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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

Your kind letter came in due time, and I at once got up the petition and started it around. This morning it got back to me, and has all the names of the missionaries down here. I inclose it to you and hope you can get it presented at your July meeting.

Now the reasons for this:

1. We have a good plant, as far as it goes, and it ought to be worked, for the printed page is a great help in our efforts to evangelize this country. What we have been able to do here is largely due to the printed page in our work.

2. My helper, Josue Valdez, is not with me here any more. He has gone to Panindícuaro, which is on my field. It seemed good to me to send him there, for there is a great opportunity there, not only in the town where he is located, but all around, and from here, it was difficult to get at. He has gone, and that leaves me with all that I can do, preaching and visiting the points where we have stations and directing the work in general. He helped me some in the printing work, for he learned readily and was a great help, dedicating a small part of his time to type-setting.

3. There is a young man, a Baptist, living in Mexico City, who can be had at \$40 per month. Of course he is a Mexican, but a good and faith-

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ful young man who would be a help to us in many ways. Then, I am training a young woman who is a member of our church here to set type, and in this way we can soon have plenty of help without depending on the general run which are even worse than among Americans. There is also another girl that we may put in training. But we will have to pay them something and for this reason I have asked for the extra \$10. Then too, sometimes we have to hunt up extra help. Of course, when we may not need the \$10 or any part of the amount, we will not draw it.

4. The plan is for the Expositor to be printed here and all our literature. This is as it should be. It is the Board's printing plant, and this is the Board's printing. The Brethren are a unit at last, I think, in this matter, and it will all come up in due form at our Mission meeting the 20th of this month. We have two splendid books to get out. ~~The~~ manuscripts are in hand. One is partly printed. It is Vedder's Short History of the Baptists." There are many calls for it. The other is a book of Meyer's Discourses. We are also wanting to put out some tracts which we have in hand and the paper ready. All we need is the backing for help. I feel sure that you will see the need of this and arrange it for the best. May the Lord bless and lead us all!

Mrs. Davis is very thankful for the permission to visit her home for a little while this Fall. Will post you when she gets ready to go.

I am not feeling very well the last few weeks, but think it is due to the hot weather we have been having.

Hope you are entirely well by now. Frab. J.E. Davis

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I baptized 3 Sunday night and
had about 25 in congregation.
Our S.S. has 10 or 12 boys and girls
in it - all from Catholic families.
We also have the grown members
of the congregation in S.S.
We have another candidate for
baptism. There are all here in this
educational center.

Pray for us
Yours
J. Davis

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León, México July 20th 1907

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

Your kind letter came a day or two ago. Many thanks for your kind words. I hope the Board will be able to make the contribution, or rather appropriation, for the printery. Will wait patiently and somewhat anxiously for your next letter.

With regard to the new missionary will say that there is room here for him and his doctora. In Toluca they have an American doctor, and he has a big following. She would have a hard time in building up a practice. Then too, we need it here. As I have written you before, we can get closer to the people by means of medicine. While they are learning the language, they can be helping us out here.

Then moreover, it seems that the Mission is going to put me in as editor of Expositor and other literature. If they do this, it will occupy a good part of my time, and I will need help. As soon as the brother could handle the church here, I could turn over to him the field work, or one of us could hunt another field if thought best.

Another thing in favor of Leon is that the climate here is so much better than in Toluca. I think it a mistake to send new missionaries to places where the climate will be against them and probably injure their health for all time. Still another thing is that they do not need a missionary in Toluca, so says Bro. Lacy. Says they have enough.

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Our Mission met this morning here. Breth. Chastain, Mahon, Lacy, Sanders and Miss Jones are here with us. We are glad to have the mission meet with us. Hope we may be able to do things for the glory of God.

You will see from the reports of the different departments that the year has netted some good returns. I have been elected as secretary, and will get the report in as soon as possible after adjournment.

The Printery report ought to be gratifying. It is to me. It will show that our plant is valued at \$2875, mexican. And that but \$2597.10 have been put into it from outside, that is, the money given me in the first place plus all the appropriations made by the Board. The plant owes me \$147.58, which is all its indebtedness. This shows that the plant has paid all running expenses and saved some besides. We have about \$300 worth of stock on hand. This is included however in total.

I have not been very well for a week or two, but am now better and will be straight in a day or two more, I think.

All the rest are well.

Mrs. Davis will probably get off to States some time in September. Will advise you when she goes. She will not be gone very long.

Glad you are better. May the Lord bless you richly. We are all praying for greater things.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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1907

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:--

I have before me a letter from you to Miss Jones of Toluca bearing date July 12th, with reference to a special contribution made for the Missionary Training Department which is under her direction. This offering was made specially for her work and would not have been made otherwise. She needs it very badly, and as no appropriation whatever was made for her work for this year, I think it is due her that the \$51.06 be turned over to her for that work.

Please bear in mind that I am acting as mediator in this matter simply because I think you misunderstand the matter, and she does not feel very good ^{about it.} ~~over the matter.~~ She was not going to write you, but she asked me about it, and I proposed to her to take the matter up with you. I hope you can authorize me as Treasurer to draw it and turn this amount over to her for her work which is of such great importance.

We are all well. Will write again in a day or two sending the minutes of our Mission Meeting and other matters.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis