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León, Gto., México. Jan. 8th.

To the Board of Foreign Missions,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brethren:--

Inasmuch as Mr. R. A. Martínez, who has been located at León for some four or five months, helping with the work of the Printery, desires to return to Dr. Arroyo, his home, and knowing that one man cannot carry the work of the Printery and the Leon Field, we therefore respectfully ask that you authorize Bro. J. E. Davis, missionary in charge, to arrange with Mr. Justiniani, of Aguascalientes, to go to León to supply the place made vacant by the leaving of Mr. Martínez.

We also request that an additional grant of \$10 per month be made for the salary of Mr. Justiniani, as he has a large family and is now receiving this amount as salary.

We believe from what Mr. Davis says in the accompanying letter that the man can be useful in this work, and will likely make a good teacher in some of our schools later, if he does not fit in the work of the periodicals.

Praying God's richest blessings upon you,
We are respectfully yours in Christ.

J. E. Davis
W. B. Black

W. Hooper

F. N. Sanders

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Leon, Gto., Mexico. Jan 17, 1910.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I send you herwith a petition which I wish could be acted on immediately, if possible, or at least, I need authorization to bring this man as soon as possible from Aguascalientes, about 100 miles North of here, for Bro. Martínez is going away Feb. 1st, thus leaving me without anybody whatever to help me here with the editing of the papers.

I went to Aguascalientes and made diligent inquirey among the brethren there who know the man Justiniani, and they all gave a good report of him. I then had a talk with him and found him to be a Baptist and desirous of getting out of the Pres. School there, where he is teaching--or rather has been, as they are now in vacation. He is willing to come, and if he should not suit here in this class of work, we might pass him on to one of our colleges next year.

He will be a new recruit for us.

Hope to hear from you immediately, telling me what to do. If you think advisable to authorize me to have him come on and the Board take action afterwards, I will attend to it and advise you. You see the work is so heavy here that two of us cant keep up with it. For that reason, I do not want to be left alone not for a single day.

Mr. Justiniani comes to us from the Methodists, having been led to the truth through one of our books printed here in this plant. This is not the first example of getting men from other denominations through our Baptist literature which we are printing.

We are very busy and so have not yet written our report. We want to publish it in a few days and will send you some copies. It is the best ever, and we are starting off this year ahead of anything before.

Fratrnally yours,

J. E. Davis

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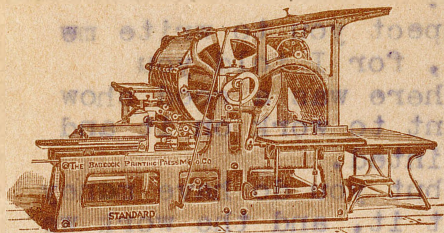
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León, Mexico. Jan. 26th 1910.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:--

I hate to worry you with my troubles,
but something has to be done here and I am going to make
this last appeal--for if it is not acted on favorably, it
will be too late to make another. It is with reference
to this house we are in here--that is, where we have the
Printery and my Office, etc.

I have been trying to get the man to rent it to us
on a long term contract, with the privilege of buying
whenever we may be able. I had my last talk with him
yesterday, and I find that he has an offer on the house,
and is compelled to sell it before very long, as he has
to raise \$4000 mexican money. The offer he has on it,
includes another house he owns, and is equally as good
as the agreement we reached last year--that is, \$10,000
mexican for the house. Our contract is out August 1st,
and he will not re-rent it to us, but says that he will
take what we agreed on, \$10,000, and gives me till
April 1st to get the matter arranged.

If we have to move our plant, as I told you once
before, we will have to pay out what the interest would
amount to on that amount of money for one year just to
get moved and installed in some other house. That does
not include the fact that I cannot go through with another
move, and see the breakage, as my nerves will not stand
it, and I must insist on being away when it takes place.
I am fighting all the time against this nervousness, but
it is here in my nerves and I cannot help it.

Mr. Franco says that a move will greatly injure our
work in every way, as we now have built up quite a good
job trade.

We also need a place to worship, as the people will
not come into a private house to church. Here we have
a fine place that we want to fit up for the school and
church. This house will then be occupied almost exclu-
sively by the plant and the church and school.

But everything is blocked at present. If I had the
money I would buy the property, but I cannot raise the
money. I have a friend who is making me a proposition
to buy and hold it for a raise in value which is inevi-
table, but I am making objections, as this option was
secured for the Board and not for her--that is the
friend, and she wants to buy it on the option I had se-
cured for you. But if you will not undertake it, I will
give it over to her, provided she will rent the house to
us for 10 years. I hate to see matters go on this way,

and the fact of the matter is, that these uncertainties are what have made against me so much in my fight with these nerves of mine.

As you have the whole thing before you, I do not expect you to write me saying to get up the petition, or send particulars, etc., for I told you before that I did not have time for such things unless there was a good show for buying, and when you assured me that there was, I went to work on it and sent you the whole thing as required, only to be disappointed.

A appreciate the fact that you have not the money, but you do have money invested in this plant and right demands that you protect it, and the work we are giving our lives to build up. If it were a work of secondary importance, then I would not insist, but it is not, and all the missionaries and natives in the Republic, as well as in Cuba and the Southern part of the United States can tell you the same.

Now, Brother, cant you let us have \$5,000 gold? With this we can secure the house, and the changes we had planned can be made later. We can get along with this amount, and of course the needed half of the amount for the transfer, which would not be more than \$200 or 300 mexican at the most, perhaps less.

I assure ^{you} that it hurts me to appeal to you, and if I had a chance to get out among friends, I could raise the amount to secure the house in a short time, but I cannot even get out from Leon among the Mexicans, say nothing about asking for a furlough to go to Missouri to raise money for this purpose.

Please take this matter up right away, as I have to do something shrotly, for if we have to move, we will have to hunt a suitable house and then wait for repairs to be made, etc. If we buy, it must be done soon, as I know the man who owns the house is not intending to let us have it after the 1st of August, and know also that it is the Bishop of León who is trying to buy the house, for the sole purpose of putting us out.

Help, help! We must have help. I cannot carry this load without help, and you agreed to help. You almost assured me that you would buy this house when we moved into it. That very assurance, led me to establish the plant here without any longer term of rent contract.

Our work has never been so prosperous. Have my report nearly ready for the printers, and as soon as ready will send it.

Wishing God's richest blessings for you and yours, and for all the brethren of the Board,

I am fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

The friend referred to
above has not enough
money and only hopes
to be able to borrow
enough to build and
hold the contract.

J. E. Davis
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