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Dr. R. J. Willingham,
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Dear Bro:—

I am wondering how you are by this time. Hope you are well again.

I am down here for a few days with my family. Return to New tonight.

I have been very busy the last three or four months and am feeling the effects of the strain. But I finally got all the lessons of El Expositor written and we hope to get it mailed next week at the latest.

Our work has been terrible crippled as far as poor old Mexico is concerned; but we are doing more for other nations than ever before. We send more books and papers to Cuba than we ever did to all Mexico; and besides, we send out more papers—except El Bautista that has been suspended for the time being—than we did when I took charge of the literature work five years ago, even though fully half this country is cut off from us.

The war goes on and conditions
get worse and worse every day.
I have by the hardest succeeded
in getting about \$10.⁰⁰ silver down
here. We collected in about \$300
last week for work, and there was
not as much as \$2.⁰⁰ silver in
all that amount. Now that several
banks have given us one and two
peso bills, we can get along better,
but we can't tell what day this
paper money - all bank bills - will
be of no value at all. Silver is at
a considerable premium and gold
is never seen any more.

Our work has been right good
so far this year but we are now
getting to a point where we will
not have much work for the
public - only our papers, for we
have deemed it best to do very
little other printing of literature
meanwhile. We expect to go on
with the Bible Union version
of the New Testament, as we have
all the paper in stock.

I have a man that I am
going to put in charge of the
plant and I am going to do my
Sunday School lesson work down
here. I am wanting to return
here about two weeks from now
to begin my writing on the lessons
for third quarter.

Am moving my Chickens down
as also more furniture for under
the circumstances we are better
off here than in the interior.
I want to run up to Leon
once a month and stay there
about a week each trip; but
hope to do the most of my
writing here.

I wish you would explain
this to the Board. I am not
going to abandon my work
nor field. It is merely for the
present and on account of
the conditions. Would like
the Board to approve or disap-
prove of this plan.

I also desire permission
to use the special travelling ex-
pense fund for the Editor and
Manager of the Publication
House to pay the expense of
these trips, as I can't use it
now for visiting the fields in
the interest of the publication
work; and as living is costing
so much, I don't feel able to pay
these expenses out of my own
salary, like I did last year.
Please find out what the
Board thinks of this, and let

me know. Of course it is only for travelling expenses that I want to use this. I will keep everything going and run the whole business as before, only I will make Mexico my headquarters instead of Leon.

My children have done quite well in school here this year and we will leave them in this school another year or so, on account of war conditions and our desire to continue our work in this country. It is hard to be separated from the whole family, but it has seemed the only solution of the problem so far.

I keep perfectly well except I began to feel my nerves a bit before getting my task of the second quarter's lessons finished. My family is well also. All quiet in Leon yet. Here there is no trouble. It is going to reach Leon and perhaps Mexico City also one of these days. Pray for us, dear brother, we need your prayers.
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