

January 6, 1915

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Leon, Mexico.

Dear Brother Davis:-

The Board yesterday passed the following Resolution,-

"That L/C for one thousand dollars be sent to Rev. J.E.Davis with which to purchase a Press and other printing supplies, the same to come out of the Judson Centennial Fund."

I am enclosing L/C to cover this amount. We are following your leading in this matter. We take it that you are thoroughly convinced that the investment of this extra thousand dollars will be perfectly safe. If it is not safe and economical, then, of course, you should be careful not to spend the money. We shall trust your judgment.

I am very glad that we were able to strain a point and send you this L/C. Our hearts are with you in your courageous stand for your work in Leon, and we want to strengthen your hands in any way we can. Now, we did not have this money in the treasury as being collected for the Publishing House at Leon. We are hoping to raise it somewhere. I wonder if you could not present the matter of the Press to the church in Missouri that recently called you, and have this church give us the one thousand dollars to pay for this Press. The church will probably be glad to do a concrete thing like this, and, in this way, would make its contribution to the Judson Centennial. The payments on it can be made in one, two and three years.

I am deeply grateful to know that you have settled the matter about your staying in Mexico. I feel that this certainly is the thing for you to do, and I believe you have been led by the Spirit of God. I pray that in this rededication of yourself to the Mexican work, you will be conscious of a peculiar blessing from the Lord.

I sympathize keenly with you in the enforced separation from your family. I know this must be exceedingly trying. I do not feel that I can make any suggestion, under the circumstances. Matters are so chaotic in Mexico that I feel utterly unable to suggest any line of action to you. I pray that you may be guided to do the right thing. I hope matters will clear so you can see more of your family.

Cordially yours,

"El Bautista,"
"El Expositor Bíblico,"
"Nuestros Niños,"
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y Folletos Evangélicos.

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J. E. DAVIS, Admor.

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León, Gto., Méx., Jan. 17th, 1915

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

Your kind letter came a day or two ago. I was glad to hear from you. I received the L.C. for \$1000, which I have here as just now it is impossible to get any freight from the City. I will hold it until there is a better chance to arrange the matter. I have written the National Paper and Type Co. that I would take the press which they offered me. But they are to hold it for me till I get a change to go to the City to arrange everything.

I note what you say about being careful. I try to be, and will try to be ever. I cant guarantee the safety of the investment, but I have made the sacrifice--the second one--for Mexico, and I think I have done the right thing, and surely it has been for a purpose, a God ordained purpose. I have tried to feel His leading and I think I am on the right track. That is all I know. And it seems that that is the best we can do. I know of nothing more.

I want you to express to the Board my appreciation of their confidence and faith in me--an humble no-account servant of the Lord. I hope to merit thier confidence, and may the Lord lead them and me to the end that His name may be glorified.

I am trying to get the report of the South Mission together, but it is going to take more time yet. I have nothing to speak of yet, and have written to all the fields. Will get it ready one of these days before long. Will send it as soon as possible.

We are quite busy here. Have lots of work, and really have to do a good deal of work that we would prefer not to do, but we are rather at the orders of these fellows, and do not want to offend them in the least. We do not want them to intervene in this business, for we are not wanting any investigations of the matter of the ownership of this business, if it can be avoided.

So far, we have been let along pretty well. We had a good supply of all kinds of paper in stock, and we have been the only ones with paper for some time. I have a/ los bought in the City that cant get to us on account of there being no freight, and by Express it takes almost a month for it to reach us. Dont know what we are to do. Think I will appeal to the Governor and see if he cant help us out some.

I am well. Mrs. D. and the children are well also. I hear from them every few days. Want to go up to the City but travelling is terrible n now. They dont want me to risk it.

Conditions are worse than ever I think. I do not know what will be the final outcome of all this. May the Lord help us, but even with his help, I fear we are going to have to call on the American people to help us after a while. I look for famine and pestilence. Surely the Word of the Lord is being fulfilled.

May the good Lord direct you and help you in your important work.

Fraternally you rs,

Davis

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León, Gto., Méx., Jan. 20th, 1915

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

Just a few days ago I wrote you, but I have another matter to mention and will take this half holiday, or a part of it, to bring the matter to your attention.

I do not like to ask the Board for money. In fact I have always been backward about it. I write you personally, as a friend, and lay the matter before you, and if you think it should not go before the Board, just write me so, and that will end the matter.

My family has to be in the City or out of the country. That is a matter we decided on some time ago. The children have to be educated. It is a duty that I can not evade. So we decided for them to go to the City for a year, then we decided for them to stay another year, and now we are about decided for them to stay another yet. So they have been paying rent down there and my house has not been rented up here, nor is it in condition for renting, as it has never been finished. True, we lived in it, and were happy there, but it is not in a condition to rent.

I get \$40 Mex. for rent purposes. Now, in the City we have been paying \$65 and they are raising it to \$75. That makes it hard for me to meet. Everything is so high down here, and we are so worried about the money matter, as this money may not be worth a cent tomorrow--worth very little today. I have to live here and they there. Everything is getting scarce and going up higher every day. So I feel like that it is not asking too much when I ask the Board to raise that amount to \$75, that is really much less than what you have appropriated for this purpose. You allowed \$20 monthly, gold. At 6 for one, it amounts to \$120 Mex. So you see how it is. I feel that I ask modestly. But if you think not, then please do not mention the matter to the Board.

I still have debts to cancel, and am doing my utmost to get it all clear. I have about all in good shape now. Think that one of these days, if nothing happens out of the ordinary, will come out all right on my house and lots. That is where I made the debts. One of these days, it will all pass over, and things will boom in this country. Of course, I will have to wait patiently. Would not sell now, as it would be to sacrifice everything.

Another matter, I have had to shuffle me men a little on this field. Bro. Manuel T. Flores, who has been in Guanajuato for some time past, is coming here to be pastor of this church, and a young man, one of our boys who graduated this year, is going to Guanajuato. Now, we need some rent money for this brother. His salary is small. I refer to the one who is to come here, as in Guanajuato, we have a house rented that will be all that is needed. I think it ought to be about \$12 Mex per month. This can be taken--rather allowed--and still we will not draw the full gold appropriated, as you can calculate. No schools, several men out and the usual appropriation. Please let me know as soon as possible about these matters. I am well. Am cut off again from my family.

Pray for us. Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis