

DENVER, COLO., E. U. A., 1/1/17

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

Dear Bro. Ray:-

yours of the 19th came a few days since. It was greatly delayed on account of bearing the wrong street number. The number given above is the correct one.

I am planning to leave for El Paso, Thursday, the 4th. I am anxious to get back "on the job."

"El Expositor" came out about on time and we want to get all our plans made soon. With Bro. Lacy's help I think it will not be so hard.

I have many invitations to speak on Mexico and so I hope to be able in the spring to make an extended lecture trip through O.K. Ark., and Mo.

We have had a pleasant Christmas and New Year.

And this is 1917. What has it in store for us? That is hard to say, but surely wars and rumors of war. "But all that ye be not troubled," says Jesus. "For all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

It may bring greater and better things. It may bring the things spoken of by the Lord in Luke 21: 25-27, which will cause men's hearts to fail them for fear. "When these things be-

give to come to pass. Then look up, and lift up
your heads; for your redemption draweth
nigh." So even if it 1917 should bring the
Lord's coming "in a cloud with power and great
glory," we should not fear, but rather rejoice.
There are certainly "troublesome times" but
I some way feel that we are to see worse things
yet. But we "look for new heavens and a
new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness"
and for that reason we should be "diligent
that we may be found of him in peace, without
spot, and blameless." 2 Pet. 3:13, 14.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to be
more diligent if possible in the Master's
service and win more souls to Him during
the present year than during the foregoing.

The type held up by the Mexican cus-
toms officers is now on its way to El Paso,
I understand, and we will have ample
material for our publications. We got a
permit from the Government.

You may address me now at El
Paso, Box 667. My family will remain here
till the school year is out.

Send draft for Dec. salary to Mrs. Davis
at above address, that is, 2737 Clay St.,
Denver.

May the Lord use us all for his glory
is my desire and prayer.

Yours fraternally
J. E. Davis

January 4, 1917

Rev. J.E.Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

I would like to have either a catalogue of the publications issued by the Mexican Baptist Publishing House or a list of books which you have issued. Can you not furnish me this catalogue and list at once? I am very anxious to get it. If you haven't a catalogue, suppose you give me a list of, perhaps, six or eight of the best books you have issued. The Latin-American Committee is trying to make a list of the best religious books obtainable in the Spanish language and we are anxious to know what you have. They have applied to me for information, but I cannot give it. I shall be very much obliged to you if I may hear from you on this subject at once.

I trust that 1917 will be chock full of blessing for you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

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DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,

1/10/17

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

My Dear Bro.: -

Yours of the 4th to hand.

The mail service seems to be in bad shape - everything late.

We have catalogues of our books, but have none here at the present so I give you a list of our principal publications.

Trust this will do.

We are trying to get in shape to work.

I am at work as hard as I can to get my report to you. I can't do much with it, as I have nothing from the fields. I am going to give what I can and let the rest go, as I am not in touch with the workers down there.

I have tried to get in touch with Bro. Neal, but can not succeed. I wrote him at Corinth, Miss. but have no reply. Do you know where he is?

May the Lord lead us all. I tell you it is hard to stick to it just now, when we have so little prospect of doing anything for Mexico. It looks bad to me. But the Lord still reigns.

I trust you are going to have a great report for the Convention in May.

Yours in Christian love

J. E. Davis

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

J. E. DAVIS, ADMOR.

2737 CLAY STREET

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El Paso, Tex. 1/11/17
DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,

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

My Dear Bro. -

I hate to ask for anything more than I am getting, but I find it absolutely impossible to pay my house rent out of my salary. I had not intended to ask for it, and especially as you were so kind as to let me hold a couple of meetings.

But with what they gave me for that work I paid off my debts that were made necessary on account of having to buy clothing for my entire family when we came out of Mexico and then having left all, we had to even buy down to sheets, towels, &c. to begin over again.

So I ask for \$25.00 per month for rent beginning if possible with this month of January. I trust this appeal will not be annoying to you and the Board. I wish I could have done without it.

May the Lord bless you in your great work.

Yours fraternally

J. E. Davis

, January 15, 1917

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Thank you for your two letters of January 10th and the
11th.

I am much obliged for the list of books. It makes quite
a creditable showing.

I will take up with the Board at its next meeting the
question of making an allowance to you on your rent. The Board does
not meet until the 8th of February. As soon as the Board acts, I will
communicate with you.

I have thought of you brethren in Mexico a great deal of
late. I have been exceedingly anxious that you should not get dis-
couraged over the chaotic condition in Mexico. It is hard on you in
every particular. Hard for you to hold to your purpose, but I trust
all of you will be able to keep your faith bright in the future work
which is to be done. Things may settle down after awhile and we must
be ready for the greatest effort of our lives.

There should come great encouragement to you missionaries
who are working in the Latin-American countries out of the fact that
there never has been as keen interest in Latin-America as there is
today. It is hard for me to recognize the difference in attitude
now and that of five years ago. The change is perfectly wonderful.
Never has there been such interest. We must hold ourselves ready to
go back into the Mexican work on the crest of this rising tide.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

H/

January 25, 1917

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

Referring again to your letter of January 11th, I want to ask whether you are drawing for your rent now, at the rate of twenty dollars a month (Gold). In our Annual Appropriation we provided twenty dollars a month for you for rent. If you have not been drawing this amount, will it be necessary for us to make an extra appropriation? If you have not been drawing it, you are at liberty to draw for the amount I indicate, for, as I say, we have appropriated for your rent during 1917, twenty dollars, a month. This is available for January.

Cordially yours,

R/W