

Moberly, Mo.

Dec. 16, 1916

Dr. J. B. Ray,

Richmond, Va

Dear Brother:-

Last night I closed the meeting here. Tonight I give a lecture on Mexico and look for a large crowd.

This makes seven weeks of continuous preaching and I am ready for a few days rest, yet I think I have never been more richly blessed in preaching. God has given me power with his Word and some of the results are the following:

1st. About 100 conversions,
or professions of conversion.
And I have been very careful
not to encourage any one un-
duly to profess faith if he did
not really exercise it.

2nd. Many have come to me
both here and at Clinton and
thanked me for having helped
them to see their Christian
duty & privilege of walking
close to God, as they had never seen
it before.

3rd. Last night a young
lady who has taken great in-
terest in the meeting here -
a bright, active girl - came
to me and thanked me with
tears in her eyes for having

led her to decide a great battle she had been having. She felt she ought to prepare herself to be a missionary but she also wanted to be a teacher. Perhaps some of her family had wanted her to do this instead of the other. She said she had decided to let the Lord have his way with her, in her heart and life.

How happy I am that I can be of use to my Master. What a joy it is to serve Him! We ought to let his will be supreme—his mind be in us. He had a mind to give Himself for us and we ought to give ourselves for others.

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in His blessed service.

Killed to sin and raised to walk with Him in newness of life! And that life is "Christ that liveth in me". The Christ-life, we live by the faith of the Son of God too. I'm pressing on toward higher ground.

It has been a great encouragement to me, and has done me more good than if I had spent this time just "resting." I have never felt so rested.

I will speak in K. City Sunday and visit Wm Jewell College Monday, then go on to Denver, God willing.

After the Holidays I will go to El Paso and get my

land on the throne again. I
am hoping to be able to do
good work again this coming
year. May God grant it. I
may have to go to Leon some
time a little later and see
about some things there.
I will keep you posted. If
I have to go will consult
with you first.

If they should confiscate
our mission properties, I
will claim the fruiting
plant as personal, for it
is so regarded in Mexican
law. I will try to keep it
out of their clutches. We
are awaiting developments.
The situation seems to

be getting worse and worse.
But God knows best, and
I am sure it will all come
out O.K. He has never slipped
a cog yet, and I feel sure
we can trust Him to keep
the machinery going. It may
not be just to our liking,
but what do we know about
it anyway? Mighty little! Mighty
little!

I again want to thank
you for permitting me to hold
these meetings. If we get one
missionary out of it, what
a victory that will be!

May God bless you. Merry
Christmas.

Fraternally J. E. Davis

December 19, 1916.

Rev. J.E. Davis,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Brother Davis:-

I am very much obliged to you for writing me on December 16th, telling me about the work you have been doing for several weeks. The Lord has certainly blessed you in the evangelistic efforts you have put forth and I rejoice with you in the spiritual refreshing that came to you and others. I remember you in prayer and try to share with you this Grace that God has given unto you. It is always refreshing to have the privilege of doing as you have done recently. I hope it has given you a new lease on life and that it has not depleted you too much, but, on the other hand, has really strengthened you for your work. I am glad you will get a little quiet before you go to El Paso. I am sure some relaxation will do you good now and I hope you will take it.

I trust you will find everything in good working shape when you get to El Paso.

Please remember me most cordially to Mrs. Davis.

I wish for you every Christmas joy.

Cordially yours,

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