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TAMPA, FLA.

July 10th. 1916

Dr. J. F. Lowe,

Richmond, Va

Dear Bro:-

I want to thank you for your telegram to Mr. Geo. H. Brewer authorizing me to draw on you for the amount needed to defray expenses. I will not have to draw just now and prefer not to do so. Will send in my expense account later on and let it be acted on in the regular way.

We were two weeks on the road, and arrived here only

after considerable hardship, but we are thankful that we are all well and happy.

Landed Saturday evening late and Sunday night - that is, last night - I preached to our Cuban people here. Am going to preach again tonight.

We leave tomorrow for Kansas City and will reach there D.V. Thursday.

I am going to rest up a little and then I want to see you brethren if you think it worth the while for me to go to Richmond, or if one of you goes out west in the Cuban-while.

Just as soon as I get to K.C. will send you a draft of the recommendations gotten up by Mr. Barnes and myself on the Co-operative Publication work. I think it will be interesting to you, and I think I

can be of use to you when you take the matter up as I know Dr. Moorehouse and Dr. Barnes personally and feel that I can help materially in arranging this very important subject. You will pardon me for my frankness.

I will write more fully shortly.

Give my very best regards to Dr. Roy and tell him I did not get a letter from him as to what was decided on about the transfer of our offices to El Paso, but think it would be well to get busy on the other proposition as soon as possible - I mean the plans for the Co-operative work.

Will write him how I left things in Mexico as soon as I get to K.C. and get my bearings. That would take me very long.

I want to attend the Assembly
at Beutler Springs, Mo. beginning
July 18th and will give them
some things to think about by
the help of the Lord.

May the Lord lead us all
for his own glory.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis
Mt. Washington, Mo.
R.D. No. 1 - Box 174.

July 12, 1916

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Rte. 1, Box 174,

Mt. Washington, Missouri.

Dear Davis:-

I am glad to hear that you have reached the United States safe and sound. I really had gotten quite anxious about you. Especially was I so about ten days ago, when the danger of conflict seemed to be so imminent. Things are getting better now between the two countries, I hope, I think it well enough to be on your own soil. I was awa when Brother Brewer's telegram came the other day.

There seems to have been a letter or two lost, but I think that when you send in the plans you and Brewer have worked out, everything will be made clear. We were about ready to pass a Resolution tomorrow authorizing you to go to El Paso and begin your work, it being understood that was a temporary arrangement. I think there will be no objection to your going to El Paso as soon as it seems advisable for you to go, but we will not take any final action on the subject until you send in your report which you say will be ready soon. I shall be very glad to get it. I shall also be glad to know how things look to you with reference to the Mexican situation.

I am glad to know you are to get some rest at Pertle Springs and other places. I am sure you will need some rest after your strenuous times.

Have you any news from the Heals? Are they coming out also?

--J.E.D--

I hope they are.

May God's blessing and Grace be upon you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

July 12, 1916.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Mt. Washington, Mo. (Route 1, Box 174)

My dear Brother Davis:

I have your favor of the 10th inst. We have had great relief in knowing that you had arrived in this country. I am sorry that you had the hardship of the trip, but am glad that you are out of Mexico.

We shall be glad to receive the draft and recommendations prepared by yourself and Brother Brewer. I will speak to Dr. Ray about your failure to get his letter and the present status of matters with regard to the publication work.

I hope you may have a pleasant and successful experience at Pertle Springs. The occasion will give you opportunity to render good service to the cause. I am anxious to see a large development in Missouri. There are many fine Baptists in the state and much real ability.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was sent to the missionaries week before last, but which you did not and may not get.

Yours sincerely,

(Enclosure.)

Cor. Sec'y.

U. S. S. Nebraska

Mt. Washington, Mo.
July 15th, 1916

Dr. J. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

Your kind letter reached me here yesterday. We arrived day before yesterday afternoon at my father's.

It is quite hot for us who have come from the table-land of Central Mexico where it is never hot, but we are very glad to be out of there at last.

