

October 4, 1915

Rev. J.E.Davis,

Coloma de Sto.Tomas, Alzale # 5,

Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Brother Davis:-

I am very glad to receive your letter of September 14th. It has been a long time since I heard from you and I have been very anxious to know how things fared with you. I am glad to learn that you and yours are all right. I hope to hear before a great while from the Neals. I trust that everything goes well with them.

You may be assured that our prayers and sympathies are with you in this trying time of difficulty in Mexico. What a pity it is that the work we are trying to do must be so paralyzed! I think it will not be a great while before the situation clears.

Please try to keep me informed about how things go with you. Your friends in this country, of course, are anxious to know about you. May God bless and keep you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

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

Dear Brother:--

Just a short time ago I received yours of March 23d, about 7 months late. Well, that is fine, to be sure.

I had not written you, as I wanted to think over some matters to present you, and also was in hopes that I would get to see Mr. Neal and get things in better shape, but as yet I have not been able to see him.

I have not had any salary since February, and as you may imagine, I am getting a bit anxious to see him, but we have kept things going in our part of the field with the work of the plant. I was on that side of the war zone and my family here in the very center of zapatismo, and Neal cut off in Toluca till just a few days ago.

Well, we hope the worst is over, though we expect to see plenty of suffering and trouble yet.

I have been trying to get paper shipped to León and cant. As the press we bought last January could never be shipped, I am going to set it up and get some type and close the house at León and get the Expositor Biblico out here for the present at least. I will advise you more fully, as I am just beginning to make the arrangements, and as yet do not know details.

I feel sure that this will meet with your approval as we have plenty of paper here and need type, so that I will not have to call on you for extra appropriations to get all that is needed, as the National Paper and Type people are going to lend me a metimeter and other things so as not to have to buy what we do not need. This will be only provisional.

Well, I was cut off from my family for 8 months and 10 days, so that it was just that length of time that I did not get to see any of them. But it was what the Lord wanted, of that I am sure, and we have to do what he wants, or else we cant be happy.

I reached here Sept. 10th. Would have written you but as I said before was wanting to hear from Neal, who was then entirely cut off from us here.

I accepted an invitation to go down to Puebla and help the brethren there in a meeting, and was there two weeks, just getting home day before yesterday. Had quite a number of professions, and the church revived. This church is under the N. York board.

I have suffered quite a good deal from the altitude but am better now. Hope to be able to live here a few months, at least till conditions are a little better up the country.

My family is well and the good Lord has kept them well most of the time. Living is getting so high that the poor people are going to starve to death, I fear.

Now, I am thinking of going to Panamá to the Congress in February, that is, if I can get the Board's consent and the

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means to pay the bills. I am one of the Comm. on Literature as perhaps you know. Have just corrected the proof of the Comm. and gave them an idea of some things they cant seem to understand. Whether it will do any good or not, can not say.

Will you take the matter up with the Board for me and see if they want to send me. The Methodists are going to send several of their men from Mexico.

We have finished the printing of the New Testament we were at work on and hope to get it bound up some of thesedays, so we can sell it out. It is going to be a great help to us.

Will close for this time. Hope to be able to make a better report in a short time.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

October 30, 1915

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Coloma de Sto. Tomas, Alzale # 5,

Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Brother Davis:-

I am very much delighted to get your letter of October 23rd. It looks like things are easing up when mail can come through as promptly as this. I am also in receipt of a letter from Brother Neal which indicates that he certainly must be in communication with you by this time. He reports wonderful demonstrations of the Providence of God in his case. If you have not heard from him and need money and can draw on us, please do so. If you cannot, without a special L/C, let me know and suggest a method by which we can get the money to you and we will forward the money direct.

I sincerely hope that the worst is over with and that soon a stable Government will be established in Mexico. In saying this, I feel sure the word "soon" will have to be left out, but it looks like a step has been taken in the right direction.

Of course, we shall have to leave it to you to determine about the wisdom of starting your press at Mexico City. It seems that you will be able to handle the situation easily and can temporarily take care of your work. I see no objection at all to what you are doing. In fact, I am glad to realize that you can keep your work going in this way.

I shall be very glad to see you go to Panama, and I shall be very glad to furnish you with the ticket which will gain admission for you to the sessions of the Conference. Our Board is not paying the expenses of anyone to the Conference, but if you can finance the matter, we should be very glad to see you go. We are not even formally appointing delegates, because, of course, we can't enter into the Conference officially, which act might possibly have a tendency to bind us to the Conference conclusions, but we are glad to avail ourselves of the courtesy of the floor which will be given us on account of the fact that we are doing work in Latin-America. This is the method we are pursuing in reference to all the friends who are going from amongst us. If you can go, I think you can perform a good service by representing our position in reference to the publication of literature.

Please let me know what you can do. If you can go, I will

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send you the ticket for admission to the Conference sessions.

I am glad to know that you are able to make some suggestions to the Committee on Literature. I am sure you were able to say some things that Committee needs to have presented to it. I, like you, am astonished that it is so difficult for the Committee to learn some things. Of course, it can't be made to realize these things unless those of us who represent different views let our views be known. I am glad you have done this.

Please remember me most cordially to Mrs. Davis. My heart is with you. May God keep and bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/W