

April 12, 1918.

Rev. J.E. Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

I do not know whether anybody was appointed to write the North Mexican Report. If you have not already sent to the person who is to write the Report a statement concerning the Publishing House, please write at once such a report and send the same to me. I wish you would also write Hatchell to write a statement concerning the work in his field and forward the same. Of course, if you know someone is to work on this Report, you need not send me the Reports I request.

Of course, you haven't time to gather statistics now. Ask Hatchell to send in whatever statistics he has.

Cordially yours,

R/W

April 15th, 1918

Dear Brother Ray:--

We are making a great effort to get the churches in Mexico to realize the need of doing what they can toward their own support. We are getting them in real earnest, and have letters asking us to keep on with the campaign. This makes us feel hopeful.

Now, we have thought that an article from you for El Atalaya Bautista on the subject would be a great help. I therefore ask you to write us something, and we will put it into as good Spanish as we know how, and give you a prominent place in our paper. Dont fail.

I am writing Barnes for an article also.

The other day I sent the reports. I cant imagine how they pushed that off on me, as I have ne recollection of the matter, and was surprised when I found that I was expected to do it. I do not know how you want it. I sent the reports as they came to me.

Hope all will be well. I wish I could go to the Convention, but it will be impossible, as we are having hard work in making the salary meet our most urgent needs now.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

Casa Bautista de Publicaciones

BOX 667

El Paso, Texas, E. U. A.

April 18th, 1918

Dear Brother Ray:--

We have been trying to get some data from the different fields for our paper, but it is rather hard to get from some places.

The other day I sent you the reports. But we did not include any thing from Chihuahua, as Bro. Newbrough had failed to get any report, as to the statistics. Just this morning we have some good news from that place, and I hasten to send it to you, as I think you will still have time to get it into your totals, if nothing else.

Rev. Josué Valdés has accepted the pastorate there and is on the field. He is an ordained minister.

They reorganized the church there on Aug. 1st of last year. I do not know why, but I presume that it was on account of the trash they wanted to get rid of--and in fact, in Mexico we have to get rid of that rif-raff, or we would soon go under entirely. They reorganized with 37 members. From then on to end of the year, they had 21 additions by baptism; 2 by experience and 3 by letter.

Oh, yes, here it is. On that date they had on the roll, 107 members. Absent and not knowing where they were, 52; excluded, 13, died, 5. So that is the way they did to reorganize the church, as they term it.

They have an attendance in their S. S. for several months, according to report, of 79 *average* -

I send you this, as it will help out some.

Fraternally yours,

*J. E. Davis*

April 22, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Your favor of the 18th inst., to Dr. Ray received during his absence from the city. He will return next Saturday.

The North Mexican Report came to hand last week and Dr. Ray forwarded the same to Nashville on last Saturday. The Report, as you probably know, will be printed in Nashville. The statistical table has not yet been sent, so the statistics from the Chihuahua field can be included. Thank you for sending the same.

Dr. Ray would have acknowledged the receipt of the Report before he left the city, but he was not sure that you had sent the same.

Cordially yours,

Stenographer.