I am almost sure that these conditions will continue in Mexico till the U. S. intervenes. I sincerely hope that Mr. Wilson means business this time and feel certain that if he will but show himself firm they will

accept terms and maybe war
can be avoided. I judge that is
may be so. I do not expect
any settlement unless the
U. S. does step in and help
them on their feet. I hope how-
ever they will know enough
not to lend them money and
trust them to manage it. It
will only prolong the agony.

Now about the work in
Mexico. We have left it in the
best shape possible and I assume
you think it is not what we would
like it to be, but we pray that
the Lord will continue to pro-
tect our workers and property.

The plant in Leon was con-
fiscated for two days but they did
not take anything. My house
was also taken over, but they
returned the properties.

The students attacked the
plant but it seems that they
did little damage. Some soldiers
arrived in time to keep them

out.

I am sending you the copy
of the plan we agreed on. It is
not in the shape we wanted
to put it, but Mr. Brewer and
I agreed to suggest a meeting
some time soon of one of their
sees. yourself, Brewer and my-
self to go over the whole plan.
Brewer is in N. Orleans. we
wondered if you might not
be able to have a meeting
in St. Louis or some other
point - perhaps N. O. if you
were inclined to take the N. O.
proposition seriously.

I am anxious to know
what we are going to do. If
it seems best to go to El
Paso temporarily, I hope to
get there by October 1st. In
short would want to go be-
fore to make my arrange-
ments. Still, you might let
me know what you think of
the plan and the suggestion
of having a meeting to go over
the whole matter and if possi-
ble to begin on a more form-

dition it would be better and more satisfactory.

I am planning to go to Rock-
ford to attend the B. & F. W. assem-
bly Aug. 8 to 20. Then we go to
Colorado to visit Mrs. D's folks.
If we could have the meeting
suggested any before Aug. 20th it
would find me in this part
of the world. After that we want
to go west.

Perhaps my family will
stay for the winter in Lamar,
Col., but I will be ready for
the Exposition work. In short am
going to get busy making all
the collections possible - I mean
subscription money - and try to
save as far as possible.

Hope to hear from you by
return mail. Write me at
Rattle Springs.

I did not get my salary
for June. That will be consi-
derably less as Irene reached
her 18th birthday June 4th.

U. S. S. Nebraska

I have saved all I can on the trip up here, but I do not see how I can 'meet all the expense of the trip. I had to borrow money and will have to return it soon.

I am willing to stand the ride expenses - the regular ones - but I feel that the Board ought to help me pay the following:

Tickets from Mex. City to Veracruz	\$20.00
On Transport	26.50
" Nebraska	8.00
Tampa hotel	23.00
Pulman	25.20
	<u>\$102.70</u>

The Government gave us tickets from Tampa to K. City. I accepted them under the circumstances and have no trouble with my conscience as far. I do not know your ideas on the subject. Other missionaries accepted the same with but one

exception as far as I know. We
were some 46 counting men,
women and children.

At any rate send me my
salary check for June which
will be \$120.83. If you send
the rest all right, or if you
have to wait to take special
action, I can get along I think.

Please tell Dr. Love that
I read his letter and appre-
ciate it very much. I will
do what I can to save for
the work. I pray that the
debt may be soon lifted and
our people will come up to
the help of the Lord.

It is now late. I have
written a long letter, but it
seemed necessary.

Yours in the Work of
the Kingdom
J. E. Davis

July 19, 1916

Rev. J. E. Davis,
c/o Baptist Encampment,
Pertle Springs, Missouri.

Dear Davis:-

I am very glad to get your letter of July 15th, enclosing the draft of the plan agreed upon by Brewer and yourself. Upon first reading, this plan strikes me as having many admirable qualities, and I think we all ought to give it very careful consideration. There are many phases of it that need to be gone over. New Orleans may be the center, though there are strong reasons why the Press should be on Latin soil. I have sometimes wondered if the Publishing House for Spanish-speaking people should not be in Spain rather than in Latin-America. I will say also that our Argentine Baptists have come to the conclusion that they had better have their own Publishing interests rather than to depend on the outside. I merely mention these facts in order to indicate that there are many points to be considered.

