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Dear Bro. Ray:--

I had a fine visit up North after the San Antonio meeting. Was with my father and mother three or four days, then went down to Moberly and supplied for them Sunday, 25th of Oct. On Tuesday, the 27th, made a start for the land of revolution and crime and sin. Reached San Antonio Wednesday night, Laredo, Thursday noon and Mexico City Friday night at 11 o'clock, only three hours behind time, and one day earlier than I had calculated.

Was with my family till Wednesday of last week and then came here in the heart of the war zone. For the first time we are in the war zone. This was made the base of the Carrancista operations, and we hear that Villa is in Aguascalientes, about 100 miles North of here, with 40 trains and his advance guards are here at Lagos, about half way between here and Aguas. We don't know how true it all is.

I am getting things in shape here to take a vacation. I have been in Mexico now just ten years and have not had a vacation at any time. Now seems the time for me, though conditions may change and I may not want it. I will go where I feel it my duty to go, or will stay where I feel I should stay, the Lord helping me.

Now, here is the whole story, and you can lay the whole matter before the Board if you think best.

Moberly, where I was pastor up to the time when I gave myself to the mission work, was without a pastor. They begged me to let them call me. I would not talk with them on the subject. But three of the old guard got me to say that I might be had if I could get a vacation for a year, if the call were unanimous and spontaneous. I did not think they would make it so, as the church is as big again as when I left it, and there are many leading members that were not there when I was pastor. But I have a letter today saying that they have called me according to the conditions I made.

Now, I have written to Neal asking him if he would not take my place. I have to educate my children. I have a daughter, in her 17th year, in 2nd year High School, and two boys, one 11 and the other 7. The boys are getting along well, but the High School in the City is no good this year.

Then, too, there is the matter of expense. I have to pay rent there of \$65 per month and the tuition is nearly \$40 per month. I can't live that way. Here I am ~~here~~ in León and war all around, and, well-----here is a chance to get my children in a good school and relieve the Board of my salary from the day I leave the work, if they so desire. The church at Moberly will not pay me less than they paid the man that has just retired--\$2100. They say they will beat it. I am not worrying about the matter.

Now, it will be impossible for me to get away from here before Jan. 1st, and I think it may be later still, but I respectfully ask the Board to grant me a years vacation--without salary from the time I leave the field--to begin some time about Jan. 1st or 15th.

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I have not accepted the call, but have the matter to decide soon, so I wish you would take the matter up as soon as possible, and let me know. Please write me at once what you think about it.

I want to do the Lord's will in this matter, as in all others. I have trusted Him a long while now and ~~He~~^{not} has never failed me yet.

I hope you will understand that I am^{not} doing this from a money standpoint. I have asked the Board for very little on the side, and they have never turned me down. Always have they stood by me and I must say that I love the brethren over there for their great heartedness and kindness toward their missionaries. I want to return to Mexico later on. I do not want to return till the trouble is settled, and intervention is a thing of the past. I hope the Lord will give us peace here, as I declare this is getting on my nerves.

I shall not take up any more of your time.

Best wishes to you for great prosperity. I want to say that I like your way of getting after things. I think your work will be a great one where you are now. May the Lord bless you.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis