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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

I have heard that you have been sick. I hope that by now you are entirely well again, or at least on the road to complete recovery.

We have been having strenuous times down this way for some weeks past. About the 10th of November I was called to México by a telegram, marked urgent, and we were there several days waiting the expected crisis, when at last it was said semi-officially that Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Charge de' Affairs in México, was to leave the City. I gathered up my family and went to Vera Cruz with them. Bro. Neal had preceded me several days. We were down there about two weeks, and it seemed that the crisis had passed for the moment, and as I felt it my bounden duty to return here to my work, and as my family would not let me return without them, I brought them back to Mexico City, and I came on here.

I am working right along and everything is quiet. But of course we know that sooner or later something is going to happen and if we could only know what that something is to be, we could know better what to do.

We are mailing out our Sunday School quarterlies for the first Quarter of 1914. The Lord has helped me greatly, as I had the whole burden on my shoulders of writing the lessons and all. Will have to write them for the second quarter also--in fact have already begun them.

We are rethenching all we can and am paying off all debts and am making just as few new ones as possible. Have things in very a good shape now. Only working about 8 men and as we have some work in that will keep us busy for awhile we feel that as far as the plant is concerned it is in good condition. Our paper stock went up in value in one day something like \$800 or \$1000 pesos, that is, when the prices of paper were raised, and as we have the stock for our work only, we have to add on the additional to our prices for the public. The paper we use, of course, that amount is saved for us, and is the same as if it were earned, under the circumstances.

We have some problems that I yet do not know how to solve. Such as El Bautista. We will not have a subscription list to amount to anything at all from January on. A great many that paid their subscriptions for this year have not been able to receive the paper. I am thinking of making it into a paper of propaganda specially sending it out in bunches, or rather, packages to the pastors that can receive it for free distribution, asking them to gather what they can for the support of the paper till the trouble is past.

Still we have not resolved the problem yet as we want to see what is in store for us. Surely the Lord has been with us and will continue to help us out all along the line. He is longsuffering, He remembers His promises, He never leaves us nor forsakes us. Bless His Holy Name.

Now, another subject, and it is with reference to the travelling expenses on the trip to Vera Cruz. I am perfectly willing to stand the additional expenses, but it seems to me that we should not have to bear those, which were rather heavy for my entire family. Of course Bro. Neal has no instructions as to ~~them~~ paying them and I am writing this to you to find out what is the disposition of the Board with reference to this item. Hope you will do me the favor of placing the matter before the brethren.

1 ticket from León to Mexico and return.....	\$ 25.46	
4 1/2 tickets V.C. and return to City.....	129.60	
Total.....	\$155.00	<i>Mexican</i>

I omit the cents from the total. This was for travelling expenses--I mean for Railroad fare alone. I pay the rest of the extra expenses.

My children are getting along nicely in school in the City. I am tired of being separated from them, but will try to hold out till April when the school will close. I have worked hard and have something to show for my efforts. I will use this work for the Sunday School quarterly later on as the basis of a Commentary on Luke in the Spanish language.

Pray that we may be spared from harm at the hands of the savages down here and that the Lord will give us courage to do His will in all things. I feel that I am doing His will now, and expect to stick to my work as long as there is no better reason for my leaving it than what I see at the present.

Will close. I pray the Lord to bless you and preserve you for many more years in His service.

With fraternal love,

I am, as ever, yours in service,

J. E. Davis

*P.S. The N.Y. Board
paid all extra expenses
of their missionaries
on the occasion. We
were all together. Rented
two houses and had
a "Baptist Missionaries
Cold-foot Club", as designated.
We were a band of about
23 if I mistake not the
number.*