. There are two other girls sick now and at times nearly all of them are more or less affected by the cold and the altitude. I have observed carefully during this year and am prepared to say that I do not believe the schools ought to be in this place, notwithstanding the opinions of some few others.

Aside from the effect on the pupils, it will be hard to get teachers that can stay here in this altitude and under present management. Miss Schantz has acted unwisely in staying here this long and cannot remain much longer. I am not going to stay here in connection with the work, as I was born in a free country and had sense

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enough to do a few things for my
Master there.

Dr. Hooker's plan is for me to
go to Leon. I do not want to
go there - cannot feel that it is
of the Lord and expect to say so
very plainly in our meeting. I
told Dr. H. that I wanted to go
wherever the Lord led me and
following this very principle I
have reached the above conclu-
sion. I think I can trace this
matter to its source but do not
want to.

It is evident to us that Bro. M.
does not want us to remain
here and my opinion is that it
will be hard to get any man
here that would stay very long.

Now, where are we to go? I do
not know. If I had my way
I would go to Toluca (where I
was first to go. Here we can
do nothing with the Imprenta
without giving it most of my time
which cannot be. If I could have
had the services of the boys as I
expected to have, it would be

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different, but that was hindered
very much. At Torreon, I could
have the help of the boys and
they need a man. I know I
could get along with Cleaver,
I know from experience. But,
this is to be decided, but by whom?

I am very sorry that Brother
Mahon is sick. I do not know
how the matter is put before you,
but it is strongly intimated here
that if he but had somebody
to help him this would not have
come. Now, a word as to this. I
offered again and again before our
trouble to relieve him in every
way I could. I offered to help
with the Treasurers' books, but I
could not take them by force. And
now, I do not have any idea
to whom he intends to turn
the work over ~~to~~ while he is
gone. I offered to help in the
services as much as I could. Not
until a few weeks ago did he ask
me to preach and that was one
Sunday night he wanted me to

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preach the next Sunday night. I
told him that it would not give
me sufficient time and suggested
that he let me have an extra
week. I thought he consented but
he went and arranged with a
Presbyterian preacher for that night
and I was shut out. I cannot
understand many things that are
said and done but then I have
not been here long enough I
presume.

But, I preached my first sermon
in Spanish last Sunday night.
Got along very well, I think.

Now, I hope you will give me
credit for what little I am worth
as I fear you think by this time it
was a bad job in sending me to
Mexico. I fear it was a bad job, but
we have to make the best of it now,
I presume.

I am not very well. Do not have
the health I had in the States. Mrs
Davis has better.

With much love,

(Over)

I am yours for Jesus
J. E. Davis

P.S.

I have read this over twice and lest you might think that Bro M. and I have not been on good terms, I want to add that we have been very friendly but it did not result in any way of changing conditions relative to the work. I went on with my little daily round and was not consulted or advised. Let it be understood however that we have been very friendly. My decision as to leaving here has not been sudden as you know and has grown more and more to this time.

Yours &c.
J. E. L.

Toluca Mex

Sept. 24, 1905-

Dear Dr:-

Your letter received and appreciated. In answer will say that it is very likely that we will go to Leon but cannot get off for some two months. We go tomorrow to look over the situation.

My estimate for the year 1906 will include an appropriation of ~~\$250~~ \$250 gold for the printing. You may wonder at this but I think a word of explanation will make it clear. We need a smaller press than we have. There are two reasons: (1) We need another press on account of the amount of work we are getting to do, (2) and also, with the large press, it costs us just as much to run off 1000 cords as 1000 full forms as we have to run the engine. With a smaller press - an 8x12 inch press - all small work can be done without the engine and the large press can run on heavy work at the same time.

We have a plant now worth about \$200.00 and one going to make it go and succeed. I have not the slightest doubt about it.

The brethren are enthusiastic both in the north and here and this mission indorses my request for the amount of \$250. I am negotiating for a man to take charge of the work under me and will soon be able, I think, to keep two or three men busy all the time.

Brother, remember that this activity which is absolutely necessary - I mean in preaching & that is my work - is largely due to my dis-
 couragement. I came here to stay however and am going to stay. Therefore, just bear with me if I with discouraging some times. I have faith in our God and believe he will lead us on to victory.

With much love,

I subscribe myself
 J. E. Davis