One other consideration is the question of printing. Couldn't be possible in New Orleans to let out the printing by contract in order to avoid the large expenditure in equipment? The Sunday School Board in Nashville hasn't a font of type. All of its printing is done by contract and it is decidedly of the opinion that this is the better plan. I don't know whether there are Spanish printing houses in New Orleans or El Paso. They are in Barcelona, Spain, in abundance. There is cheap labor also in Spain.

It might be possible for me to come to St. Louis either the fourth or fifth of August. If I could so arrange it, could you and Brewer meet me in St. Louis on the evening of the fourth? We could talk that evening and possibly the next morning. Have you Brewer's address and could you get into touch with him? The next time you write me, please give me Brewer's New Orleans address. I am speaking tentatively now. I am not sure whether I can come on the date mentioned. I am merely feeling you out to see whether the date mentioned will be satisfactory to you.

I enclose your salary check for June. This includes your usual allowance for Irene, for the reason that our Board has placed the limit, during which it will pay the child allowance, at twenty years instead of eighteen. This was done at a recent Board meeting. I suppose you have no objection to this extra two years' allowance.

I will take up the matter of your return expenses with the Committee and report to you as soon as I can.

With all love and good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

July 20, 1916.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Pertle Springs, Mo.

My dear Brother Davis:

Dr. Ray and I have just talked over the matters contained in your "tentative statement", and which affect our Spanish Publishing interests. I am expecting to be in Louisville, Ky., next Wednesday, and I suggested to Dr. Ray that you meet me in Louisville at that time if you can conveniently do so. I am going there for a conference with Drs. Frost and Van Ness, and by meeting at a middle point in that way, some expense can be saved, and two birds can be killed with one stone. If for any reason there is any change in the date of the conference with Drs. Frost and Van Ness, I will wire you; otherwise, if you find it possible to meet me there, join me at the Seelbach Hotel. I shall probably arrive in Louisville on Wednesday morning, the 26th, about 10 o'clock.

Yours fraternally,

Cor. Sec'y.

July 22, 1916.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Care Baptist Encampment, Pertle Springs, Mo.

My dear Brother Davis:

I am sending wire cancelling the appointment made to meet you in Louisville next Wednesday. Perhaps the letter which asked for that engagement will not reach you before my telegram reaches you, but you will have received it before you get this, and will understand the reference in the telegram.

I will write or wire you in a few days concerning the matter of the conference. Dr. Van Ness has cancelled the engagement for Louisville, and asked me to come to Nashville on the 2nd of August. I have written him suggesting that the 4th of August would be a more convenient day for me. If I go, I believe that it will be well for you to meet me in Nashville at that time. There would, I should think, be some advantage in having it in Nashville since we could discuss publication matters with Dr. Van Ness and Dr. Frost. Let me have your address, and I will write you later.

It is important that you have clergy permits, and I am enclosing two letters which you can use, one with the Southeastern and the other with the Southwestern. You will have no trouble I think in securing the permits.

Yours sincerely,

(Enclosure.)

Cor. Sec'y.

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JULY 18-30, 1916

MINIMUM COST

No Grounds Fee
 No Tickets to Buy
 Transportation to Grounds 10c
 Hotel \$1.50 Per Day
 Rooms in Cottage \$3.00
 Rooms Furnished \$5.00
 Tents \$3.00 and \$4.00
 Boats 25c, Bathing 25c
 Fishing, Tennis, Free

July 25th, 1916

Dr. J. F. Love,
 Richmond, Va.

Dear Bro:-

I recd your telegram Sunday and then yesterday your two letters. Glad to hear from you.

Tomorrow we go to Moberly and you can reach me at 614 S. Fourth St., Moberly, Mo. by telegram or letter.

I can go to Nashville for Aug. 4th or whatever other date you may set, that is early date - and I think this Conference should be at some early date.

I want to go to Colorado for a few days, taking my family out there. It has been a long time since I have visited my wife's people - it was just before leaving for Mexico in 1904 - and we want to go for a while.

