

Leon, Gto., Mexico.

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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

After a long silence I will write you again. Hope you will not think I am "huffy" or anything of that kind just because, I have not written more.

First I will tell you of our work. We are having better congregations and better interest than ever, I think. Mrs. Davis and I put our letters here and we received 2 others by letter. About three weeks ago, I baptized a young man, who came to us from the Methodists. He is a young man of considerable promise, and feels called to preach. He is here in my house studying and working for me. I like his grit. He wants to enter college next February. We will see what is in him by that time.

The Ladies Missionary Society of Moberly, with the help of some others gave us a nice new organ, and it is on the way. We are trying to get hold of the money to pay the duties. They are going to pay a part or all of it. This will be a great help to us.

We are printing quite a number of tracts now. Have arranged to print one each month, and the brethren have rallied to the support of the plan well. Will send you some samples before long.

We are arranging with Dr. Vedder and the Publication Soc. to print in Spanish his Short History of the Baptists. Soon we will be ready to get it out. The pastor of the church in Mexico City is translating it, and Bro. Cheavens is going to write an additional chapter on our History in Spanish countries. We are going to try to get it



out without asking for any help from the Board. The only thing I am going to ask for is some type for book work. As you know we are limited and even cramped for want of type, but now we need above all things else, 200 lbs. of 10 point type for this special work. Will the Board grant me \$75 gold for this? I feel sure you will do it. If you think the Board will grant this money, will you not let me hear by return mail, so I can order it, and get it here for work? This is urgent.

We are all well. I had a few day's puny spell about three weeks since, but am well and working hard every day.

Sorry that the Convention had to hear about a deficit this time, but it was not bad. Our Baptist hosts are surging to the front. I will send you a small contribution in a short time. You know we have to carry the load of nearly all the local expenses here. But notwithstanding that, we want to add our little to the work.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail,

I am yours in Him,

*J. E. Davis*

An After thought:

I forgot to say how well we are starting off with the Book Agency. This is going to be a great and good thing. Orders come in every day almost. It is going to serve a double purpose, that of selling publications of others and that of selling what we ourselves put out.

My brother, without doubt, we ought to get this plant to doing great things. It is the centre of interest and will grow. There is no other Baptist printery in Mexico now.

*J. E. D.*