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LEON, GTO.

León, Gto., Méx. May 12th, 1911.

Dear Brother Willingham:-

I write you to ask a favor in order that I may show a favor to people who have often favored us. It will be a favor to me, as Manager of this plant, if the Board can grant what I want.

The American Paper Co., of Mexico City has been very good to us, and we have a running account with them of some \$300 or a little more, perhaps \$320 Mexican. They recently sold out their business to the National Paper and Type Co., and of course want to close their books and business. So they write me wanting me to pay if possible. I want to pay the bill. As I had just remitted \$ 300.00 Mexican to a firm in Mexico on account, it leaves me without money to meet the bill. There is very little income now, as the war is getting worse and worse. So what I want is permission to draw on account with the Board this amount the first of June. I will then draw less amounts each month till the advance amount is returned. It seems that this would be the best way. Our credit is gilt-edged in the Capital, and the way we have kept it that way, even in these strenuous times is by paying our bills and "toting fair" with everybody. I do not want to have any other reputation, as long as I live, and any business I am connected with must have the same reputation. If I were not building I would pay the bill out of my own funds and say nothing about it, paying myself back within two or three months. But I have invested my small savings in a house that I am building here, and so can not.

The war is getting worse every day, it seems. The Government has lost prestige, and the people are getting in bad straits. The work is being cut off entirely, and if what we hear takes place here, I do not expect anything else than to hear of a great deal of murdering and robbing. We will be in danger, I think. In fact, we are to a greater or less degree all the time, but with these conditions, I do not even have an idea of what may be. We try to keep but little money on hand so that if they come we can give it to them and try in that way to satisfy them with little loss. We would not fear the leaders of the revolution, it is the rabble. There are rebels in all the land now. Here very near us there are now three bands, one camped within 10 or 15 miles of León, with 300; another very active some 40 or 50 miles to the SW, with some 1500 or 2000, and still another to the North, about the same distance, with 2000 or more according to the reports. You have no idea what a turmoil Mexico is in.

We are going to stay with the goods as long as it seems prudent for the soldiers of the Lord, and then we will do what we can to get to safety. Intervention on the part of the U.S. would be a disaster to us and our work, at least for the present. We hope and pray for the best. In the mean time, we go ahead just as if all were peace and in fact have not missed a day of work nor a single service.

We are well and pray the Lord's blessings on you and your work.

Fraternally,

J. E. Davis

Don't publish things missionaries write about the war. It might get us into trouble. Remember mostly of health. We are not alone down here by the people in general. Davis