Then too, we are at sea as to our future plans, and can not make any till we decide something about this work.

Yes, Nashville is better I feel, as I can get some pointers I am sure, and we can also have the benefit of the wise advice of Drs. Van Ness and Frost.

I will be in Moberly for several days,

so you can get me there.

Have had an enjoyable time here and got in two addresses that will count for the work. Almost overdid the thing and was laid up for a day, but am better again.

I feel so helpless, and it makes me wonder sometimes if I am getting old just when I should be at my best. But I am better and think with the change of work and some genuine rest, I will get all right again.

My general health is O.K. and my nerves are not much shaken, so I think this mental helplessness will set itself right when I get the rest I need.

I will apply for permits as soon as I get to Rochester when I can get the information needed. I do not even know what the requirements are there says.

You will excuse me for writing with pencil as I can not find a pen and ink here and my fountain pen was stolen some time ago.

Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis

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108.34
 25.00
 133.34
 July 25, 1916

Dear Bro. Ray:-

I have your letters of July 19 and 21 respectively. Thanks for the drafts. If I had felt able to bear the extra expense I would have done it, but did not see my way clear. I authorize you however to take off my salary check for this month \$25 as a special thank offering for our safe arrival home to apply on the debt of the Board in any way you see fit to apply it.

I certainly have no objection to this extra two years allowance for Irene. Many thanks. It will help out.

Yes, there are many things to consider as to the Publication House. Experience is a great teacher and exacts her tuition charges always. I trust I may hear from Dr. Love soon about the conference he speaks of for Nashville. I am writing him today about it.

Tomorrow we are going to Moberly, where we will be for several days.

I have enjoyed my stay here and would stay longer, but the family is with me and are getting anxious to move on, as they will go to Colorado after a brief stay at Mosherly.

I gave two addresses on Mexico that were so good I think. They wanted more for this week, but I did not feel equal to the task.

I had Brewer's address, but can't find it. Will have to get it again.

I rather think this conference all on planning is a good idea - that is, just among ourselves to get our bearings - as first. In the mean time I can get his address again.

Trusting that all may soon be satisfactorily arranged, and that soon we may be able to see that all is working together for the glory of the Lord and the prosperity of his Cause in Mexico, I am as ever

Yours fraternally
J. E. Davis

July 31, 1916

Rev. J.E. Davis,
Moberly, Missouri.

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of July 25th. We are grateful for the twenty-five dollars, special offering you make on the debt, and I am enclosing you check for the balance of your salary for July.

I think it quite well to have the conference concerning which we have been writing. Of course, we all understand that the matter cannot be settled at this preliminary conference. It will be fine to talk the whole matter over, but there are many matters which have not yet been investigated, the facts concerning which we must have in hand before we can come to final decision.

For instance, I wonder if it would not be well to have our Publication House for Spanish-speaking people located in Barcelona, Spain rather than in El Paso or New Orleans, or even in Mexico. You know anything coming from Spain has some prestige in any Spanish-speaking land. There are parts which are prejudiced against Spain, but this is an exception and not the rule. In South American Republics, the love for the mother country is very strong. Besides this, printing is cheaper in Spain than it is in Mexico or South America. The fact is, printing is cheaper in Spain and Portugal than in any other place. I have some letters out which will bring us information along this line and then investigation should be made of both New Orleans and El Paso so that when we get in conference we can consider all the facts. Another question we must finally consider is whether we shall undertake to print our own literature or put it out by contract. If we can avoid investing in printing presses, I have a feeling we will gain a distinct advantage and save a great deal of money. In this way we might have money freed to do the larger matter of circulating the literature we desire to put out.

Another question would be as to whether we should undertake to have as many supporting Boards as has been suggested. Of course, I know that we could get along harmoniously, but I have a feeling that the simpler our organization, the better for us, while I do not think we ought to allow the number of supporting Boards to seriously handicap us in our effort to get together and do the large thing we ought to do in publishing this Spanish literature.

As soon as you get Brewer's address, please give it to me. I should like to write to him.

With all love and good wishes, Cordially yours.